

BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 6:00 pm, 14th April 2026

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

Members: Cllrs Lindesay, Cutress, Welham. Also present: The clerk and Chair of VH committee.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** No apologies were received by the Vice-Chair.
3. **Co-Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests:** Pecuniary Interest was signed by Cllr Cutress for Agenda item 10 a. (iii) Cllrs were reminded of their obligations under the new Code of Conduct.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on 3rd March were approved and signed by the chair.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere:** Mill Road flooding was discussed, with PC volunteers offering to clear gullies, although the owner believes the source is elsewhere. A 20mph speed limit with SID signs at several locations, including both ends of Low Road, is being considered, subject to traffic surveys, site suitability, SCC approval, and resident support. SCC may fund new poles if required, with existing poles preferred, and volunteers will manage the signs. Cllr Lindesay will draft wording for the Badingham Echo to gauge support. No response has been received regarding Low Street.
6. **Public Forum:** No reports to note
7. **Report from County Councillor:** Previously circulated.
8. **Report from District Councillors and Leader of ESC:** Previously circulated.
9. **Governance and Statutory Business:** (i) The risk assessment was reviewed and will be circulated to councillors, with a list of jobs to be drawn up and actions progressing as responses are received. Councillors authorised the purchase of one bag of play bark, and Rob will place the order and arrange cleaning of the nest swing, seeking assistance if needed. Measures to deter birds will also be explored.
10. **Planning:**
 - a) The following planning applications were considered, and councillors raised no objections: (i) DC/26/0609/FUL for a new timber-framed clubhouse at Bowling Green, IP13 8JR; (ii) DC/26/0875/FUL for a single-storey rear extension at 2 Mill Road, IP13 8LG; and (iii) DC/26/1003/FUL for a single-storey rear conservatory extension at The Willows, Pound Green Road, IP13 8LU.
 - b) No planning determinations received. For information only.
 - c) The circulated Rural Exception Site/Community-Led Housing information was noted and will be carried forward for further consideration at the next meeting.
11. **Accounts:**
 - a) Payments totalling £1474.15 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors. Payments totalling £2073.91 (previously circulated) for the VH were unanimously approved and signed by 2 councillors.
 - b) No receipts to note.
 - c) The bank reconciliations as at 31.03.26 (previously circulated) were approved and signed by the chair.
 - d) Nothing to note.
 - e) No current funding opportunities identified.
12. **Village Hall:** R Picton, Chair of the Village Hall, attended the meeting to discuss updates to the VH terms of reference, including proposing a fixed annual date for the AGM. Questions were raised regarding financial responsibility for works such as painting and general updating of the Village Hall, and access to VH bank account details was requested. R Picton will further develop these proposals and present them at the next VH meeting. Cllr Lindesay will attend the next VH meeting on 18th May. Payment of £930 to GDR Property Care for the installation of acoustics was formally approved.
13. **Pocket Park:** A revised quote for play equipment at the Pocket Park was noted as not urgent. Councillors agreed they need to see the Village Hall committee's full proposals and expectations before any funding decisions are made, so the matter can be considered as a whole. Lynn will contact the Toilet Company regarding possible sponsorship for the toilets.
14. **Correspondence Received** The clerk confirmed all circulated as appropriate.
15. **Motion under the Public Bodies:** Nothing to note.

The meeting closed at 19:55

The next meeting is scheduled for 19th May 2026 *Caroline Byrne- Clerk and RFO to Badingham Parish Council*

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So Signed by the Chair at the meeting on 19th May 2026