

# Badingham Community Council

Registered Charity no. 274549

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025: 7pm at the Village Hall, Badingham

### Present:

Trustees: Robert (Rob) Johnston, Bill Dicks, Wendy Birtall, Sonja Russell, Michael Skinner.

Villagers: Celia Cracknell, Sonia Frost, John Lloyd, Rosemary Keable, Peter Darby, Alison Darby.

### Apologies:

None received.

ITEM	AGENDA OBJECTIVES	DISCUSSION / ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1	Record apologies for absence	Recorded as above.	Wendy
2	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Badingham Community Council (BCC):	Asked if any objections– in the absence of any objections Rob and Sonja signed the minutes as being a true reflection of the meeting.	Rob / Sonja
3	From the President, Sonja Russell:	Many thanks to everyone in the village who has supported the BCC during the past year, and a huge thank you to the Trustees of the BCC. Thanks to Rob and Wendy for their ongoing work, and welcome to John who is new to the committee and already performing a valuable role.  Grateful thanks those Trustees who have stepped down after many years of volunteering for the BCC. To Bill who has organised and kept our finances in great order, to Pauline who has served for 40 years on the BCC, and to Celia who has supported the BCC Trustees and village events tirelessly.	Sonja

4	Annual Report from the Chair, Robert Johnston:	<p>Annual Report presented: available below and on the Badingham website.</p> <p>Presentation to Bill Dicks and Celia Cracknell during the meeting in acknowledgement of their outstanding contribution to the BCC.</p> <p>Pauline Skevington will also receive an award in appreciation of her equally outstanding contribution over the years.</p>	Rob
5	<p>Annual Report on the Accounts from the Treasurer, Bill Dicks:</p> <p>a. Questions relating to the Accounts:</p>	<p>Bill stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the BCC, and that whilst it has been challenging it has been doable, and there are opportunities for the person who follows in his footsteps as Treasurer to make the role simpler.</p> <p>The Financial Review and Accounts have been posted on the Badingham website.</p> <p>The Accounts have received a clean bill of health from the independent inspector.</p> <p>The BCC has had a financially sound year, ending with a modest cash surplus including that generated from Little Ernie and receipts for adverts placed in the Echo – thanks to John for taking on these elements of work.</p> <p>Cash assets are expected to remain stable next year.</p> <p>Two important financial decisions were made at the start of the year: to close the restricted sports ground fund and open a new fund to enable a grant for the Badingham Bowls Club; and to create a sinking fund as a means to save for replacement of the defibrillator when needed in the future.</p> <p>a. Questions invited from those present:  John asked about depreciation of assets as they age. Formal depreciation of assets only applies when keeping accrual accounts, but charities keeping receipts and payments accounts are required to keep a statement of assets and liabilities. This should be kept under review, and Trustees</p>	Bill

	<p>b. To approve the annual accounts of the Charity:</p> <p>c. To propose the re-appointment of Glen Rae as Independent Inspector:</p>	<p>should regularly consider disposal, replacement, etc. of assets.</p> <p>b. Bill moved the resolution to approve the annual accounts, Celia seconded, carried unanimously.</p> <p>c. Bill moved the resolution to reappoint Glen Rae as independent financial examiner for the coming year. Michael seconded, carried unanimously.</p>	
6	<p>Members questions: Opportunity for those present to ask questions and make comments about the role of the BCC</p>	<p>a. SF: people question what the BCC does. One of the important functions of the BCC is to ensure that a paper copy of the Echo goes to every house rather than being only available online. SF also recommended that it is important to promote provision of the defibrillator and continue to manage it, including providing regular defib training to the village. It is essential going forward to promote the BCC and everything they stand for.</p> <p>b. BD: with other charities in the village it's important to think about how the BCC go forward. Important to continue as a charity and maintain a certain way of functioning and level of integrity. Times have changed since 1965 when the BCC became a charity, some county level Community Councils are now moving on to become Community Interest Companies (CIC's). With lots of information available and ways of accessing information there can be an element of information overload. People may also misunderstand what the BCC stands for. The role of the committee is to change that perception – not solvable overnight but gradually shift ideas.</p> <p>c. WB: there are many groups in the village that have similar sounding names and acronyms – Badingham Community Café (BCC), Badingham Bowls Club (BBC), Badingham Parish Council (BPC) and Parochial Church Council of</p>	

		<p>Badingham (PCC). For consideration is that the name of the BCC is changed to remove the word 'council' and create a more approachable name - one suggestion is 'Friends of Badingham' or 'Friends of Badingham Village'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. RK: care needs to be taken as how others perceive a new name and ensure that those not living in Badingham yet involved in village life are included.</li> <li>e. Ways to advertise and promote the charity will be reviewed in the new year.</li> <li>f. PD: reflected that having lived in the village for 18 months they hadn't heard of the BCC and came along to find out what the BCC do. PD's comments are likely to reflect many people in the village – that the purpose of the BCC is not really understood.</li> <li>g. JL: joining the BCC membership is a way of supporting the community, supporting village life with an altruistic perspective.</li> <li>h. WB: more information about the role of the BCC can be found on the Badingham website: <a href="#">Community Council » BADINGHAM</a></li> <li>i. Agreement amongst those present that it is important to promote the purpose of the BCC and answer the question 'what is the BCC for?'.</li> <li>j. WB: Article has been sent to the Echo for the next edition to help answer the question of what the BCC is for – important that we continue to promote the BCC, its purpose and membership details at all events throughout the year – this will be planned at the next committee meeting.</li> <li>k. Special thanks proposed by RK for the continued hard work by Tish as Editor of the Badingham Echo. All present agreed.</li> </ul>	
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7	<p>Election of Officers</p> <p>Ordinary resolutions:</p> <p>a. To re-elect Robert (Rob) Johnston, Wendy Birtall, Michael Skinner and Sonja Russell as Trustees.</p> <p>b. To call for and if appropriate elect new Trustees:</p> <p>c. Proposal for Robert Johnston to continue as Chair, Sonja Russell as President, Wendy Birtall as Secretary, Rob as Interim Treasurer:</p>	<p>a. Rob moved that those current trustees standing be re-elected as a whole, seconded by John, carried unanimously.</p> <p>b. Election of new Trustees – John Lloyd put himself forward to become a Trustee; Rob moved that this be approved, Rosemary seconded, carried unanimously. John elected as a Trustee.</p> <p>c. Rob moved that those Trustees with current specific roles should continue and that he be appointed as Interim Treasurer; seconded by Sonja, carried unanimously.</p>	<p>a. Rob</p> <p>b. Rob</p> <p>c. Rob</p>
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### **Badingham Community Council - Chair's Annual Report 2025**

The 2024 to 2025 year has been another successful period for Badingham Community Council (BCC).

The BCC has continued to help to fund the Echo. We have continued to run the regular activities we hope will entertain villagers and provide opportunities for people to meet together. The monthly Quiz night remains very popular with local residents. Our recently started Bingo night has flourished and consistently attracts a large attendance. Our Natter and Chatter mornings ran through the winter months providing a warm space with light refreshments once a month. Last Christmas, the BCC Christmas Dinner was well attended. We continued with our objective of attempting activities that would be accessible to younger members of the village by funding gifts from Santa Claus that were presented at last year's Winter Market. Our Wreath Making evening was so well attended that we intend to run it again this Christmas. We have continued to build upon the success of our return to holding the Village Fete at the White Horse with another successful event; raising much needed money to help us fund our other activities anticipated in the coming year. We have further enhanced the activities we attempt to offer the Village with the commencement of a weekly Table Tennis evening. In line with our ongoing objective to increase membership we have been fortunate to recruit a person to promote that task.

Sadly, 2024 – 2025 has also seen the retirement of three Trustees who have been part of this organisation for a very long time and whose contribution to our activities has been extremely supportive. While we move forward to recruiting further Trustees, the intention is modify our emphasis in the coming year to reflect the loss of these valuable members. For the time being, we intend to orientate our efforts to supporting our

existing activities rather than developing new ones. We will be examining different ways to stream line the way we organise our meetings, etc, to make the most of our time.