

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6:15pm 29th January 2025

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

Members: Cllrs Mountain, Lindesay, Welham, Johnston. Also present: The clerk, Previous clerk Caroline Emeny for all or all or part of the meeting.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Cllr Mountain welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies; all present
3. **Co-Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests:** Cllr Johnston declared a non-pecuniary interest for item 16. Cllrs were reminded of their obligations under the new Code of Conduct.
4. **Resignation:** The resignation of Cllr Sweeney was noted and accepted. The councillors expressed their sincere appreciation for Cllr Sweeney's contributions during her service and extended best wishes for the future.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting 29th October and 10th December were approved and signed by the Chair.
6. **Outstanding Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere:** The clerk reported that no update had been received regarding the suggestion for yellow lines outside the White Horse Pub. *Action:* The clerk will follow up with East Suffolk Highways
7. **Public Forum:** Two members of the public attended to express their objections to the planning applications listed under item No. 11.
8. **Report from County Councillor:** No reports to circulate.
9. **Report from District Councillors and Leader of ESC:** Leaders Monthly Bulletin previously circulated.
10. **Governance and Statutory Business:** No reported business.
11. **Planning:**
 - a) The following applications were discussed: <https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> Conversion of Agricultural Buildings (i) DC/24/4538/P3Q (Building A) 3 x residential units. (ii) DC/24/4539/P3Q (Building B) 3 x residential units (iii) DC24/4540/P3Q (Building C) 3 x residential units (IV) DC/24/4541/P3Q (Building D) 1 x residential unit. It was proposed and unanimously approved to submit a 'no response.'
 - b) No planning determinations received.
 - c) Any other planning matters for information: (i) The clerk read out the response from East Suffolk Council for DC/24/2773/FUL - Twin Oak Drive, Badingham, Suffolk, IP13 8LH (ii) Planning Forum invitation - Cllr Lindesay has registered to attend. (IV) Launch of the East Suffolk Developers Charter – previously circulated.
12. **Accounts:**
 - a) Payments totalling £1460.38 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors. Payments totalling £1348.23 (previously circulated) for the VH were unanimously approved and signed by 2 councillors.
 - b) Receipts to Note: £1485.28 VAT receipt.
 - c) The bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2024 (previously circulated) was approved and signed by the vice-chair.
 - d) The 2025/26 precept and budget was approved. Use of funds were discussed. *Action:* Clerk to submit signed copy of the precept and to write to Church Warden to ask if there is anything specific the pc can help with.
 - e) Cllr Mountain reported that he has purchased as a donation, the Coronation Plaque for tree in Church.
13. **Village Hall:** Current Chair will be leaving by the end of the financial year. A replacement was discussed. *Action:* Cllr Johnston will be following up to coordinate efforts and work on uniting the various village groups, to help generate interest in someone stepping forward to take charge.
14. **Pocket Park:** Obligations for tree management were discussed. *Action:* Clerk to contact East Suffolk Council for further information.
15. **Village Hall Wifi/BT update:** The recent hike in monthly payments was discussed. *Action:* Clerk to contact BT to negotiate a better deal.
16. **Community Action Plan:** The recent request from Badingham Bowls Club 2025 Fundraising campaign for £5000 was considered and unanimously approved to donate the funds to a worthy village community development plan. *Action:* Clerk is to check the proper procedure for the transfer of funds.

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17. Badingham Parish council Village Hall Website: The clerk updated the councillors on the transfer to the new website scheduled for 31st January 2025.

18. Correspondence Received:

19. Motion under the Public Bodies: The overtime of the clerk worked this month, which were necessary to cover all the work were discussed and approved by the Chair and Council for submission this month and for future instances as needed.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 4th March at 6:15pm.

Caroline Byrne - Clerk and Responsible Financial Office to Badingham Parish Council