

## **BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Lawson Hut. Main Street, Badsworth. WF9 1AF**

**Present:** Cllrs J Broadhurst, K Flanagan, B Graham, J Sumpter, B Slinger.

**Members of the public:** Five

**In attendance:** A Woodhead, Clerk

### **72/1125 To receive comments or questions from members of the Public.**

**Q1** A Parishioner commented on the speed of passing traffic by her house, the property is opposite the Church.

**A1** It was reported that Wakefield Highways Department has been in contact with the Chair of the Council today and following work undertaken they have highlighted two areas where speeding traffic is an issue and measures are to be considered in order to slow traffic speeds.

**Q2** It was reported that the side of the road by the church which is loose road plainings is used as a footpath as there is no alternative on that side of the road, this situation has been caused as a formal kerb was fitted to the side of the road as it required an edge, the back fill of plainings is used as a path, plainings are washing away and formalising the surface would help pedestrians.

**A2** The Parish Council will ask if this can be considered as part of the wider traffic management project that is being developed.

**Q3** A general observation on the state of same areas was made asking if the handyman used by the Council to help keep the place looking tidy could be tasked with clearing some of these areas.

**A3** This was noted and a request to clear would be passed on where possible and practical to do so.

**Q4** It was noted by a Parishioner that the hedge on their property had been cut back and the height reduced, it was noted that this work was just done with no prior warning and the height of the hedge had been reduced too much.

**A4** The Council had noted this itself and was aware that usually Wakefield Council, who undertook the work usually contact owners asking them to undertake the work, in this instance this hasn't happened. The Council agreed that the Height of the Hedge had been reduced too much.

### **73/1125 To receive and consider apologies for absence**

**Resolved** to accept apologies and reason for absence from Ward Councillors Carrington and Garbutt.

### **74/1125 To receive declarations of interest**

No declarations of interest made.

**75/1125 To consider matters which should be dealt with in open or confidential session.**

No item to take to closed session.

**76/1125 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 as a true and accurate record.

**77/1125 Planning matters**

The following planning matters were noted.

25/02052/FUL Badsworth Hollydene Back Lane Badsworth Pontefract WF9 1AG Mr Liam Saddler Proposed first floor extension above existing garage

24/02066/S7301 Badsworth Yankin Villa Ninevah Lane Badsworth Pontefract Variation of conditions 2 (approved Plans) of approved application ref. 24/02066/FUL dated 24th April 2025 to relocate site access and position of detached garage. Application Approved 07/11/2025

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25/02132/FUL Corner Cottage Back Lane Badsworth Pontefract WF9 1AG Installation of 17 solar panels onto the roof of the south elevation. Ms Ellie-Mae Shelton 14/01/2026

25/02174/FUL Badsworth 2 Chapel Lane Badsworth Pontefract WF9 1AQ Outbuilding remodel and extension 15/01/2026 12/12/2025

25/01785/FUL 14 High Farm Meadow Badsworth Pontefract WF9 1PB Part garage conversion to habitable room Application Approved

**78/1125 Financial matters**

**a)-To receive and consider the Bank Reconciliation**

**Resolved** to accept the following Bank Reconciliation

**Bank Reconciliation**

Cash brought forward from 2024-2025

Badsworth Parish Council      £

5736.85

Current Account	Income to date 'A'	14996.40
	Total	20733.25
	Expenditure to date 'B'	6133.15
	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>14600.10</b>

<div> <b>Date 20th November 2025</b>  <b>STATEMENT to 4th November 2025</b> </div>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	15069.70
	Awaiting payment 'D'	469.60
	Payments in progress 'F'	0.00
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>14600.10</b>

Savings Account		
<b>STATEMENT to 4th September 2025</b>		
	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	54781.82

**b)-To approve accounts for payment**

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

**PAYMENTS**

**Nov-25**

Date	Item	Payee	£
26/11/2025	Declaration to Pension Regulator	Integra (Yorkshire) Ltd	72.00
26/11/2025	Tax & NI	HMRC	79.60
26/11/2025	Wages	A Woodhead	318.00
		Total (D)	469.60

**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 was as anticipated.

**d)-VAT 126 Claim for refund**

The Clerk stated that a VAT 126 Claim for refund of £1509.61 has been submitted covering the period 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

**79/1125 Governance**

**a)-Review of the Badsworth Parish Council Project Plan**

The current plan adopted in October 2024 was reviewed and updates made, the plan will be brought to the December meeting for approval.

**b)-To consider Clerk vacancy and determine a way forward.**

**RESOLVED** that the advertisement as presented to the Parish Council, be sent to YLCA and circulated in order to advertise the vacancy, the Clerk will inform Parish Councillors of perspective candidates, the Council accepted the £20 fee.

c)-Internal Audit

It was noted that to date no internal auditor had been appointed, one last suggestion was made, the Clerk was instructed to investigate and report back.

**80/1125 Parish Matters**

a)- To receive updates and consider actions required to address items on the Issues log and consider ways forward.

Cllr Flanagan was thanked for updating and reformatting the Issues log, it was noted that many items had been discussed as part of the agenda and that the new formatted log would be updated accordingly.

b)- To consider supporting the use of the Badsworth Hut as a community safe space, as agreed by the Management Committee, by agreeing to fund any related cost of use from Badsworth Parish Council funds.

**RESOLVED** to support the use of the Badsworth Hut as a community safe space, as agreed by the Management Committee, and to fund any related cost of use for this purpose to a sum up to £1000 from Badsworth Parish Council Reserves.

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

**RESOLVED** that costs be found so as to better inform any consideration, although the proposal was supported in principle.

d)- To receive an update on the second Smiley SID unit and consider the specification in order to instruct the Clerk to place the order.

**RESOLVED** that that Clerk place the order for the Smiley SID as per the quote for the item TT11058 for £4657.20 including VAT.

e)- To receive an update on the Christmas Event 2025

It was reported that the date of the event had been moved to the 9<sup>th</sup> December all would be much as last year, noted.

f)- To consider correspondence from the Lawson Hut Committee concerning possible land encroachment and determine a way forward.

The Clerk reported that given the nature of the matter, the information had been passed over to the Diocese office as soon as it had been received, noted.

g)- To consider items for inclusion on the next agenda

Items to be sent to the Clerk noted that the December meeting has been brought forward and the next meeting of Badsworth Parish Council will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm