

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6:15pm on 19th August 2025

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

Members: Cllrs Lindesay, Cutress, Johnston, Welham. Also present: The clerk and one member of the public

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Prior to the meeting, the Chair, Cllr Mountain, submitted his resignation. As a result, the Vice-Chair, Cllr Lindesay, chaired the meeting. The councillors expressed their thanks to Cllr Mountain for his contributions during his time as Chair and wished him well for the future.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies were received by the Vice-Chair.
3. **Co-Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests:** Non-Pecuniary Interest was signed by Cllr Lindesay for Agenda item 10 a. (ii) Cllrs were reminded of their obligations under the new Code of Conduct.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on 8th July were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere:** Clerk has had no contact from the War Graves Commission and it was discussed to seek the CEO (Director-General) contact details. No further action required on grass cutting.
6. **Public Forum:** A member of the public raised concerns regarding speeding along Mill Road and suggested looking into the implementation of 20 mph speed limit schemes. The council agreed to look into this matter.
7. **Report from County Councillor:** No report to circulate.
8. **Report from District Councillors Grey and Langdon-Morris and ESC Leader's Monthly Bulletin:** Previously circulated from Langdon-Morris.
9. **Governance and Statutory Business:** Nothing to report.
10. **Planning:**
 - a) Planning application DC/25/2885/VOC – Listed Building Consent - Cllr Lindesay did not take part in the discussion, while the other councillors approved the application.
 - b) No planning determinations received. For information only.
 - c) How would you like to be involved in planning the future of your area questionnaire left in VH for residents to complete.
 - d) Clerk read response from ESC re planning application DC/25/1983/FUL - Sundown House confirming a condition that the cartlodge be used only for purposes ancillary to the dwelling.
 - e) No response received from ESC on policies for DC/25/2040/EE Overhead Electricity Line, Twin Oak Drive
11. **Accounts:**
 - a) Payments totalling £1016.45 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors. Payments totalling £178.56 (previously circulated) for the VH were unanimously approved and signed by 2 councillors.
 - b) No receipts to note
 - c) The bank reconciliations as at 31st July (previously circulated) was approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.
 - d) Action needed to add Cllr Johnston as an authorised user for internet banking. *Clerk to Action.*
 - e) No funding opportunities to note.
 - f) Discussion on potential Donation to Local First Aid or Community Responder Groups: Cllr Cutress will provide contact details related to the previously discussed donation.
12. **Village Hall:** Council agreed to support R. Picton's quote for the bench. *Action:* Clerk to inform R. Picton.
13. **Pocket Park and Open Green Spaces:** Clerk informed members that the annual Rospa inspection is scheduled to take place in September. Cllr Welham to look into options for play equipment and report back at the next meeting. Hedges around the pond, houses, and village hall need cutting - to be organised by Cllr Welham, provided the cost is under £300. No formal inspection of the hedges has been carried out; they are to be maintained as needed. Rob to request a quote from a tree surgeon for tree inspections.
14. **Badingham Parish Council Village Hall Website and Mailboxes:** Clerk updated members that the new gov.uk mailboxes have now been set up and the clerk will distribute to councillors following the meeting, along with instructions.

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- 15. Review of Badingham Map Subscription & Proposal for Village Hall Display:** Cllr Cutress to lead
- 16. Parish Vision:** Cllr Johnston shared ideas regarding the vision for the area and leaving a lasting legacy.
- 17. Joint Village Walk:** Cllr Johnston shared his experience of a walk that could serve as a good idea to connect local villages. *Action:* Cllr Johnston will gather feedback and ideas from others regarding this proposal.
- 18. Correspondence received:** A member of the public has followed up on the request for a footpath sign near Gortons Cottages. *Action:* Clerk to respond to the requester to contact the Rights of Way Manager at East Suffolk. Cllr Cutress to provide the relevant contact details for the footpath sign to pass on.
- 19. Motion under the Public Bodies:** Nothing to note.

The meeting closed at 20:15

The next meeting is scheduled for 30th September 2025 at 6:15pm

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