

BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on Wednesday the 24th April 2024 at 7:30 pm, in the Lawson Hut, Main Street, Badsworth. WF9 1AF

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Cummings (Chair) G Ayre, A Garbutt.

Members of the public: Seven present.

In Attendance: A Woodhead, Interim Clerk

168/0424 Announcement from the Chairman.

Cllr Mrs Cummings apologised to the parishioners of Badsworth for the cancellation of the April meeting, the Parish Council has struggled to find a slot in the Lawson Hut where all councillors could be present.

169/0424 To receive comments or questions from members of the public.

a)-Q. It was stated that there was an outstanding issue which the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) had been involved with.

A. The Clerk was aware of the issue, but not the detail, but had received a communication from the ICO's office and had agreed that the information supplied to them by the last Clerk could be shared with the complainant.

b)-Q. It was noted that yellow public notices have been placed on one of the villages roads regarding traffic restrictions. Who would enforce this scheme?

A. It was reported that Wakefield Council would be the agent that enforced the scheme, not the Police.

c)-Q. Where there any plans to look at speeding controls as various options had been considered in the past.

A. The Council can give consideration to the issue afresh, it was noted that this is a District wide problem. It was stated that Ward Councillors could ask the Police to undertake speeding checks at location within their ward.

d)-Q. It was stated that the cash held by the Parish Council had been intended for a car park but further discussion with the diocese was required.

A. The clerk thanked the member of public for the information.

170/0424 To consider apologies for absence.

None

171/0424 To consider applications for co-option to fill vacancies on the Parish Council.

a)-**RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Jonathan Broadhurst

b)-**RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Jonathan Graves

c)-Declarations of Acceptance of Office completed, signed and countersigned by the interim Clerk. Registers of Interest were completed and returned to the interim Clerk.

d)-The Chair thanked Cllr Broadhurst and Cllr Graves for putting themselves forward and asked that others give it serious consideration as it was important that the parish was represented by local people.

e)-Cllrs Ayre and Garbutt resigned as Badsworth Parish Councillors on account of there being local people who have now come forward. Cllrs Ayre and Garbutt were thanked by the Chair, they then left the meeting.

172/0424 To receive any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests appertaining to the agenda under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None

173/0424 To confirm the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on the 20th February 2024 as a true and accurate record.

174/0424 Update from the Interim Clerk and Financial report.

a)-Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED to accept the bank reconciliation to the 31st March 2024.

Bank Reconciliation

Badsworth Parish Council

£

Cash brought forward from 2022-2023	9516.01
Income to date	11605.15
Total	21121.16
Expenditure to date	11285.69
Current Balance	9835.47

Not Cleared Chq No	£
1337	12.50
1354	319.96
Total	332.46

DATE to 31st March 2024	Bank Balance	10167.93
Statement Business Current Account	Awaiting payment	332.46
	Balance	9835.47

It was stated that Badsworth Parish Council account summary to the 4th April stated:

Community Account- £10,167.93

Business Savings Account- £39,332.50

b) Payments and receipts

It was reported that no payments were currently being made until the Bank Mandate has been changed, creditors had been told about the situation and have accepted the delay in payments.

c) Bank Mandate

It was noted that the Bank Mandate process will be started again, so that the two new Councillors are the authorisers/signatories to the Bank account and the Clerk has access and is able to input and raise payments, but not to authorise payments. It was agreed that the Council needs to adopt online banking.

d) To consider the appointment of an internal auditor

RESOLVED that the Clerk appoint whichever internal auditor could be found to undertake the audit.

175/0424 Planning Matters

Cllr Graves declared a personal interest in the planning item on the agenda, Noted.

23/01656/FUL New Road (Land at) Fencing, hardstanding & container- retrospective- Refused. Noted.

176/0424 Highways Matters

Wakefield Councils proposal to implement waiting restrictions on Main Street Badsworth were presented to the Council. It was stated that a consultation process had taken place last year. This was the scheme that the yellow public notices referenced at 169/0424(b). It was asked if the information presented could be put on the Councils website and in the Noticeboard. The Clerk stated he would ask Wakefield Council for permission first.

177/0424 Hanging Baskets

RESOLVED That the Clerk place an order for 20 hanging baskets having consulted with others to identify a provider, failing that to use the contractor used last year with a total budget to a maximum of £2000.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council would fund the wild-flower planting as per previous years, as it was important to keep the village looking nice.

178/0424 To consider items for the next agenda

Badsworth Parish Council Website
Speeding Traffic and Smiley SID

179/0424 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting shall be held on Wednesday the 22nd May 2024 at 7:30 pm

Meeting Closed at 8:50pm