

BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6:30 pm 12th March 2024

in Badingham Village Hall, Low Street, Badingham IP13 8JT

Members: Cllrs Mountain, Bowe, Welham. Also present: The clerks, and two members of the public for all or part of the meeting.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received and approved from Cllr Sweeney.
3. **Co-option** – Andrew Lindesay was co-opted onto the Parish Council and signed the Acceptance of Office. *Cllr Mountain had to leave the meeting for an urgent matter. Cllr Bowe Chaired the rest of the meeting.*
4. **Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests:** There were no interests declared and no requests for dispensations. Cllrs were reminded of their obligations under the new Code of Conduct.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting 9th January were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.
6. **Outstanding Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere:** Grass verges: Councillor Welham is currently engaged in consultation with interested parties and will report back at next meeting
7. **Public Forum:** Member of the public present in regard to planning application DC/24/0751/ROC and was asked to state his case under item 11 – Planning.
8. **Report from County Councillor:** Reports previously circulated
9. **Report from District Councillors and Leader of ESC:** Reports previously circulated.
10. **Governance and Statutory Business:**
 - i. The following policies were unanimously approved: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Asset Register, CIL Statement to 31/03/2024, Internal Control Statement.
 - ii. Internal auditor, Vicky Warples, approved.
 - iii. Meeting attendance discussed. With new Cllr Lindesay, meeting attendance should improve.
 - iv. Proposed date 7th May 2024 @ 6:30pm for APM followed by AGM at 6.45pm. **Action** Clerk to confirm date acceptable.
11. **Planning:**
 - a) The following planning application was discussed: DC/24/0751/ROC Removal of Condition Nos. 4, 7, 8 & 9 of DC/19/0279/VOC – variation of conditions 3,4, 7 & 8 of application C/08/1574. The Workshop, High House Drive. It was unanimously agreed to object as detailed on the planning portal.
 - b) Planning Determinations received: (i) DC/23/3768/FUL Dunclimbing Construction of a two storey rear extension – Planning permission granted.
 - c) No other planning matters
 - d) How can we protect the integrity of the village – **carried forward.**
12. **Accounts:**
 - a) Payments totalling £1814.27 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors.
 - b) No receipts to note.
 - c) The bank reconciliation as at 29th February (previously circulated) was approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.
 - d) The revised 2024/25 precept and budget was approved.
 - e) Village hall mandate updated to permit two Village Hall committee members to view account online. Not all Cllrs have access to internet banking yet. Action: Clerk to deal with.
 - f) Purchase of Coronation Plaque for tree in Church - carried forward.
 - g) Annual Charity Donation: £100 donation approved to East Anglia Air Ambulance. **Action:** Clerk go action.
13. **Village Hall:** PC will continue to support the village hall committee. Funding opportunity for improvements circulated.
14. **Pocket Park and Open Green Spaces:** Cllr Welham to update at next meeting.
15. **School Transport update:** Despite numerous approaches, nothing has been resolved. No further action.
16. **Village Hall Wifi/BT:** No update.
17. **Correspondence Received:** Clerk confirmed all circulated as appropriate including Suffolk devolution.
18. **Motion under the Public Bodies:** Nothing to note

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7th May 2024 at 6:30pm.

Caroline Byrne - Clerk and Responsible Financial Office to Badingham Parish Council
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So Signedby the Chair at the meeting on