

Minutes of Badsworth Parish Council meeting held on 15th February 2023 at 7-30pm in the Lawson Hut

Present Cllr. P Smith (Chairman), Cllr. Brenda Graham & Cllr J Brierley and 5 members of the public.

124/01/23 Apologies District Cllrs A Garbutt & R Massey

125/01/23 Declarations of Interest & requests for Dispensations. None were received.

126/01/23 Exclusion of Press & Public it was agreed agenda item 10 Village Parking would be moved to private business and discussed at the end of the agenda.

127/01/23 Public Participation Session. A member of the public spoke for the residents present about their concerns relating to the Planning Application 22/01683/FUL They felt their properties would be overlooked due to the height of the extension and a concern that a 5 bedroom house would result in cars being parked on Back Lane

128/01/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2022 These were approved.

129/01/23 Council to receive Reports from:

- a) **Chairman** The Chairman reported that Cllr. Slinger had tendered his resignation today. He thanked him for his work on the council.
- b) **District Councillors** None had been received.
- c) **Police** No report had been received

130/01/23 Planning

a) Application 22/01683/FUL It was noted that WMDC had now accepted there was a legal responsibility to formally notify Parish Council of all amended planning Applications. After considering the amendments, it was resolved to object to the Application based on height, mass & design, all of which would have a negative impact on the street scene and the setting of the adjacent Conservation Area.

Application 22/02593/22 It was resolved to object to the Application as Parish Council was concerned about the impact of the proposals on the setting of the adjacent St Mary's Church, which is Grade I listed. It is also felt that the scale of work proposed and the addition of solar panels in a fairly prominent position may be detrimental to the Conservation Area. It was also agreed that general clarification was required from Wakefield MDC on the fitting of solar panels in the Conservation area using Permitted Development rights.

b) Decisions 22/0242/TCA Refused, 22/02133/FUL Approved

131/01/23 Finance

- a) **Invoices to Pay** Agreed as per the schedule.
- b) **Reserves** £22k for parking initiatives & £8k for traffic calming measures. These figures may need revisiting later.
- c) **Bank Statements** These had been circulated. It was noted that the address on them was the previous clerks address. The Chairman advised that no paper statements were being sent out.

132/01/23 To appoint an Internal Auditor It was agreed Andrew Bosmans is approached again to audit this years accounts.

133/01/23 Proposed Highway Improvements These had been circulated. These involved 3 areas in the village. It is possible that there may be some pre consultation with the village.

134/01/23 Hanging Baskets It was agreed we contact Plantscape for a price for a similar number of baskets as last last year within our budget of £2k (after VAT). If they can do it we will accept the quote.

135/01/23 Village Newsletter funding A request had been received to continue funding the publication of the newsletter. It was agreed we fund 7 issues to March 2024 at a cost of £120 per issue.

136/01/23 Village Planting A request had been received to fund the replacement of the roses in the beds adjacent to the church wall on Main Street. It was agreed £120 gross be allocated and a VAT invoice be obtained.

137/01/23 Clerk Vacancy The Chairman has contacted SLCC who may have the name of a locum clerk. Another person has also been contacted.

138/01/23 Matters Arising from December meeting & correspondence Matters arising - Village Parking & Highway improvements were agenda items.
An FOI request had been made to WYP

Correspondence

WMDC Precept documents 2023/24, Stage 2 Complaint re Thorpe Lane culvert, feedback from LPA planning amendment process, a holding letter re guidance from LPA re solar panels within a Conservation Area, Hanging baskets requirements for 2023, formal consultation request from LPA re 22/01683/FUL, Highways proposals in Badsworth.

WYCA Complaint response re 485 bus service through the village.

Badsworth School re village parking

National Highways Advance notification of work on A1 at Wentbridge.

Village Plan funding request.

All were either discussed or contents noted.

139/01/23 Members Reports Cllr. Graham reported that she had reported the build up of leaves in the road edge of Saddlers Grove and the footpath. This had been cleared.

140/01/23 Item that the public are excluded from - Village Parking. The meeting with representatives from the Church and Diocese had overall been positive. It was hoped a further meeting could be set towards the end of April 2023 and include representatives from WMDC Highways, West Yorks Police and a Badsworth school representative.
The meeting closed at 9-05pm.

Date of next meeting 15th March 2023 at 7-30pm in the Lawson Hut.