

Good news about our major project!

As long ago as September 2016 the Parish Council met to hear interested residents' suggestions for a major all-new project using New Homes Bonus monies. The suggestions to provide a **Community Heritage Orchard** and **allotment gardens** for residents all fitted the bill and came on the same evening that members of the Parochial Church Council attended to request the provision of a council-run **burial ground** because the churchyard at St. James, Badsey was almost full. These great ideas all demanded something the Council just did not have: LAND!



A Council sub-committee was set up to try to look for suitable land to purchase within the Parish and a number of possibilities were pursued, but ultimately without success. There was very little land on offer, and sometimes there were unrealistic price expectations.

Finally, in only the last few months, we have made a breakthrough and have had an offer accepted for a piece of land which will allow us to do everything our residents suggested in 2016, and more.

We are very grateful to those residents who made an impressive turnout at the meeting arranged immediately before the September 18th Parish Council meeting at the Remembrance Hall where we received many helpful comments, despite the fact that we were unable to give precise details of the location and, at the time, we had yet to receive confirmation that we had the funding to proceed.



We can now confirm that Wychavon agreed on 19th September to release **New Homes Bonus funding** for part of the purchase. We are financing the remainder by way of **Public Works Loan Board** funds with very modest repayments, and this loan is now also **confirmed**. We also have NHB funds available to start the process of providing the necessary infrastructure.



Residents have also been informed that we expressed interest in a Wychavon District Council Community Legacy Grant. We have now been invited by them to make a second-stage application and are very optimistic that our bid will succeed when we submit it in **November**. If all this comes to fruition we should soon be in a position to manage a really important project that will benefit our community for many, many years to come.

We want to hear from as many residents as possible about this project. Some people attended on 18th September, others spoke to us at the Flower Show and the Carnival in July and August. Some of you have already emailed us or spoken to us directly. We know that many of you have skills and expertise and time that could help us make this a real success, and we know that many of you will have ideas and views about how we proceed.

There will also be further opportunities for 'face to face' communication when Councillors and the Clerk make themselves available outside the Spar Shop on a number of occasions over the coming weeks. Dates will be on the website and facebook page. Look out for us there! You are also welcome to attend the Parish Council meeting on 16th October at 7.30 and to speak in the 10-minute Public Forum.

We try to keep our residents in the loop in several ways: The **Community News**, these **Newsletters** three times a year, **our website** at www.badseyipc.uk, **our facebook page** (search for Badsey & Aldington Parish Council or use the link on our website) and agendas and minutes are posted on **five** noticeboards around the community as well as on the website. You can also subscribe to our email information group by emailing the Clerk, Mrs Andrea Evans , at badseyipc@yahoo.co.uk. There is also a link to "**Newsletter Signup**" on our Facebook page.

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