**BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 7.30pm**

 **at Badingham Village Hall**

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

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

**1 PRESENT APOLOGIES**

 Cllr S Frost - Chair Cllr M Bedson

 Cllr T Barber Cllr L McQuade- Vice Chair

 Cllr G Upton Cllr E Meigh

 Cllr R Welham

 Cllr S Osborne

 Mrs Sue Piggott – Clerk

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Frost – Neighbour to Planning Application – Item 6

 Clllr Upton – Village Hall Committee

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING – Approve & Sing**

Counci approved and signed the Minutes for 23.11.15 and 4.2.16

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

The Clerk submitted a response to SCDC Planning with regards to the Local Plan

 consultation and forwarded the Councils support of the proposals, with the condition

 that it was considered that Badingham does not need any further allocations of

 Affordable Social Rental housing.

The Clerk has e.mailed PC Hassler to discuss the way forward in the process for consideration for a community speed initiative for the village. It is hoped that at the next meeting there will be advice on how to proceed.

The Clerk has forwarded the latest newsletter issued by the County Emergency Planning team, this could help in how to further awareness to the community.

The Clerk heard formally from Tesco Bags for Life funding, that the application made was successful, our 5,000 applications, Badingham was amongst the three successful applicants chosen for this area, and that shoppers would vote at the local Tesco stores to determine which of the three amounts of money each project would receive. The Clerk contacted the local press. The press sent a photographer and a piece was put in the paper. The Clerk contacted the Play Equipment company NGF, and the Chair and Clerk met with them to survey and find the best sites on Pocket Park to construct the equipment. An approximate delivery and install date was given for within the two weeks following the Easter holidays. Yesterday evening the Clerk received an e.mail from Tesco informing of the result of the Public Vote, Badingham came third and will receive £8,000, as soon as the formal notification is received and returned with bank details the Grant will be paid.

The Clerk contacted SCDC to find the balance that can be applied for under the PlaySpace grant, there is £1,300 that can be applied for to put towards the Tesco funding.

The Clerk has registered the Beacon event with the Queens Pageant Master for April 21st, and has received the formal timing

**4.1** Council members unanimously gave their thanks and gratitude to the Clerk for achieving a successful application and gaining funds for Play Equipment.

**5 FINANCE**

 Councillors agreed the Financial Statement.

**5.1** Councillors agreed to appoint Internal Auditors Heallis & Co.

**5.2** Council agreed to ratify the Parish Council’s Risk Assessment, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

**6 PLANNING**

Council to considered:

 **Proposal:** Change of use from Garage to A1 Shop as Community Shop, Parking at Church car park as required. **Address**: Mindys Bar, Low Street Badingham. **Ref:** DC/16/0278/COU.

 Councillors agreed a response of Support

**7 QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY BEACON LIGHTING EVENT**

The Chair confirmed that the Church has agreed to have the Beacon lit at the top of the tower, also that Bob Foster is willing to install the Beacon at the top of the tower and to light the Beacon. Badingham has been formally registered for the event and the Paegent Master has confirmed the synchronised lighting time as 7.30pm. Councillors agreed that everyone attending the event should gather at the pub and aim to leave the pub to walk to the church at 7 o’clock.

**7.1** Councillors considered joining the village event in June to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday, and agreed to offer contributions of wine, squash etc to toast the Queen.

 Council agreed that the details be put into the next edition of the Echo. **SP**

**8 HIGHWAYS – Cllr G Upton**

A problem in the road by a drain exists, the hole is substantial. Councillors agreed that the Clerk report this problem**. SP**

**9 PARISH PLAN** – **Cllr Frost**

Cllr Frost reported that 100 brochures have now be printed and are ready to distribute within the village**.**

**10** **POCKET PARK – Cllr R Welham**

Councillors reviewed the equipment that could be delivered for the £8,000 gained through funding. The funds would not cover the twin tower play equipment and a set of swings. The Clerk reminded the council that the SCDC section 106 PlaySpace money allocated for Badingham still had approximately £1,300, with the addition of this amount if the council could find the shortfall of approximately £500-£600 this would meet the costs of the Twin Tower Play equipment, installation and safety matting. Councillors requested that the Clerk write to the BCC who had published in the Echo that they had a sum of money that was ear marked for Play Space. It was also requested that the Clerk make an application to SCDC PlaySpace funding.  **SP**

**10.1** The Chair reported that during the meeting at Pocket Park with NGF (play equipment supplier) it was noted that access to the pond from the gate and to the lifebelt needed to be improved, it was requested that he quote to improve the footing by way of gravelled and sleeper edged wide shallow steps. Council agreed that making a safe footing area at the gate end of the pond was necessary.

**10.2** Council agreed that the hedging around the pond should come down in height.

**10.3** Council agreed to review the grass cutting, and that more frequent grass cutting take place to enable a walkway to access the new Play Equipment which will be sited at the top of the hill, it offers the best drainage on which to place the equipment. To offset the increased expense of more frequent cutting it was agreed to leave the central area for long grass and wild flowers and that this be cut twice a year. **RW**

**10.4** Cllr Welham proposed that the grass cutting contract for Pocket Park and village be put to Kindlewood, their quote is competitive and they are on hand should any extra items of work be required at short notice. Council all agreed that Cllr Welham notify them and appoint them for the grass cutting and land management contract. **RW**

**11 VILLAGE HALL – Cllr G Upton**

Cllr Upton reported that the Beech Tree on the boundary will receive works to bring the height down to hedge height. The Boiler maintenance contract has gone to Saunders, who is properly certified for Calor Gas. The BCC are to be written to in the hope that they will sponsor the cost of a new Fire Door. The Village Hall received £730 from a pub New Year’s Eve draw together with a donation of £200 which meant that they received a total of £930.

**12 EMERGENCY PLANNING – Cllr Barber**

Cllr Barber explained he is still trying to formulate a telephone tree of volunteers but only has one that has come forward.

**13 TRAINING**

 Councillors agreed that Cllr training should be booked for all councillors for April.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE -**None

**15 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Footpaths

**16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** Thursday April 14th -TBC

Meeting closed 9.40pm

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Chair Date