

# BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM)

Draft Minutes of the APM held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

Present: Councillors T. Mountain (Chair); R. Welham, A. Lindesay. L. Cutress District Councillor: Vince Langdon-Morris

Electors: 6 Members of the public attended the meeting

1. **Welcome:** The Chair, Cllr Mountain introduced himself, welcomed everyone and explained the purpose of the APM.
2. **Apologies:** Apologies received and approved from Cllr Johnston and various members of the Badingham Groups
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the APM held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.
4. **Chair's Report and Thanks:** Cllr Mountain read his report noting specific points. The focus was on improving facilities for the village, with thanks extended to local groups for their contributions and for how well the village is served. Looking ahead, the next 12 months are expected to be positive, with any new buildings falling under the parish councils responsibility to ensure they are designed in keeping with the character of the village. Chair encouraged members of the community to submit ideas for the use of open spaces and ways to draw more people in. Residents were urged to consider becoming councillors, as the council is currently short on numbers.
5. **County Councillor's Report:** Report was circulated and available for all to read.
6. **District Councillor's Report:** Cllr Langdon-Morris read his report, focusing on Framlingham resilience and Recovery Working Group in relation to the more infrastructure, housing and solar power that are proposed. Praised the Be Well bus for being a positive initiative that's made a difference to the community. There was an update on devolution and progress toward the establishment of unitary councils. Contact was welcomed regarding small funding opportunities available through his ECB budget. Discussed tree protection and the effects of second home premiums.
7. **Annual Reports:** All reports issued before the meeting began were printed and circulated. Members of the Village Hall and St John The Baptist's Church read out their reports, and the following individuals/groups also submitted reports:

County Cllr Burroughes	
District Cllr Grey	Badingham Community Café
Kurling Club	Enterprise Badingham/Community Gardens
Bowls Club	Bowls Club
Litter Pick	Need a hand
8. **Items of concern from those present:** a) Reported that the pub is looking to reach out regarding potential transformation efforts at the back area to encourage younger members of the community. *Action: The clerk to Contact the pub to inform them that they can reach out to the parish council to spread the word and gather input from the community. Following this, a notification will be placed in the Echo newsletter to encourage community feedback.* b) The Village Hall is eager to enhance communication for event promotion and has discussed the possibility of a central index on the website, featuring links to various groups. *Action: The clerk will follow up with the respective groups*
9. **No other matters notified to The Chair.**
10. **Next meeting:** Next year's APM will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6:00pm.
11. **Closing Remarks:** The Chair thanked everyone once again for their attendance and contributions in helping make Badingham a special village and a wonderful community to live in.

The meeting closed at 6:45pm.

**Caroline Byrne**

Clerk and Responsible Financial Office to Badingham Parish Council

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Signed ..... at the meeting on .....