

BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs J Graves (Chair) K Flanagan, J Broadhurst.

Members of the public: seven present.

In Attendance: A Woodhead, Interim Clerk

35/0724 To receive comments or questions from members of the public.

Q. It was asked again if Councillors contact details could be added to the website.

A. Councillors are to be given @Badsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk accounts once we have the bank mandate resolved.

Q. It was asked what powers were used to purchase a smiley SID

A. Reply to be forwarded to questioner.

Q. It was asked of the Parish Council would push to get footpath repaired and cleaned.

A. It was agreed that the Parish Council would do this, everyone was actively encouraged to report the issue to Wakefield Council direct as the more complaints they received the better the chance of the issue being addressed.

Q. It was asked that a good working relationship be forged with the Parish Church so that the Churchyard and other Church lands issues can be better addressed.

A. It was reported that this has started.

36/0724 To consider apologies for absence.

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Garbutt. Apologies have also been received from Ward Councillor Martin Roberts- noted.

37/0724 To receive any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests appertaining to the agenda under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None.

38/0724 To receive parish information from District Councillors/inform the District Councillors of Parish issues.

Ward Councillor Roberts has sent the following report:

The Church Yard has been logged for action as it is in need of cutting as has Badsworth Way. All the other issues raised in the previous meeting have been logged for action.

Cllr Roberts was thanked for the report.

39/0724 To confirm the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Parish Council held on the 26th June 2024 as a true and accurate record.

40/0724 Highway Matters

- a) Badsworth Way- The Clerk stated that he having raised the issue with Wakefield Council and at first being told is that the landowner should cut the undergrowth back; A second request pointing out that there was no alternative roadside path resulted in the path been cleared by Wakefield Council.
- b) It was noted that the pavements required cleaning and repairing in many places within the village, this would be reported to Wakefield Council.

41/0724 Planning Matters

- a)-To consider planning validated applications- None.
- b)-To receive information on planning decisions- 24/00597/FUL Holly Cottage, Single story extension- approved; noted by the Parish Council.
- c)-To receive information on any appeals- None.

42/0724 Annual Governance and Accountability return for 2023-24

- a)- To complete and approve the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2023-24; **RESOLVED** to approve.
- b)- To approve the Accounting Statements of the AGAR 2023-24; **RESOLVED** to approve.
- c)- **RESOLVED** To sets the dates for the period of public rights of inspection in relation to the annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2023-24 as Thursday 25th July to Monday 20th September 2024.

43/0724 Financial Matters

a)-Bank Mandate

It was reported that all Councillors and the Clerk had completed the Bank Mandate paperwork, the Clerk to contact the Bank to request an update.

b)-Financial update

The Bank statement was presented to the Council to 4th July

Business Current Account- £21,167.93- Noted.

Business Savings Account- £39,479.67- Noted.

Receipts for flowers for the village were presented to the Clerk to the value of £55.00 this expenditure has already been approved, although the payment will be made when the Council is in a position to do so.

44/0724 To consider Parish Matters and take action where necessary.

a)- Badsworth Christmas Tree

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would pay for a dressed Christmas tree at the Lawson Hut as per last year. The Clerk was asked to gain quotes for the work.

b)- Bus service

Issues with the local Bus Service had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to enquire with the Transport Officer at Wakefield Council in the first instance to ascertain the size of the issue.

c)- State of Badsworth Church Yard

It was noted that Wakefield Council have recently cut the Churchyard, the Council have asked about the frequency of cuts to see if further consideration is needed, it is noted that if this is the case the Church wished to have an input. The Clerk was asked to follow up the current enquiries.

d)-Badsworth e-mail address

The Clerk stated that on enquiring with our web host he was informed that Badsworth already has a .gov.uk email address. We now have access to that and all contact information will be changed so that this is the address- clerk@badsworthparishcouncil.gov.uk Councillors would be set up with .gov.uk addresses in the near future.

e)-Update on filing

The Clerk stated that he had not undertaken as much filing of the old files this month, but a letter from a Solicitor from 2009 did state that the Parish Council had purchased a wall.

45/0724 Matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

- Councillor Contact details
- 20mph Speed Limit Signs
- Christmas Planning
- State of the pavements
- Calander of Events
- Newsletter

It was noted that the Council will not be quorate in August, the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in September.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm