

MINUTES of the meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on 15 September 2021 at 7.30pm, 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 Kathryn Huskisson

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Carl Hughes – Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Two members of the public were present.

53/09/21 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Saddler.

54/09/21 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation

None.

55/09/21 Exclusion of Press and Public

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

56/09/21 Public Participation Session

There were no questions from the members of the public.

57/09/21 Minutes of Previous Meetings

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on 18 August 2021 as a true and accurate record. The Chairman will sign the minutes.

58/09/21 Council to Receive Verbal Update Reports from:

- a. Chairman
Cllr Smith reported that a number of residents had commented that the Village was looking untidy (overgrown hedges, debris on verges etc) and that the Parish Council didn't appear to be doing very much.
- 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
The Clerk informed the meeting of the new monitoring report designed to ensure that the Council's jobs/tasks are monitored and complete.

59/09/21 Chairman of the Wakefield Branch

Cllr Tim Saunders introduced himself to the meeting as the new Chairman of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) Wakefield branch.

Cllr Saunders informed the meeting that BPC councillors and the clerk will be invited to the next Wakefield branch meeting on the 14 October 2021. The meeting is likely to take place in South Kirkby or Havercroft.

60/09/21 Planning

RESOLVED to object to 21/01217/SUB02 – the application would have a further negative impact on the biodiversity of the area and subsequently reduce the anticipated net gain as per the calculations submitted with the original Application.

It was additionally resolved that Parish Council submits a formal complaint to Wakefield Council Planning Dept as to how the proposals for the boundary treatments for the scheme had been dealt with by Wakefield Officers – the discharge of conditions under 20/01217/SUB01 had not taken into account the environmental factors referred to within the original application and therefore had been contrary to a number of Wakefield's own policies that seek, amongst other things, to protect habitats, local ecology and biodiversity.

Noted that Application 21/01825/FUL Wynfield Bungalow, Back Lane, Badsworth, Pontefract, WF9 1AG Single storey extension to front and side was approved.

61/09/21 Overhanging vegetation (Hedge and Trees)

Cllr Huskisson said she did not feel comfortable hand delivering letters to properties with overgrown hedges and additionally thought that Councillors should review all such matters to decide if action was necessary. The Chairman reminded Cllr Huskisson that Council had already agreed a course of action and it would proceed accordingly.

62/09/21 Finance

a. Invoices for Payment

RESOLVED to approve the payments schedule dated 15 September 2021, including the following payments:

Payee	Description	Net	VAT	Total	Cheque No
Carl Hughes	Clerk Salary	188.20	0.00	188.20	101238
HMRC	Tax Payment	47.00	0.00	47.00	101239
Carl Hughes	Printer ink cartridge	50.99	0.00	50.99	101240

(1) To note that payments was made between Parish Council meetings,

- a. Carl Hughes – payment made on 1 September 2021.
- b. HMRC – payment made on 1 September 2021.
- c. Carl Hughes – (Receipt) made on 1 September 2021.

(2) That BPC bank mandate is approved and that Cllr Huskisson to make further enquiries regarding internet banking.

63/09/21 Correspondence to note

From	Subject	Council Comments
Police District Neighbourhood Support Officer	Wakefield South East Pact Meeting to be held on 21 September 2021 at 10am at the Conference Suit, Moorthorpe Train Station, Barnsley Road, WF9 3AT.	No comments

64/09/21 Reading Room and School House – Fitzwilliam Trustees

Resolved that Council contact the Diocese to establish the current position with regard to the Fitzwilliam Trust and the current trustees. Additionally, to ascertain the proposed intentions with regard to the Reading Room & School House.

65/09/21 Siting of memorial bench

Resolved that Council contacts Wakefield Council and ask for guidelines on the placing of memorial benches on WMDC owned land.

66/09/21 Members Reports

Cllr Smith

- (1) Sections of Badsworth Way fencing require maintenance.
- (2) To note that parking on Church access road by parents (School/Nursery) continues to create a dangerous environment.
- (3) Property on Ninevah Lane – hedge clippings left on grass verge after cutting..
- (4) That litter and grass was cut together causing a mess on Beaconfield Road. Offer from residents to litter pick prior to WMDC cutting verges.
- (5) Three bags of rubbish (fly tipping) dumped near the observation bunker on New Road, Badsworth.

Cllr Slinger

- (1) Reported weeds in wall & kerb edges throughout the village.

Cllr Graham

- (1) Reported that the grass has been cut on Beaconfield Road.

Cllr Huskisson

- (1) Reported that vegetation overgrown on New Row path.

67/09/2021 Additional Items to be noted

- (1) That the Clerks review is to be arranged with Cllr Smith & Cllr Slinger.

Next Meeting:

Meeting of Badsworth Parish Council at 7.30pm on 20 October 2021.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm