

BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:00pm, 29th October 2024

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

Members: Cllrs Welham, Sweeney, Lindesay, Johnston. Also present: The clerk, and three members of the public for all or part of the meeting.

1. **Chair's Welcome:** Cllr Lindesay stood in as chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies received and approved from Cllr Mountain.
3. **Co-Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests:** Cllr Sweeney declared a non-pecuniary interest as resident of The Meadows and Director of Meadow Field Management Company for agenda item 5. Cllr Johnston declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as a member of the BCC. Cllrs were reminded of their obligations under the new Code of Conduct.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting 24th September were approved and signed by the acting chair.
5. **Outstanding Matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere:** Mill Road/New Lea flooding update.
6. **Public Forum: This was discussed under item 5 above. Mill road flooding update.** A member of the public attended to raise a concern about item 5. It was concluded that it was a neighbour dispute and not appropriate for discussion at a PC meeting. Members were reminded about the importance of ensuring any correspondence is signed in correct manner when dealing with private matters.
7. **Report from County Councillor:** None reported
Report from District Councillors and Leader of ESC: Reports previously circulated and on the website.
8. **Governance and Statutory Business:** Review of the new defibrillator public liability for signature. The BCC treasurer explained how the public liability insurance would cover the repair costs in the event of an incident, as outlined in the agreement. The PC expressed its understanding and agreed to support the acquisition of the new defibrillator. It was resolved to authorise signing the agreement. **Action:** *The clerk to clarify who signs the agreement.*
9. **Planning:**
 - a) The following planning application was discussed: DC/24/3534/TPO Flax Cottage, IP13 8JX. A motion to approve this application was passed, including a recommendation for the planting of replacement trees within a suitable location in the village.
 - b) No planning determinations received. For information only.
 - c) No other planning matters or comments to submit to East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA) Community Engagement meeting.
10. **Accounts:**
 - a) Payments totalling £1753.62 (previously circulated) were unanimously approved and signed by 2 Councillors. Payments totally £1223.78 (previously circulated) for the VH were unanimously approved and signed by 2 councillors.
 - b) Receipts to note: £6,975.00 2nd Precept instalment, Wayleave agreement cheque £1.15 - UK Power Networks
 - c) The bank reconciliation as at 30th September (previously circulated) was approved and signed by the chair of this meeting and another Cllr.
 - d) Update on Internet banking including any o/s internet sign ups: No items to report.
 - e) Update on purchase of Coronation Plaque for tree in Church: Carried forward to next meeting, with the chair leading.
11. **Village Hall:** The parish council would like to extend their thanks and gratitude to the village hall committee members for their hard work on behalf of the community. It was resolved village hall is responsible for the garden waste renewal.
12. **Grit Bin:** The clerk reported that Suffolk Highways will be organising the fill/refill within the next few weeks. It was also noted that there is only one bin in the parish, which is located outside the village hall.
13. **Badingham Parish Council Village Hall website:** A member of the Badingham Village Hall Management Committee (BVHMC) proposed website options, including the suggestion to use gov.uk domains, for discussion. The idea of having separate websites for the Parish Council and the village hall was considered, with this option being the preferred choice. Cllr Lindesay to be involved alongside the BVHMC. **Action:** *The clerk to investigate further information and report back*

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- 14. Pocket Park and Open Green Spaces:** ROSPA Annual report reviewed with no immediate actions required. Pond area discussed and agreed a thorough cleanup along with other improvement tasks to be initiated. It was resolved work costing up to £600.00 could proceed.
- 15. Correspondence Received:** Happy to chat Bench sign and funding discussed for the Bowls Club. **Action:** *Clerk to send any appropriate funding correspondence to send to Cllr. Mountain.*
- 16. Motion under the Public Bodies:** Nothing to note

The meeting closed at 8:44pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 10th December at 6:15pm.

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