

BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 23rd October 2025 at 7:30 pm in the
Lawson Hut. Main Street, Badsworth. WF9 1AF**

Present: Cllrs Flanagan (Chair for this meeting) B Graham, J Sumpter, B Slinger.

Members of the public: Three

In attendance: A Woodhead, Clerk

61/1025 To appoint a chair for this meeting

Resolved that Cllr Flanagan Chair this meeting.

62/1025 To receive comments or questions from members of the Public.

Q1 It was asked what community benefit the Christmas tree proposal would have?

A1 The proposed tree will be for the School but can be seen by passing traffic, this proposal is not as an alternative to the current site, it is in addition to.

Q2 Speeding traffic was brought to the meeting as an ongoing problem with a report of intimidating driving when driving through the village at 20 mph.

A2 It was agreed that this was a problem, a speed camera van had recently attended and reported that it had never recorded so many speeding drivers at one location. It was hoped that this information would be used with other recent information to develop and deliver a more considered traffic calming scheme for Badsworth.

Q3 A report that Wakefield Council had cut some hedges within the village reducing height, in some cases a little too much, but also failing to reduce the width as there are areas that are covering signage.

A3 Parish Councillors would raise it as an ongoing issue.

63/1025 To receive and consider apologies for absence

Resolved to accept apologies and reason for absence from Cllr Broadhurst.

64/1025 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Graham declared that she is a Governor at Badsworth School, noted.

65/1025 To consider matters which should be dealt with in open or confidential session.

No item to take to closed session.

66/1025 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on Wednesday the 24th September as a true and accurate record.

67/1025 Planning matters

The following planning matters were noted.

25/01863/TPO Crown Reduce T1 Horse Chestnut - upper canopy, southwest side, by 10% 5 High Farm Meadow Awaiting decision.

25/01824/FUL To replace existing conservatory solid roof, with lightweight metal shingle tiled roof to include x2 velux roof windows. Tiles to be finished in Antique Red. No other changes are planned to the existing single storey conservatory structure. No change of privacy levels to any neighbouring properties. 5 Orchard Court Awaiting decision.

25/01785/FUL Part garage conversion to habitable room 14 High Farm Meadow Awaiting decision.

68/1025 Financial matters

a)-To receive and consider the Bank Reconciliation

Resolved to accept the following Bank Reconciliation

Bank Reconciliation	Badsworth Parish Council	£
Cash brought forward from 2024-2025		5736.85
Current Account	Income to date 'A'	11550.00
	Total	17286.85
	Expenditure to date 'B'	5474.55
	Current Balance	11812.30
Date 21st October 2025	Bank Balance	12389.70
STATEMENT to 4th October 2025	Awaiting payment 'D'	397.40
	Payments in progress 'F'	180.00
	Balance	11812.30
Savings Account		
STATEMENT to 4th September 2025	Balance at start	39,916.19
	Interest Jun	132.60
	Interest Sept	132.93
	Interest Dec	
Total interest £132.60	Interest Mar	
Total income £11,550.00	Current Saving Balance	40,181.72
	Total	51994.02

b)-To approve accounts for payment

Resolved to accept the following payments with the addition of two invoices received today.

PAYMENTS

Oct-25

Date	Item	Payee	£
22/10/2025	Plants	Mr Wilson	67.00
22/10/2025	Planting up and weeding	Mr Wilson	75.00

21/10/2025	Tax & NI	HMRC	79.40
21/10/2025	Wages	A Woodhead	318.00
		Total (D)	539.40

c)-To receive information on receipts and expenditure and the current budget.

Resolved to accept the receipts and expenditure information presented to the meeting and the spend to Budget which now balances.

69/1025 Governance

a)-To consider the Badsworth Parish Council risk review

RESOLVED to approve the update Badsworth Parish Council risk management scheme.

b)-Notice of resignation of the Clerk

The Clerk stated that it had been a pleasure working with the Parish Council, it was now time for a new clerk to bring fresh ideas to help drive the Parish Council forward. The Clerk was thanked for the help and support to re-establish and put the council on a firm footing.

Resolved to review all paperwork required and advertise for a new Clerk as soon as possible.

c)-External Audit

It was reported that an e-mail of appointment had been sent to the internal auditor but no response was received to date. Clerk instructed to follow up.

70/1025 Parish Matters

a)-To consider Badsworth Hut as an asset of community value

It was stated that this can only be used where an identified asset has been or is being considered for sale as a way to allow extra time for the community to make formal proposals. It was asked that the Clerk investigate the current status of the ongoing discussion with the diocese now that we have supplied a copy of the lease.

b)- To consider the provision of a Christmas Tree in the School Grounds

Resolved to investigate the full cost and implications of the project and instruct the clerk to come back to the Council with a costed report.

c)- To consider correspondence

i)-Noted that a complaint had been raised with the external auditor, Council would consider once the outcome has been stated.

ii)-We have received confirmation that we have been granted the sum of £3446.40 towards our Safer Slower Badsworth project to purchase a second Smiley SID unit. Ward Councillors were thanked by the Parish Council for their support. The Clerk was instructed to purchase the equipment.

d) To consider items for next agenda

The following items are to be included on the next agenda

- Appointment of new Clerk update

- VAT refund
- School ground Christmas Tree
- Christmas Event
- Lawson Hut

71/1025 Date and time of next meeting

Resolved the next meeting of Badsworth Parish Council will take place in the Lawson Hut on Wednesday the 26th November 2025.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm