

BADSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Badsworth Parish Council held on Wednesday the 23rd October 2024 at 7:30 pm, in the Lawson Hut, Main Street, Badsworth. WF9 1AF

Present: Cllrs J Graves (Chair) J Broadhurst, K Flanagan, B Graham.

Members of the public: Three present.

In Attendance: A Woodhead, Interim Clerk and A Garbutt Wakefield Council Ward Member.

58/1024 To receive comments or questions from members of the public.

Q. It was asked if a meeting between the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Committee could take place.

A. It was reported that as the Chair was back, a meeting will be arranged with the Parish Plan Committee.

Q. Having seen official notices from Wakefield Council regarding the proposed Parking Scheme for the Village, do we know what is happening and when.

A. The Scheme will be implemented some time in 2025.

59/1024 To receive and consider apologies for absence.

No absences.

60/1024 To note resignation and express thanks to Cllr A Garbutt.

Having been appointed to the Parish Council as one of three Ward Members to ensure that the Council could continue to function, Cllr Garbutt, as the last remaining appointee has resigned from Badsworth Parish Council. Cllr Garbutt was thanked for his time and support and was welcomed to the meeting in his capacity as a Ward Member.

61/1024 To receive any declarations of personal and /or prejudicial interests

No declarations.

62/1024 To consider matters which should be dealt with in open, or confidential session.

(Items for which the Press and Public may be excluded further to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Resolved to take one item to closed session.

63/1024 To receive parish information from District Councillors/inform the District Councillors of Parish issues.

Cllr Garbutt stated that the Capital Grant funding for the Smiley SID unit has been granted by the Ward Members, the Clerk has been sent details of the next steps to take.

64/1024 To confirm the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 as a true and accurate record.

65/1024 To consider the adoption of the Badsworth Parish Council Plan

The Clerk presented the Badsworth Parish Council Plan to the meeting, stating that the information for this simple document has originated from discussions at Parish Council meetings since February 2024. Noting that the Council required something to give direction to the work being done, the plan should be reviewed as required and budget figures have been included. If accepted that current spent to budget will be amended to reflect the plan, giving focus to budgeting.

Resolved to adopt the plan as presented (Appendix 1)

66/1024 Highways matters

Ward Cllr Garbutt reported that the 20 mph speed limit signs for the village where on Wakefield Councils Schedule and should be fitted soon.

67/1024 Planning Matters

a)-To consider planning validated applications

No items

b)-To receive information on planning decisions

24/01431/TPO 8 Sadlers Grove, Tree works; refused, noted.

c)-To receive information on any appeals

68/1024 Financial Matters

a)-To receive and consider the Bank reconciliation

i)The following Bank Reconciliation was noted.

Bank Reconciliation	Badsworth Parish Council	
		£
Cash brought forward from 2023-2024		10167.93
	Income to date 'A'	11000.00
	Total	21167.93
	Expenditure to date 'B'	8911.33
	Current Balance	12256.60
	Awaiting payment	8911.33
Date 23rd Oct 2024	Bank Balance	21167.93
STATEMENT TO 4th Sept 2024		
	Awaiting payment	8911.33
	Balance	12256.60
Savings Account		
STATEMENT TO 4th Sept 2024	Balance prior	39,479.67

	Interest to 2 Sept	147.64
	Current Saving Balance	39,627.31
	Total	51736.27

ii) It was noted that there has been an October statement, the Clerk was instructed to update the accounts based on that statement and circulate the books to all Councillors once completed.

b) To approve accounts for payment

The following payments were authorised for payment.

PAYMENTS

Oct-24

Date	Item	Payee	£
23/10/2024	Wages	C Cooper	1022.45
23/10/2024	PAYE	HMRC	90.27
23/10/2024	The Christmas Mall Ltd	J McKinnel	900.00
23/10/2024	The Christmas Mall Ltd	J McKinnel	900.00
23/10/2024	Elementor Ltd	J Broadhurst	76.23
	Total (D)		2988.95

c) To receive information on receipts and expenditure

Information circulated stated that interest on the savings account of £147.64 had been received, Noted.

d) To receive the current budget

It was stated that the current budget had been put together as an emergency measure to ensure that the Council was able to draw down the precept, now that the Council was established the budget would be reworked to more closely fit the current projects that Council wished to consider over the year.

69/1024 To consider Parish Matters and take action where necessary.

a)-Christmas Event

(i) Badsworth Christmas Tree and event update

Cllr Graham reported that plans were in place and all parties knew what they were doing and when, everything was progressing well. Cllr Graham was thanked for her work.

(ii) To allocate a budget of £250 for the event

Resolved to allocate a budget of up to £250 to assist with the delivery of the Christmas Event.

b)- Newsletter

To consider set and agree a budget for this

Resolved that the budget as set down in the Badsworth Parish Council Plan be accepted (65/1024 and Appendix 1)

c)-Badsworth Village Website

To agree to usefulness and contribution to village life and agree costs and budget if positively received.

Resolved the Village Website was useful and should be supported and that the budget as set out in the Badsworth Parish Council Plan (65/1024 & Appendix 1) be accepted.

d)- State of Wall on Badsworth Way

Ownership of the Wall has now been established, the Clerk was instructed to enquire about the possibility of repair by the owner.

e) Formal complaint (This item was held in closed session)

The formal complaint was noted, an update to the complaints procedure is required and an amended version to be brought to the next meeting together with a vexatious complains policy.

The Council understands that it has not fulfilled its duty, the Council has been thorough a difficult time and it is now moving forward. The paperwork in question is and has been available at every meeting. The full accounts and internal auditors report are available on the website, Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the complainant.

70/1024 Matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

The following items were requested for the next agenda

Christmas Event

Hanging Baskets

Bank Mandate

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm