Badsey and Aldington Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING, 19th January 2022.

Date:	19th January 2022
Time:	7.30pm
Venue:	Badsey Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.
Present:	Councillors: Gary Bailey- Chairman, Mike Tennant (MiT) Vice-Chairman, Mike Gwynn, Ian Devine, Sue Keeler, Andy Wilson, Alan Tutton, Becky Stanley, Lynn McDarby, Phil Cordelle and David Webster. The Clerk: Mrs Andrea Evans.

Public Forum

1 resident attended to listen to the meeting to give consideration to becoming a parish councillor.

Business Transacted.

1.	**Apologies for Absence- Elizabeth Chalmers, Mark Goodge and Alastair Adams.**
2.	**Declarations of Interest –** **a.** Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests. b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. **c.** To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature. (Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant item(s)). **None.**
3.	**a. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2021 were approved, proposed by AT, seconded by MiT with a unanimous vote in favour.**
4.	**Police Matters:**
5.	**Clerks Report & Facebook:** **Badsey & Aldington Parish Council** **Social Media Report** **15th November 2021 - 18th January 2022** **FACEBOOK** **Likes** 851 (up 160) Number of Subjects 37 Number of Posts 39 Page Views Total 77,040 Per subject average 2140

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	Per post average 1975 Top Subject 18,100 Missing Person Announcement **EMAIL NEWSLETTER SERVICE** **Subscribers** 81 **Campaigns** None in Period **SURVEY MONKEY** No survey in the period
6.	**District and County Councillor Forum (if any)** **District Councillor-** **County Councillor –** **Update on Worcs CC Highways visit from November 2021-** 1/. Bus stop High Street near The Lankets Advisory already raised for this section of footway 2/. High Street opposite The Wheatsheaf. An advisory raised for the Footway Team to assess for resurfacing. A 4 week work order to repair a pot hole at the road edge. Old Post Office Lane- They look okay to me. Just a little rough around the edges which may be due to working in a confined space. No safety issues. My concern was the lack of tactiles, so I sent an enquiry to the TIC Team as to why. I've pasted in the response below.The reason for the lack of tactile pavings is that on the north side of the crossing, there is not enough room to install the required amount as described in the DDA guidance. For direct alignment (people wishing to cross in a straight line) requires a 1.2m x 1.2m patch of tactiles. The Poplars- The Highways Engineer has been to visit Badsey and inspected the cover in The Poplars, and agrees with you that it needs to be repaired. He says: "I've raised a section 81 defect with BT for a raised cover in the footway at the above location. They will inspect and should raise an order to reset the cover level in the footway. I can't give a timescale for repairs.
7.	**Parish Council:** **a. Land update-** **i. An increase of £1620 for 25 metres of additional pathway to burial ground was noted as path was altered to curve slightly to make access easier.** **ii. Feedback from consecration- Consecration took place on 23rd November 2021 with Bishop Robert and Rev Philip Morton in attendance. Representatives from Worcs CC, Wychavon DC, Badsey PCC, Badsey Society together with local funeral directors and gravediggers, monumental stonemasons and parish councillors attended to take part in this historical event. The area is now ready for burials with the centre planting and boundary planting complete. There is an area for ashes and two areas for unconsecrated burials. The churchyard is now closed for burials with a small area remaining for ashes so going forward burials will be directed to the clerk. Full details and**

photos are on our most recent newsletter.

iii. Up to date financial position of project- Clerk has been claiming back all VAT as ongoing. Invoices for gates have been paid as well as fencing and driveways. Invoices for interpretation boards, wildflower seeds, excavation of wildlife pond are included in Natural Networks project, see below. Balance of account stands at £26419.94.

iv. Clerk has applied for a grant from Natural Networks in conjunction with European Union for 45% of the total costs for trees and tree planting at Pear Tree Fields. The application for £23017.55 has been successful and will ensure the completion of the project whilst providing wildflower seeds and the excavation of the wildlife pond as well as 2 interpretation boards explaining the varieties and planting plan of the trees. The planting schedule had to be put out to tender via 'contracts finder' and the successful applicant was local company Vale Forestry. Other applicants expressed interest but did not have the same passion and local knowledge for the project and could not submit the quotations for the stock of trees by the deadline. Planting of the trees commenced on 10th January 2022 with the excavation of the pond due imminently. The grant will be paid in 3 stages following invoices being received and paid by PC.

v. Future management of project and associated hours required- MiT advised that additional hours need to be paid to the clerk to manage the future work associated with the BG, allotments, orchard, mowing and maintenance of Pear Tree Fields. MiT proposed an increase of 3 hours per week, seconded by SK with a unanimous vote in favour.

vi. The Council discussed the issue of a resident persistently requesting various documents and answers to questions which had previously supplied or were available to the public. The Council agreed that due to the excessive time burden on the Clerk and councillors that the resident be written to be advised that the Council will no longer correspond on this matter but that the Council would act on any information the resident provided on any other subject.

b. Badsey PC has reported and advertised the resignation of Margaret Tyszkow and confirms that an election has not been requested by residents. Applications will now be invited with a closing date of Noon on 28th February 2022 so that applicants can be considered at the PC meeting on Wednesday 16th March 2022. The co-option requirement will be agreed by councillors prior to advertising.

c. Christmas event and agree future action- It was agreed that feedback for the event together with ideas for next year would be considered by Events Committee although the planning for Christmas needs to start in June and anything required to be built into school curriculum, needs to be actioned immediately.

d. Annual closure of recreation ground footpath on 7th December 2021 was noted.

e. Feedback on newsletter and agree action going forward- The most recent newsletter was dedicated to 'land project' but normally collecting information for inclusion can be difficult. It was stressed that councillors should send useful information in for inclusion as the events happen. MiT advised that, ideally, a few extra volunteers to deliver would be sensible as some rounds are very large. MiT will advise of areas needing this and councillors can ask friends/acquaintances if they would help.

f. Events for 2022 including Platinum Jubilee Celebrations- It was agreed that Events Committee would meet to consider the ideas for 2022.

Planning-

a. The minutes of the 17th November 2021 and 17th January 2022 were noted.
b. BS agreed to join the planning committee with immediate effect. This was unanimously agreed by all councillors.

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9. **a.** To RESOLVE to approve the list of cheques to be drawn this month and the statement of the balance of accounts 2021, proposed by ID, seconded by AW with a unanimous vote in favour.

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Current Account	**00028554**	**30-93-11**	
Statement Number	51	Bank Statement No.	51
Statement Opening Balance	£6,111.74	Opening Date	01/12/21
Statement Closing Balance	£3,401.78	Closing Date	29/12/21
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£3,401.78		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
01/12/21	Transfer		0.00	28,668.00	34,779.74
02/12/21	d/d211202NEST	Nest	130.34	0.00	34,649.40
03/12/21	S/O211203AE	Andrea Evans	14.99	0.00	34,634.41
06/12/21	BACS211202MP	Maurice Parkinson	96.00	0.00	34,538.41
06/12/21	BACS211206AE	Andrea Evans	133.68	0.00	34,404.73
06/12/21	BACS211206SU	Steve Underhill	28,668.00	0.00	5,736.73
07/12/21	BACS211203GB	Gary Bailey	10.40	0.00	5,726.33
07/12/21	BACS211207AE	Andrea Evans	6.00	0.00	5,720.33
07/12/21	BACS211215GPP	Graphic Print	558.00	0.00	5,162.33
07/12/21	Transfer		0.00	5,760.00	10,922.33
13/12/21	BACS211215RH	Roger Huttlestone	5,760.00	0.00	5,162.33
14/12/21	BACS211214AE	Andrea Evans	3.96	0.00	5,158.37
14/12/21	BACS211215AW	Andy Wilson	78.98	0.00	5,079.39
15/12/21	BACS211213WDC	Wychavon DC	279.33	0.00	4,800.06
15/12/21	BACS211215AE	Andrea Evans	1,316.06	0.00	3,484.00
15/12/21	BACS211215TP	Tracey Payne	120.00	0.00	3,364.00
20/12/21	003440	HMRC	252.88	0.00	3,111.12
21/12/21	BACS211223WCC	Worcestershire County Council	0.00	441.00	3,552.12
23/12/21	d/d211223NEST	Nest	130.34	0.00	3,421.78
29/12/21	BACS211223PS	Clean As A Whistle	20.00	0.00	3,401.78

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list **Start of year 01/04/21**

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Ch
223	BACS210106ALL	£91.00	23000	06/01/22	Allotment Holders - refund	
226	BACS210106AE	£6.00	21000	06/01/22	Andrea Evans - paper	
221	BACS211019MP	£60.00	20400	19/01/22	Maurice Parkinson - replacing new post	£

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222	BACS210119WDC	£186.22	20400	19/01/22	Wychavon DC – bins6
225	BACS210119TP	£150.00	22300	19/01/22	Tracey Payne - play inpsections
227	BACS210119MP	£235.20	1250	19/01/22	Maurice Parkinson - lengthsman
Sub Total		£728.42			
		£1,488.41			Confidential
Total		£2,216.83			

b. Precept for 2022/23- Precept currently stands at £61000. If the figure for 2022-23 stays at this, this will represent a reduction on a tax band D property of .22% per year or 10p per year. Discussion took place regarding inflation rate announced of 5% and the probable increasing costs of powering street lights and fuel for mowing contracts. DW proposed, seconded by GB with a unanimous vote in favour of an increase to £64000 which represents an increase of 4.96% which is £2.27 per tax band D property per year.

c. Section 106 funding update:

The former Harvard & Co site, Blackminster - Off site public open space- £17029 (can be used for land project as long as fits criteria)

Banks Road , Badsey- Agreement dated 12th February 2013-£64,180.08 for Off-site Adult and Youth Space, details: to enhance youth sport facilities in Badsey, £52,449.84 for Education and £38,624.61 for Off-site Built Sports Facilities, details: to be used within Badsey.

90 Bretforton Road , Badsey- Agreement dated 20th August 2013- £355 per dwelling for Cycling , as per Sports England Calculator for Off-site Built Sports Facilities- £11594.03, £680 per one bed and £1700 per two or more bed for Off-site Formal Sports- £17756.63, details: to go to Badsey Sports and Recreation Club, £825 for Public Art (to be used by Badsey Society)

52 Bretforton Road , Badsey- Agreement 9th October 2013-Built Sport Facilities £34932.90, sports, £54768.45,details: to go to Badsey, Childrens' Play Area £10998.22 and Cycle Contribution £9,380, £0.35 public arts & culture. (To be used by Badsey Society)

Badsey Road , Badsey- Agreement dated 18th August 2014- Off-site Built Leisure Facilities £26904.09, Off-site Formal Sport £50621.07, details: Both to Badsey Sports and Recreation Club.

Aldington Lodge , Offenham Road , Evesham- Cycling £335 per house , Off-site Built Sport £79636.48 and Off-site Formal Sport £125204.67, details: Both to go to Badsey Sports and Recreation Club or Evesham Rowing Club.

Land off Sandy's Avenue, Wickhamford- Off site Formal Sports £8500.00.

d. VAT claimed in December 2021 of £9847.68 includes 9303.18 for land project.

10. **Assets and Maintenance-**

a. Grass cutting contract renewal, agree on tender process including inviting applications for period 2022/24 and to consider contracts for burial ground mowing and orchard area- It was unanimously agreed to advertise this tender on FB, local paper and local contractors with a closing date of 15th February 2022 so that it can be considered and approved at February PC meeting. It was also agreed that the small contracts at Hither Green and Badsey Rec would be

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	included but that a separate tender would be drawn up for initially 1 year for the mowing of the new BG and orchard as at this stage, the frequency for this is unclear. **b. Clearing away of football nets/safety net near to fence at Stone Pippin Orchard- Consideration was given to the request by a resident that Badsey Rangers clear away the nets after use, Badsey Rangers have been contacted and this has happened on occasions before Christmas, however, councillors unanimously agreed that this was not required and the nets can remain in place.** **c. Proposal to add the allotments onto the free woodchip tip site directory- An allotment holder has suggested this scheme, it was unanimously supported by councillors, the PC will need check best location from dropping the woodchip and for gate arrangements as gate would need to be unlocked.:** www.arbtalk.co.uk/recycling
11.	**Health and Safety –** **a. Trees on Recreation Ground- 2 residents have contacted the PC regarding trees on the Rec Ground running alongside Binyon Close. The trees were inspected by Ancient Oaks in December 2021 and reported back as follows:** *I had a thorough look at the 2 large Ash trees earlier this week.* *One had shed a small branch from mid canopy which we removed from site.* *The trees appear structurally sound at the moment and need no immediate remedial work.* *I will have a good look at them in the spring to see if there are any signs of the Trees suffering from "Ash Die Back" I would expect the trees to show some level of infection over the next few years.* **Clerk has requested a further inspection of the trees in January 2022 to assess whether the trees could be cut back/pollarded as residents expressed concerns about branches coming down. Contractor again confirmed that there was no need for any action on these trees until they are inspected in the Spring when they are in leaf. The PC has checked that no branches are overhanging properties. GB proposed seconded by AT with a unanimous vote in support of the recommendations by the tree expert.** **b. Future provision of a village electric car charging point-Clerk is investigating the provision of this facility in multiple village locations.**
12.	**Lengthsman-** **a. Tasks for lengthsman-** • **Sludge on pathway between Seward Road and The Wheatsheaf.** • **Green moss/surface on Village Street, Aldington.** • **Brambles in bushes at Badsey Rec.**
13.	**To consider items for future meeting:**
14.	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16th February 2022.

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