



Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th April, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Members Present: Cllr Julie Lacey – Chairman, Cllr Rhian Dolby, Cllr Helen Barlass,
Cllr Fenella Jarvis, Cllr Sarah McColl, Cllr John Parsons,
In Attendance: Christine Howe, Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

By invitation: Cllr Warwick (HCC) Cllrs Bell, Laming and Williams (WCC)

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The Chairman addressed Council about the death of HRH Prince Phillip the Duke of Edinburgh a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

Public question time - the public are invited to speak for 3 mins each on a topic relevant to this parish or an agenda item. The total time allowed is 15 mins.

There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

53/21 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Councillor Skinner had work commitments and was unable to attend.

54/21 Declaration of Interests - To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

No declarations were received.

55/21 Minutes - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March, 2021 And the minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 29th March, 2021

BFPC agreed the minutes of 8th March, 2021 and 29th March, 2021 were true records of the meetings.

56/21 Chairman's announcements

No announcements as everything would be covered during the course of the meeting.

57/21 To receive the monthly report from HCC Member, Cllr Jan Warwick

The report was circulated prior to meeting.

58/21 To receive the monthly report from WCC Members

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllrs Warwick and Bell left the meeting at 19.50 p.m. to attend other meetings.

59/21 Finance

1. To approve the payments for running the parish during March, 2021

Council approved the payments for March, 2021 at £5,129.00

2. To agree the monthly bank statement for March with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statement reconciled at £87,539.07

Agreed.

3. To receive the end of year accounts

Received and approved.

4. To receive and discuss the Internal Audit Report 2020/21

Received and noted. No recommendations were suggested by the Internal Auditor, everything was in order.

5. To approve the internal audit report 2020/21 for submission to the external auditor.

Approved.

6. To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/21 Annual governance statement of the annual Return for submission to the external auditor.

Approved.

7. To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Accounting statements of the annual return and statement of variances for 2020/21 for submission to the external auditor.

Approved.

- 60/21 To receive the Clerk's report**
 A photograph of Prince Phillip has been put onto the website along with a message of condolence. No legal pack has yet been made available for the auction of Lot 37 (land at Badger Farm). The auction is still set at 22nd April although no legal pack is yet available. Tidy Badger Farm successfully completed their 1st litter pick and are proposing to litter pick on a regular monthly basis. Cllr McColl asked members to contact her if any specific area needed a regular litter pick.
- 61/21 To receive reports from members**
 Nothing to report.
- 62/21 To consider planning applications received from WCC**
 21/00537 – 7 Falcon View, SO22 4EP – 2 Storey side ext. and ground floor rear wraparound ext.
Comment: No objection. Cllr Jarvis to contact the planning officer regarding insufficient parking.
- 63/21 Playgrounds**
 Cllr Skinner removed a sliver of plastic from the slide to prevent injury to users.
- 64/21 Estates management**
 The Lengthsman paid his last visit of the year to Badger Farm. The Chairman was unhappy with the standard of work and will contact the Lengthsman.
- 65/21 Highways and transport**
 Nothing to report. The Chairman will contact Cllr Skinner to ascertain the situation with the implementation of the speed signs.
- 66/21 To discuss tree work at Charfield Close**
 The tree work at Charfield Close was completed by an HCC approved contractor on 6th April, 2021.
- 67/21 To receive an update on the Wildflower Project**
 The wildflower plugs from the supplier should arrive this week and will be planted by the Badger Farm group of volunteers, hopefully this coming Friday and Saturday.
- 68/21 To receive an update on the photographic competition**
 Only two entrants for the competition 3 photos from Will Sinclair and 1 from Kelly O'Connell. Cllr McColl reported that other entrants will be submitting their photographs.
- 69/21 Update on Land auction at Badger Farm**
 There was a long discussion regarding the auction. BFPC put forward several proposals to OB&BFRCA to ensure that the land is purchased and held in title by the Parish Council for the community to continue its status as 'open space'. Unfortunately, the proposals put forward were not accepted by OB&BFRCA. BFPC are to bid at auction on 22nd April and will hopefully purchase the land for the parish. The complication is builders and developers will have been alerted to the auction through too much publicity about the land sale. This could raise the purchase price beyond the amount BFPC can pay. BFPC submitted the Village Green Status application in February – thanks go to all the residents who assisted us by filling in the lengthy application forms.
- 70/21 To discuss and decide whether to continue to hold virtual meetings or physical meetings**
 Council resolved to hold 3 physical meetings during the year in addition to the Annual Parish Council meeting. Three Councillors (quorum) would attend (standing), and the minimum of items would be discussed to ensure the Councillors are not put in any danger. The remainder of the meetings throughout the year would be held virtually. This would ensure Council would be legally compliant whilst maintaining Councillor safety. Cllrs Lacey, Barlass and Parsons all agreed to volunteer for the Annual Parish Council meeting in May depending on whether or not they were re-elected.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.29 p.m.

Date of next meeting 17th May, 2021. Venue to be arranged and posted on the website www.badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk