

# BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7pm Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

Members: Cllrs, Bowe, Welham and Lindesay. Also present the Clerk and one member of the public.

1. **Chairs Welcome:** The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of the Chair.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received and approved from Cllr Mountain.
3. **Co-Option:** Robert Johnston was co-opted onto the Parish Council and signed the Acceptance of Office.
4. **Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests:** There were no interests declared and no requests for dispensations.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.
6. **Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere:** Mill Road flooding: Ownership of the land remains unknown following Cllr Owen-Grey's email to East Suffolk Council. Cllrs Bowe and Welham agreed to visit the site to agree the next step to help clear the area before the winter. Suggestions will be brought to the next PC meeting.
7. **Public Forum:** There were no issues raised by members of the public.
8. **Report from County Councillor** None
9. **Report from District Councillors Grey and Langdon-Morris and ESC Leader's Monthly Bulletin:** Reports previously circulated and uploaded on the website.
10. **Governance and Statutory Business:** (i) Section Two Accounting Statement re-approved and initialled by Vice-Chair and Clerk. (ii) Full report from the Internal Auditor previously circulated and contents noted thereof.
11. **Planning:**
  - a) No planning applications to consider.
  - b) Planning determination (i) DC/24/1084/FUL Retrospective application, Agricultural Building Wood Farm, Badingham, reported as permitted.
  - c) No planning matters to consider.
  - d) How can we protect the integrity of the village: Discussed what a village plan could involve and how beneficial it would be to have a consensus view from the community. PC members will use this opportunity to reach out to other villages/individuals that have set up a plan to gain insight into what's involved and report back at next meeting.
12. **Accounts:**
  - a) Payments totalling £1079.56 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors. Payments for Village Hall totalling £1470.75 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors.
  - b) There were no receipts to note
  - c) The bank reconciliation as at 31 May (previously circulated) was approved and signed by the Chair.
  - d) Update on internet banking: New mandate signed and authorised by Cllr Welham and Bowe on behalf of Cllr Lindesay
  - e) Purchase of Coronation Plaque for tree in the church: To be carried forward
13. **Village Hall:** The official opening of the garden, known as the herb garden behind the village hall had an excellent turn out. A recipe book has been printed and copies have been sold. It was reported that the village hall floor remains in bad condition following the flooding and will need to be re-laid. Discussed drafting in specialist advice to avoid a recurrence.
14. **Pocket Park and Open Green Spaces:** Cllr Welham signed the consent form to enable Utility Tree Works on behalf of UK Power Networks to access pocket park to carry out the planned tree cutting within the next couple of months. *Action: Clerk to forward by email the consent form.*

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**15. Wifi/BT Update:** No updates

**16. Correspondence received:** Clerk confirmed all circulated as appropriate. Support discussed and approved for a campaign regarding the Safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters. Outdoor Playing Space application received from East Suffolk Council on behalf of Dennington who have applied for funding to improve play area in the village. The funding request is for the full amount of the pot shared between Dennington and Badingham. No objections from the PC.

**17. Motion under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960:** Cllr Bowe informed the PC that he would be moving home to a new area within the next couple of months and therefore will be standing down. Councillor Bowe reassured the PC that he would continue to offer support and is planning to attend the next meeting. The Council collectively expressed their thanks for his support, commitment and dedication during his time in office serving the community and wished Councillor Bowe well for the future.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm

**The next meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7pm.**

*Caroline Byrne* - Clerk and Responsible Financial Office to Badingham Parish Council