

BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday the 28th January 2026 at 7:30 pm in the
Lawson Hut. Main Street, Badsworth. WF9 1AF**

Present: Cllrs J Broadhurst (Chair), K Flanagan, B Graham, J Sumpter, B Slinger.

Members of the public: None

In attendance: A Woodhead, Clerk F Farmer, three members of the public.

91/0126 To receive comments or questions from members of the Public.

Q1. It was asked of the issues log that the Council has could be made available on the Councils Web Site.

A1. The Council is in the process of changing its website, once this is done the Issues Log will be made available.

92/0126 To receive and consider apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Ward Councillor Garbut, noted.

93/0126 To receive declarations of interest

a)-Cllr Flanagan stated that he needed to update his Register of Interest Form, the Clerk will send him a new one to complete and return.

b)-Cllr Graham declared that as a Governor at the School she would not vote on item 99/0126(b)i and as a member of the Lawson Hut Committee she would not vote on 99/0126(b)ii and 99/0126(g) accepted.

94/0126 To consider matters which should be dealt with in open or confidential session.

Resolved to take item 98/0126(b) to closed session

95/0126 To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on Wednesday the 17th December 2025 as a true and accurate record.

96/0126 Planning Matters

To following planning applications were noted.

25/01791/FUL Whitegables, Back Lane. Single storey side and front extension, approved.

25/02132/FUL Corner Cottage, Back Lane. Installation of 17 Solar Panels on roof. Refused.

97/0126 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

Current Account

Badsworth Parish Council	£
	5736.85
Income to date 'A'	16506.01
Total	22242.86
Expenditure to date 'B'	15905.34
Current Balance	6337.52

Date 17th January 2026
STATEMENT to 4th January 2026

Bank Balance	15528.28
Awaiting payment 'D'	7078.76
Payments in progress 'F'	2112.00
Balance	6337.52

Savings Account

STATEMENT to 4th Jan 2026

Balance at start	39,916.19
Interest Jun	132.60
Interest Sept	132.93
Interest Dec	117.24
Interest Mar	
Current Saving Balance	40,298.96
Total	46636.48

b)- To approve accounts for payment

Resolved to approve the following payment.

PAYMENTS

Jan-26

Date	Item	Payee	£
28/01/2026	Wage	A Woodhead	317.80
28/01/2026	Tax	HMRC	79.60
28/01/2026	Second Smiley SID unit	Traffic Technology	4657.20
28/01/2026	Lawson Hut Planting	A Woodhead	24.94
28/01/2026	Christmas Event	J McKinnel	1999.22
		Total (D)	7078.76

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

Resolved to accept the information on receipts and expenditure as presented to the Council and spend to budget as circulated with the meeting papers.

d)- To consider Badsworth Parish Council Budget for 2026-27 and authorise the precept paperwork to be submitted.

Resolved that the precept for Badsworth Parish Council be set at £11,550, the same figure as last year and that any shortfall be made up from reserves. The Clerk was instructed to complete and submit the paperwork.

98/0126 Governance

a)- To consider the appointment of a new Clerk and determine a way forward.

It was noted that a new Clerk had been appointed on the 2nd January 2026 and paperwork was in process, but nothing had been signed. 25 days later the new Clerk resigned having never properly engaged. As such the second candidate has been invited to take the role. Mrs E Farmer was in attendance to observe.

Resolved that Mrs E Farmer is to be the new Clerk for Badsworth Parish Council starting today the 28th January 2026.

b)-To consider correspondence and take action where necessary.

Item taken in closed session, Copies of correspondence were presented by the Clerk, with regards to Data, Council agreed to check the record and send the information on file as requested stating the reason why that was the only data.

With regards to the second item, we will await outcome and will consider that once it has been made clear to the Council.

99/0126 Parish Matters

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

Item deferred to the next meeting due to number of items considered and time constraints.

b)- To consider the following funding requests

i)- Badsworth CofE J&I School requesting assistance to repair light on path £600

Resolved to grant the School £300 towards the cost of the repair to the light.

ii)- Lawson Hut requesting funds to purchase chairs with arms for the Lawson Hut Council asked that costs be brought to the next meeting for consideration

c)- Update on the Christmas Tree in the Grounds of the School

Resolved that this project no longer be considered.

d)- To receive an update on the second Smiley SID unit

Noted that the second smiley SID unit has been delivered and will be placed in a position where it can be made to be turned round to face different directions as required to slow the traffic.

e)-To consider Badsworth Parish Council running a course in the Lawson Hut for resuscitation.

Resolved that Cllr Slinger coordinate this free of charge to the Council service.

f)-To consider running a Parish Consultation to determine Parishioners Priorities for 2026-2027.

Resolved to progress with the questionnaire as presented by the Chair, noting minor amendments. It was stated that handing out with a specific date of collection will help raise response rates significantly.

g)-To consider purchasing a new wire for the Lawson Hut Lawn Mower following an unfortunate incident where work for a Parish Council Project accidentally cut the wire.

Resolved that Cllr Slinger repair the wire free of charge.

h)- items for inclusion on the next agenda

- Review of Issues Log
- New Clerks contract of Employment

100/0126 Date and time of the next meeting.

Resolved the next meeting of Badsworth Parish Council is on Wednesday 25th February 2026.

Meeting Closed at 9:00 pm.