

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held in the Remembrance Hall, Badsey at 7.15pm on 15th May 2019.

1. Apologies for absence- Liz Chalmers.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16th May 2018 were approved, proposed by DW, seconded by SK with a unanimous vote in favour.
3. The Meeting received an oral report from the Chairman of the Council (Gary Bailey):

Well what a busy 12 months we have had, with such a lot of achievements since May 2018.

In July we manned a stall at Badsey Flower Show, This saw the continuation of the Smartwater for all Residents' Campaign. Interest from the Public for smartwater was a lot better than the weather for the show! We have distributed a lot of bottles of Smartwater since the official Distribution launch in January 2017 but many residents still haven't signed up, packs are still available free to all residents.

Badsey is still benefiting from 'The Silver Surfer Computer Club' run by Alan Tutton, Mike Tennant has kindly jumped in to assist now that Andy Wilson is now gainfully employed. This is still very well attended, most often around 12 weekly attendees and encourages residents of all ages to help themselves, to learn basic computer skills. A big thank you must go to The Wheatsheaf Pub for allowing us to use their facilities. Alan would welcome any assistance offered so please get in touch with him.

The Parish Council have purchased their own sound system including Floor Mounted Speakers, Speaker stands and Mounted Speakers complete with Radio Microphones and Fixed Mics and a mixing desk. We now have the capabilities to supply all the needs of the village events. If anyone would like to hire the equipment for an event please contact the parish clerk.

We have finally installed new stage lights and sound to light units in The Remembrance Hall, with a full light mixing desk this will enable greater use of the hall and encourage more diverse use.

We are still holding on to New Homes Bonus funding allocated to us and work hard to purchase land for further village improvements with an allocation of £50,951 to spend.

Badsey Carnival was very well attended and the weather was great and a good day was had by all. It is excellent to see the organisation for this event by an independent group of volunteers. It was bigger than the year before with more stalls and attractions at the Rec Club

August 2018 saw the third Badsey Soap Box Derby. This was organised largely by independent parish councillors, a big thankyou must go to the organising committee, they did an excellent job. Unfortunately the weather was poor and everyone must have got wet at some stage. We had more entries than the previous year. Thanks must go to Avon Scaffolding for the Grandstand provided and thanks also to Walters at the Wheatsheaf for the Bar-B-Q

In early December, Badsey parish councillors and clerk hand delivered a PC Christmas card to every household in Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster which included the PC newsletter which we have continued to produce quarterly, the feedback from this publication has been excellent.

Last year permanent christmas trees that were donated to the PC to plant in Aldington and outside the Remembrance Hall, they are still a little small to decorate so cut trees were purchased for 2018. The 4th Christmas Celebration took place outside the Wheatsheaf. With an improved sound system Badsey residents enjoyed Badsey First School Choir singing assisted by members of Freedom who sung their socks off followed by an excellent performance by local ladies acapello group, Vale Connection. Thank you to everyone involved in the organisation making this such a successful, well attended event.

We have launched a new website with more user friendly information in it in our continuation to communicate in all modes possible with the broader community. The website is www.badseypc.uk. We look forward to further developments, thanks must go to Cllr Mike Tennant for the many hours that he spent getting this up and running and working so beautifully. You can always find us on Facebook just search Badsey & Aldington Parish Council.

March saw our now Annual Barn Dance, again at the Recreation Club, the event was very well attended and brilliantly organised.

The FAB's are talking about running the event next year, if they can take the organising over? This will free some time up for more Parish integration from the PC

The Easter Village Challenge for 2019 had a new Location, the Rec Club. The committee kindly laid on additional activities for after the quiz had finished, this was very well supported. We have 27 teams enter the walk round the village quiz this year. A big thankyou to Mike Tennant and Andrea Evans for compiling the questions. Another big thankyou must go to Andrea for organising the winning chocolate hamper. We also had a donation from a local resident of 9 Easter Eggs for the runners up.

The new Play area bought with Section 106 Monies of £71,000 based at the Rec Club was finally open in May 2018 whilst we have had a few teething problems, the area is always well attended and it great to see so many children playing on the equipment

Work on the Petanque square at Recreation Ground is complete and it is good to see so many Badsey residents to make use of this facility and setting up their own league.

Thank you to everyone who has made the past year such a huge success. I am sure that you will look forward to the next 12 months as much as I will.

4. The meeting received an oral report from the Planning Committee Chairman (Mike Gwynn):

During the period 1st May 2018 to 30th April 2019 the PC was asked to consider 32 applications (down from 48 in 2017/18).

Of the 32:

29 were approved by Wychavon

1 was refused

2 are pending.

In one case the DC disagreed with the PC - 21 Old Post Office Lane change of use from 1 to 2 bungalows.

We objected but the DC approved.

Significantly 2 appeals against refusal were dismissed - namely the Neuk 3 Bretforton Rd (60 homes) and 90 Bretforton Rd (4 homes).

18 of those approved were for extensions or alterations. Others included:

5 change of use

1 cattery

1 replacement of polytunnels

1 new stable

1 for 20 holiday homes Aldington Sidings

1 for new homes Aldington Lodge

1 traveller site for 2 plots on existing Blossom Hill site.

So the majority of approvals were for extensions or alterations with no multi-home developments approved other than Aldington Lodge which was a reserved matter.

5. Public Question Time.- No points raised:

The meeting ended at 7.25pm