

MINUTES of the meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on 18 August 2021 at 7.30pm, the meeting was held at Lawson Hut, Badsworth.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the procedure to the meeting.

Councillors were advised to observe the Council's Code of Conduct during the meeting.

The chairman explained the voting procedure, public session and exclusion of the press and public procedures.

PRESENT

Cllr Peter Smith (Chairman)

Cllr Barrie Slinger (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Brenda Graham

Cllr Liam Saddler

Cllr Kathryn Huskisson

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Carl Hughes – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Two members of the public were present.

40/08/21 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

None.

41/08/21 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation

None.

42/08/21 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that all items on the agenda may be discussed in the public meeting.

43/08/21 Public Participation Session

There were no questions from the members of the public.

44/08/21 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on 21 July 2021 as a true and accurate record. The chairman will sign the minutes.

45/08/21 Council to Receive Verbal Update Reports from:

a. Chairman

Cllr Smith reported that the Leader of Wakefield Council, Cllr Denise Jeffery, had visited the village prior to School summer break and the matters of speeding, parking and the Conservation Area had been discussed.

Cllr Smith informed the meeting that further to a discussion with Wakefield Highways Road Network Manager, part of Back Lane and the Hall Farm bend would be resurfaced during October (School half term).

b. District Councillor

Apologies were received from District Councillor Jessica Carrington. Cllr Carrington informed the BPC that she had nothing to report.

c. Police

No report

d. Clerk

(1) The Clerk is to provide an update of ongoing issues in the Badsworth village at future meetings.

(2) A Clerks report table is to be updated for every Parish Council meeting to ensure that all items are complete – Clerk to progress on an ongoing basis

Clerk Report to the Council on 18 August 2021

Address	Details	Reference no	Comments
Wynfield Bungalow, Back Lane, Badsworth, WF9 1AG (26/07/2021)	Unauthorised planting of the adopted highway (grass verge) and installation of wooden post.	CAS-121159	Status - Ongoing A verbal report that Wakefield Council will contact applicant and report to Badsworth Parish Council.
Main Street, Badsworth (26/07/2021)	Resurfacing of road surface on the bend near Hall Farm.	CAS-121142	Status – Completed An area highway technician has inspected the site and ordered a patching job on 28/05/2021
Badsworth Way, Footpath No 5 (bottom section) (26/07/2021)	Overgrown hedges obstructing public footpath access	CAS-124167	Status - Ongoing Wakefield Council will look into the enquiry in 10 working days (03/08/2021)
Beaconfield Road (Mini roundabout - towards Upton) (26/07/2021)	Overgrown verge causing footpath partly obstructed.	CAS-121177	Status - Ongoing
New Road, Badsworth (26/07/2021)	Overgrown verge causing residents to walk on the road	CAS-121183	Status - Ongoing
Badsworth (26/07/2021)	Community Tree Inspection		Status - Completed Informed that the Arboricultural Section - Wakefield Council will only inspect individual enquires.
Brookside Farm and Holly Cottage, Thorpe Lane (26/07/2021)	Overgrown hedges	CAS-126161	Status - Ongoing

46/08/21 Financing the village newsletter

With regard to a request from Village Plan Committee for Parish Council to consider a joint financing arrangement, it was RESOLVED that:

a) BPC would contribute £90 per issue, assuming the production continues in it's current format and is produced bi-monthly or approx 6 publications per annum. This funding arrangement would be reviewed annually.

b) BPC would require any content that it submits to have an appropriate placement within the Newsletter i.e. within the first few pages and not be split by other features.

c) BPC would require a cessation of adverts within the publication (to clarify, material placed by an individual or company which seeks to promote and benefit that undertaking by increasing it's revenue). If commitments have already been given to prospective advertisers by VPC for future editions, then BPC's funding will commence once those have ceased.

47/08/21 Planning

RESOLVED to issue the following comments to the relevant planning officer:

Application no:	Address	Comments
21/01825/FUL	Wynfield Bungalow, Back Lane, Badsworth, WF9 1AG	No comments
21/01892/FUL	Jelemy Tump Ninevah Lane Badsworth Pontefract WF9 1AP	No comments

RESOLVED to note the following Wakefield MDC planning decisions:

Application no	Address	Details	Decision
21/01411/CPL	Stone Haven Grove Lane Badsworth Pontefract WF9 1AN	Single storey rear extension, extension to an existing rear porch, new window in side elevation, loft conversion and roof lights	Application Approved

48/08/21 Proposed Gateway Improvements

Badsworth Parish Council received a proposed gateway improvements plan from Wakefield Council to change entry points and try and reduce speeding of vehicles entering the Village.

Cllr Smith informed the meeting of the following points with a view to responding back to Wakefield Council.

1. That any steps to try and address the excessive speed of vehicles entering the Village from Wakefield Council are welcome. However, BPC was concerned that the proposal to enhance the signage and road markings at the 20 mph entry points will not, on its own, resolve the speeding issue.
2. The 2018 traffic survey showed that more than 50% of vehicles entering the Badsworth Village (via New Road) were exceeding 24 mph. This level of non-compliance has basically remained unchanged since before the 20-mph zone was first established. Consequently, this demonstrated that the measures put in place at that time were inadequate.
3. West Yorkshire Police (WYP) had suggested that there were insufficient reducing features within the existing 20 mph zone to make it self-enforcing and as a consequence appeared to be less prepared to enforce the speed limit on a routine

basis. Consequently Badsworth Parish Council had halted the initiative with WYP as it was likely to become more of a monitoring exercise rather than fulfilling the initial remit of reducing the number of speeding motorists.

4. Badsworth Parish Council is very aware of community concerns re speeding vehicles in the 20mph zone and a number of parents now feel unsafe in walking children to School on narrow pavements. Additionally, social interaction amongst older residents is reduced due to concerns about crossing roads with speeding vehicles.
5. Badsworth Parish Council feels that focusing on community benefits rather than purely accident statistics would produce better outcomes.

RESOLVED that Badsworth Parish Council responds to Wakefield Council and request that physical traffic calming measures be introduced at the village entry points to complement the proposed gateway improvements.

49/08/21 Finance

a. Invoices for Payment

RESOLVED to approve the payments schedule dated 18 August 2021, including the following payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque No
Carl Hughes	Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Salary	188.20	0.00	188.20	
HMRC	Tax Payment	47.00	0.00	47.00	

- (1) To note that payments was made between Parish Council meetings,
- a. Carl Hughes – payment made on 1st August 2021
 - b. HMRC – payment made on 1st August 2021

50/08/21 Correspondence to note

From	Subject	Council Comments
Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA)	A response from YLCA that Parish Council's employee salaries are to be recorded in the minutes.	No comments
Village Plan Committee	Financing of the bi-monthly village newsletter.	Badsworth Parish Council to support financing the bi-monthly village newsletter
YLCA	Request for payment from YLCA for the Council's internal audit 2020/21	Badsworth Parish Council are to wait for a response from YLCA regarding issues relating to the internal audit before payment is provided.

51/08/21 Members Reports

Cllr Smith

- (1) Over grown weeds on New Road – Clerk to action
- (2) Skips to be removed on Back Lane – already actioned.
- (3) Planning application (20/01217/FUL) – changes to boundary treatment consisting of brick walls rather than hedging – next meeting
- (4) No road markings at junction of Grove Lane/Ninevah Lane – next meeting.
- (5) Tree Branch fallen on New Road - information

Cllr Slinger

- (1) No report

Cllr Graham

- (1) Grass requires cutting back on the verge on New Road. Cllr Huskisson to support a volunteer group if established.

Cllr Huskisson

- (1) Dog fouling in the village.

Cllr Saddler

- (1) Identified that drains on Back Lane are full – Clerk to action.

52/08/2021 Additional Items to be noted

- a. That the Clerk is to amend his Clerk timetable to a spreadsheet layout.
- b. That Badsworth Parish Council is to write to residents where properties have overgrowing vegetation – action Cllr Huskisson & Clerk.
- c. That the Clerk is to produce a Parish Council's contact list for the village notice board.

Next Meeting:

Meeting of Badsworth Parish Council at 7.30pm on 15 September 2021.

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm