**BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday May 8th 2019 at 7.30pm**

 **at Badingham Village Hall**

Reports from District & County Councillors, and questions from members of public: -

Duration time maximum 20 minutes - 3 minutes per person.

**1 MEMBERS TO ELECT CHAIR** – Nomination- Proposer, Seconder - vote & Signing of Declaration of Acceptance

 Cllr Frost expressed willingness to continue as Chair, Cllr Welham proposed and Cllr

 Horrocks seconded, all agreed.

 The new term Declaration of Acceptance forms were completed by all the elected councillors.

**2 MEMBERS TO CONSIDER ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR AND REPRESENTATIVES. -**Highways/Trees/Ponds/Footpaths/ Emergency.

 Members agreed to continue sharing the responsibilities of each category.

**3 PRESENT & APOLOGIES**

 Cllr S Frost - Chair Cllr S Osborne

 Cllr D Horrocks

 Cllr R Welham

 Mrs Sue Piggott – Clerk

**4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None

**5 MINUTES OF MEETING–** To approve Minutes – 3rd April 2019

 Council members considered and approved the Minutes for April 3rd 27th 2019.

**6 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING**

The Clerk is progressing the Year End Audit.

 The Chair met with Cllr Welham to check on the state of the entrance gates at Pocket Park. The gates had collapsed due to rotten wood, Cllr Welham removed the gates. The Chair arranged and met with contractors to gain quotes to replace the gates and posts details under item 12.

 The Chair reported that she had been asked for a Footpath brochure and that she would be getting one from the store, along with some others to put at the shop and pub.

 The Chair discovered that the Notice Board lock broken, details under item 11.

**7 FINANCE**

**7.1** Financial Statement – To Approve

 The Financial Statement was agreed

**7.2** Year End Audit Statements to approve.

 The Year End Audit Statements were signed - a requirement before 1st June.

**8 FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

It was agreed that the Chair should raise the importance that more members of the community join the Parish Council, and to explain that to have only 4 members puts it seriously at risk.

**8 HIGHWAYS-** Any issues

 Cllr Horrocks has reported issues onto the SCC website reporting portal. Pot holes in the pavement along and outside the White Horse pub, and signs that are down.

**9 PLANNING**

To form a response for applications**:**

 **DC/19/1456/LBC- White Horse Inn- single storey extension to rear and conversion of bar to accommodate for letting.**

Members agreed to Support the proposal for a rear extension but reluctantly supported the change of use for the bar room which would take away the facility that members of the community enjoyed for meeting and having a drink, the rest of the premises being for restaurant provision. Whilst it was understood that accommodation supplemented the business it was felt that converting the outside old stable block would be a much better way to provide accommodation.

 **DC/19/1592/COU-Oakenhill Hall, Outbuilding-Change of use annexe/holiday/residential**

 Members agreed to Support

 **DC/19/1412/FUL -Lime Tree Farmhouse-extension to residential cartlodge**

 Members agreed to Support

**10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 31.5.19**

It was agreed that refreshments would include wine and crisps. The Chair agreed to organise and will liaise with Cllr Osborne.

 Posters will be put up on notice boards, the neighbourhood site and website.

 **DH & SP**

**11 VILLAGE HALL**

The Parish Council Notice Board on the wall of the Village Hall now has a broken lock and has had the doors closed and screwed to secure.It is unknown how this has come about, but all members agreed to appoint a locksmith to change the lock and repair the doors. Cllr Horrocks will contact a locksmith and meet them on site**. DH**

**12** **POCKET PARK**

The Chair has received quotes from two different contractors to replace the gates and gate posts. Members considered both quotes and agreed to appoint Kiwi fencing services. The Clerk will write to appoint them to carry out the works a.s.a.p. **SP**

**14 CORRESPONDENCE** - None

**15 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

**16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday July 24th TBC

Meeting closed 9.30pm

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Chair Date