

## **BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020, at 7.30pm. Meeting held remotely.**

**Present:** Cllr B Graham (Chair)      Cllr K Huskisson      Cllr B Slinger  
                 Cllr P Smith                              Cllr G Thompson

Ms S Coles (observer)

G Earnshaw (Parish Clerk)

#### **1.0 Apologies for Absence**

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ms Coles for attending the meeting. The Chair also thanked Mr Earnshaw for fulfilling the role of clerk for the last 3 years.

1.2 No members of the public attended the meeting.

1.3 Apologies for absence had been received from District Cllr Carrington and District Cllr Ward.

1.4 The apologies for absence were accepted.

#### **2.0 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations**

2.1 There were no declarations of interests or requests for dispensations made.

#### **3.0 To Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 as a true record**

3.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 were accepted as a true record of the meetings and approved unanimously.

#### **4.0 Public Open Forum**

4.1 There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

#### **5.0 To receive a report from Police Representative**

5.1 No report had been received.



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**6.0 To receive a report from District Councillor**

6.1 No report had been received.

**7.0 To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:**

**20/01913/FUL**

7.1 The planning application was for a substantial extension to be built and the extension would move the house nearer to the boundary fence as a result. The clerk was asked to check with the Planning department that letters had been sent out to neighbours notifying them of the extension. The Parish Council had no other comments to make.

**20/01499/TPO**

7.2 The application related to the pruning of a big Horse Chestnut tree. The applicant was not the owner of the tree, although the applicant thought the tree was overhanging their boundary. The tree doesn't have a TPO but needs to go through the TPO process because it is in a conservation area. The applicant had taken advice from the Tree Officer and had agreed to amend the application to reshape the tree and limit the amount of drawback. The Parish Council was content to leave the decision on the application to the Tree Officer at the LA.

**8.0 To receive the following planning decisions/information:**

**20/01304/TPO**

8.1 The Parish Council noted the decision made on the planning application.

**9.0 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**


9.1 Re-surfacing of the road at the bend on Main Street – The Clerk had contacted the District Councillors but no progress had been made. The clerk would raise the matter with the District Councillors again.

9.2 Maintenance of Badsworth Way – The Clerk had contacted Wakefield Council and asked them to spray the weeds. The request had been acknowledged but no action taken. The clerk would chase this matter up with the LA.

9.3 Engaging with the police to arrange additional speed checks in the village – Cllr Slinger had contacted the police about the issue and had sent them some data about speeding in the village but had not received a response yet. Cllr Slinger would chase the matter up with the police.

**10.0 Matters requested by councillors**

10.1 Cllr Smith requested that the Council discuss the following proposal regarding the Annual Meeting:



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“Council to consider calling a meeting at the earliest opportunity to deal with business ordinarily dealt with at the Annual Meeting (but postponed due to Coronavirus restrictions) and to determine accordingly. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 refers” and agree any action to be taken.

- 10.2 A vote was taken on the proposal and the Parish Council agreed unanimously to hold the Annual meeting at the earliest opportunity. It was agreed that the meeting should be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.
- 10.3 Cllr Huskisson proposed that a Halloween event should be held in the village. A poster advertising the event had been circulated to governors and the comments received had been taken on board and a further version had been produced. Posters would be put up on telegraph poles round the village and noticeboards to advertise the event and information would also be put on the Village website. No trick or treating would be encouraged because of the Covid-19 situation.
- 10.4 The Parish Council agreed the proposal and was happy for Cllr Huskisson to proceed with organising the event.

#### **11.0 Councillor Training**

- 11.1 Training courses were advertised on a regular basis by YLCA but sometimes the courses were put on at short notice and this meant the Parish Council might not be able to approve the training in time. The Parish Council agreed, therefore, that a training budget of £100 per year should be made available to each councillor. Councillors would notify the clerk when booking a course.

#### **12.0 To agree a Co-ordinated Approach to Planting**

- 12.1 A resident had asked the Parish Council for approval to plant bulbs round the millennium stones in the village. The Parish Council felt it would be a good idea to have a coordinated approach to planting in the village.
- 12.2 Several areas in the village needed attention including the planters and Beaconfield Road.
- 12.3 It was agreed that the Parish Council would organise participation in planting in the village and would ensure invoices for plants were made out to the Parish Council so it could reclaim the VAT.
- 12.4 If bulbs were going to be planted, the work needed to be done in the near future. It was agreed, therefore, that the Chair would purchase bulbs on behalf of the Parish Council. A budget of up to £25 was approved.



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### **13.0 Defibrillator**

- 13.1 Cllr Smith updated the Parish Council on the siting and installation of the defibrillator.
- 13.2 The Church had not yet given permission for the defibrillator to be installed in the church porch.
- 13.3 Cllr Smith had contacted the street lighting officers at the LA and asked if a connection to a streetlight could be provided to the defibrillator. The LA had advised that the power supply was not suitable. The Northern Power Group had said they could tap into an electric supply in the road and provide a connection for the defibrillator but this would cost in the region of £2.5k.
- 13.4 Cllr Thompson agreed to investigate the siting of the defibrillator in Womersley to see if the same approach could be adopted in Badsworth.  
Cllr Thompson would report back to the Parish Council.

### **14.0 Correspondence**

- 14.1 There was no new correspondence to discuss.

### **15.0 Financial matters:**

- 15.1 Bank Mandate – this needed updating. It was agreed the issue would be revisited once the new clerk was on board. It was also agreed the Parish Council would consider whether it should move its account to another provider. The bank mandate would be included as an item on a future agenda. It was also agreed that the Chair would send a letter to Barclays Bank regarding the poor service the Parish Council had received and suggest the Parish Council would be looking to move its account elsewhere as a result.
- 15.2 Quarterly Statement – It was agreed that the Precept Expenditure report should be amended as follows:
- The hanging basket expenditure should be moved to Village Planting; and
  - The Councillors Allowance should be moved to Stationery and Postage.

#### **To approve the following accounts for payment:**

Clerk: invoice for stamps £9.12

Clerk: invoice for annual Zoom subscription £115.10

#### **To note the following payments as previously authorised:**

- Clerks' salary (including holiday pay) and Inland Revenue payment

### **16.0 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting**

- 16.1 Councillors agreed to send items to the Clerk.



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**17.0 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

17.1 It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet remotely on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.

**18.0 Exclusion of members of the press and public**

18.1 There were no members of the press or public present at the meeting.

**19.0 Confidential Business**

- To agree the appointment of a new clerk and approve salary point

19.1 The Parish Council approved the appointment of the new clerk and approved the salary point.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Smith', written in a cursive style.

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