

Parish Precept 2020—2021

Residents will shortly be receiving from WCC notification of Council Tax for 2020/21, which will include the contribution to the Parish.

As you will remember, the Parish Council canvassed opinion in the summer of 2019 about the need to increase the precept by £4.03 for a tax band D property to cover the land purchase project that we have been working so hard on for the past 12 months.

It has always been the Parish Council's policy to keep precept increases to a minimum, and we have therefore added only a further £1.10 per tax band D household per year to the precept for maintenance of the parish, to make a total increase of £5.13. This total amounts to a little less than 10p per household per week for the year.



Barn Dance

SATURDAY 11th April

At the Community & Sports Club

With

"The Occasionals"

Doors open at 19.30

Dancing Starts at 20.00

American Supper

(Please bring a plate of food to share)

Tickets £7.00 from

Becky in the Post Office

Gary Bailey (831525) Alan Tutton (831539)



Easter Event



Easter Treasure Hunt- Monday
13th April 2020 from 11am (last
off 11.30)

Start and finish at Badsey
Community & Sports Club,
Brewers Lane

The route is around the village,
please bring a pen or pencil to
complete the quiz.

Suitable for all ages- £1 per family
entry

Chocolate hamper for winning
entry.



Spring Gardens Competition



The Parish Council wishes to celebrate the efforts people in the villages of Badsey and Aldington put into creating their spring display of garden flowers. This competition will be judged in March.

The entry can be for a front or rear garden - please ensure safe access is available. The garden can be big or small and an award will be made to the most attractive display of spring flowers. Entry forms have been available from the Spar Shop since January and entries can be made up until 15th March. The winner will be announced at the Flower Show on 25th July 2020.

There are lots of beautiful gardens around the village. Don't be shy – enter yours!

Soapbox Races 2020

Sunday August 30th (August Bank Holiday Weekend) 2020 will see the 5th Badsey Soapbox Races. You may be thinking this is a very long time away, but if you are thinking of creating a soapbox to enter this year you need to be planning it now to design and build it ready for August! This event is great fun, and the more entries we have the better! The design specification requirements are on the web site - badsey-races.com.



The Soapbox races are organised by a committee of parish councillors and other supporters. If you don't feel designing and building a Soapbox is for you, perhaps you could come and join the committee to make it happen? We will be having an initial meeting soon to start planning for this year, details will be published on the PC Facebook page. We always need help on the day to set up, marshal and clear down the event so if you would like to help - email the PC clerk or message on FB.



Finally, we are very dependent on sponsorships to meet the costs of running the races, which include essentials like insurance and road closure applications, toilets etc. It all adds up very quickly! If you have a company and would consider being a sponsor please let us know - you will get space in the programme, space for banners on the track on the day etc. If you work for a company that would consider being a sponsor please make an initial enquiry and let us know who

should be contacted so we can discuss it further.

We look forward to another day of sunshine and fun on the day!



Useful Contact Details

Highways- potholes, footpath issues, drainage, overgrown shrubbery-

Telephone: HUB 01905 765765 or http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/98/report_it

Wychavon DC- Bins, recycling, street cleaning, flytipping- Telephone: 01386 565000 or <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/report-it>

Environment Agency- Flooding, blocked watercourses- Telephone: 03708 506 506 or <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>

Severn Trent Water- Flooding with sewerage- Telephone: 0800 783 4444 or <https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/report-a-problem/>

Parish Council- Street lighting, play areas, dog and litter bins, other matters on a local level:

Telephone: 01386 760332 or badseypc@yahoo.co.uk

Computer Club

The Parish Council makes available Badsey and Aldington Computer Club, which aims to help anyone feel more confident using their computer, laptop, tablet or phone. The group meets on alternate Mondays in the back room of the Wheatsheaf between 10.30 and 12.30 and sessions usually consist of a short presentation followed by a task and time to look at individual problems. Topics covered are decided by the group and in the last couple of months have included: connecting mobile phones to computers, synchronising calendars and switching on a computer! The sessions are free and all are welcome, the dates for Spring and early summer are:

**4th May
18th May
1st June
15th June
29th June
13th July**



Contact: Alan Tutton 01386 831539

Wychavon Planning Website: Viewing and Commenting on Planning Applications

Councillor Mike Gwynn, Chair of our Planning Committee, has written a comprehensive guide to viewing and commenting on planning applications on the Wychavon District Council website.

You can access this via our website: badseypc.uk. On the Home Page there is now a button "Comment on Applications" which will take you to the relevant page, or you can use the link <https://www.badseypc.uk/pc-planning/> to get straight there. Scroll down to the pdf document for the guide.

Although we are always consulted about applications in the Parish and always comment, it is important to remember that the Parish Council's comment on applications carries no more weight than any other individual's comment.

It is therefore vital to register your own views either via the website or in writing to: Planning, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT. You can also email Wychavon Planning at planning@wychavon.gov.uk or telephone 01386 565565.



Christmas Event- Friday 13th December 2019



After many weeks of constant rain, the skies cleared to produce a dry crisp winter's day for the event to take place; and what an event it was! So many new additions this year as well as some of the old ones.....

FABS, the supporters of Badsey First School, had been working hard for many weeks to get Santa and his grotto organized and they didn't disappoint. The queue was long, but with a gift for every child as well as chocolate, it was no surprise. Meanwhile, out in the cold, there were school stalls as well as complimentary mince pies courtesy of Graham and Laura, and festive food and drink from Peter Zemla at "Walter's". Song sheets were handed out so that everyone could sing along with the Badsey School Choir, assisted by Freedom, which was rounded off by "Vale

Connection".

Everyone benefited from a free raffle ticket which took residents by surprise, with the promise of a bottle of red and white at the end of the night. Add to that the 'Christmas Hamper' for the winners of Badsey Illuminations, and it was a festive evening of merriment all round!

The evening was not without its hiccups. Remembering that all concerned are volunteers, this will only help make the event bigger and better in future years! Thank you to everyone involved no matter how big or small the contribution.

Here's to 2020!

Website and Facebook

Visit our website at www.badseypc.uk for all sorts of information, agendas, minutes, contact details etc.

Follow us on Facebook for breaking news. Search "Badsey & Aldington Parish Council".





Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

We are pleased to note that several areas within our community have set up local Neighbourhood Watch groups. The Council and the Police are very keen to co-ordinate these groups and add others. The more volunteers to assist in this we have, the greater the coverage within the community and the less onerous the task becomes.

If you would be interested in being involved, please email: badseypc@yahoo.co.uk, telephone the Clerk, Andrea Evans on: 01386 760332 (office hours) or contact us via Facebook or the contact page on badseypc.uk

Smartwater is still available to residents at no cost. Again, the more of us who have it, the more effective it becomes as a deterrent to theft. If you want it or just want to know more about it, contact **Cllr. Mike Tennant** councillor.miketennant@gmail.com 01386 832865 or **Cllr. Ian Devine** iand3vin3@gmail.com 07779 091340. Both will be happy to help.



Parish Council Details and Contacts

The Council meets on the third Wednesday of every month except August at 7.30 pm in the Remembrance Hall. Rarely, circumstances may cause us to change date or venue.

Agendas are posted with three clear business days between the day of posting and the day of the meeting. Noticeboards are at Station Road, Blackminster; Round of Gras; Spar shop; Bowers Hill and Aldington. Draft minutes of meetings are posted at the Spar shop and online, final minutes of meetings are also posted, and all documents are available online at badseypc.uk, our website.

Councillors play an active part in other groups, such as the Remembrance Hall, the Community Club and Badsey Relief in Need Charity as well as other events in the community.

We welcome residents and every meeting begins with a Public Forum of 10 minutes during which residents may speak. Residents may be present throughout meetings but may not contribute to discussions other than during the Public Forum.

There are sub-committees for particular purposes (e.g. Planning; Events) which all report to the main Council. District and County Councillors as well as West Mercia Police are represented or send reports.

Why not come along? **Next meetings: Wednesday 18 March; Wednesday 15 April; Wednesday 20 May**

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