

# BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm at Badingham Village Hall

Reports from District & County Councillors, Police and Enterprise Badingham, and questions from members of public:

Mr and Mrs Meigh explained their letter sent to the Parish Council regarding the problems and nuisance caused by the Re-cycling bins. The bins are emptied it is at approx. 6.30am causing a noise nuisance and the bins regularly are full with heaps of bottles, glass and rubbish deposited on the ground around the bins. Their feeling was that if the bins encouraged 'fly tipping' together with the noise nuisance that re-siting of the bins or removal should be considered.

Meeting opened at 7.50pm

### 1 PRESENT

Cllr S Frost-Chair  
Cllr G Upton  
Cllr S Osborne  
Cllr J Bellefontaine  
Cllr L McQuade (7.55pm arrival)  
Mrs Sue Piggott – Clerk

### APOLOGIES

Cllr D McQuade  
Cllr B Foster

### 2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Bellefontaine declared that he held the position of Chair of the Village Hall Management committee.  
Cllr G Upton – related to Village Sign designer  
Cllr J Porter-Hardy – neighbour to Village Hall- Drainage project

### 3 MINUTES OF MEETING 20.6.13 and 4.7.13 - Approve & Sign

Council approved the minutes for 20.6.13 and 4.7.13.

### 4 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING

#### Clerks Report:

The Clerk contacted the Project Manager at Essex and Suffolk water with regard to the detailed plans for the water booster station, the request that sympathetic planting was used to help improve the visual impact was made. The Project Manager accepted the suggestion and confirmed that he intended to make a visit to the site and would visit the neighbours to the station to work with them and their feelings about the impact of the site.

The Clerk provided the Echo with an insert which had a notice giving the details of the Village Sign ceremony, the printers confirmed to the Clerk that they had received the insert and that it would be printed and inserted for the August/September issue.

The Clerk worked on the Lottery Application to gain funding to cover the Village Hall drainage works. The Parish Council could then grant the organisation and payment of works to the Village Hall Management Committee. The works are of vital importance and urgency so the Clerk ensured that the Lottery Application was submitted as quickly as possible. The Lottery Application was submitted on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Clerk received a conditional grant offer on 2<sup>nd</sup> August with more financial details required, the Clerk completed and sent in these requirements and on 10<sup>th</sup> August received confirmation that the application was successful and that the funds will be paid directly into the Parish Council bank account week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The Lottery Fund has strict criteria attached to publicity and it is requested that publicity does not take place until after they publicise to press and media on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The guidance on using the correct branding etc. has now been sent to the Clerk. The Clerk has spoken to the Contractor chosen for the works, Brooks and Ward, since details were required from them for information for the application, in principal it was confirmed that they would be able to look at starting the project at the end of September, this now needs to be confirmed.

The Clerk has spoken to Suffolk Acre to get advice from the Village Halls advisor to look at the Insurance held and details as requested, this advisor is on holiday and will speak to the Clerk on his return next week. The Village Hall advisor is willing to work with the Parish Council to assess the best ways of addressing any issues that may arise. The Clerk has also spoken to SALC for advice with regards to the pipework that involves works to piping into the existing pipe on the neighbouring property to the hall. A response and advice from Pretty's solicitors who are the Local Government solicitors will be coming to the Clerk shortly.

The Clerk has written a Press Release about the Village Sign Ceremony to provide to the Press and has printed copies for members of the council, so that any suggestions can be made.

Council voiced their thanks to the Clerk for completing the involved Lottery Application and submitting it so quickly, together with the successful and timely result.

## **5 FINANCE**

The Financial Statement was agreed.

## **6 VILLAGE RECYCLING BINS**

The council understood and had empathy for the problems that are affecting neighbours and the village. However the contact numbers to report problems to SCDC are clearly displayed and should be used. Councillors agreed that it was important for the village to have recycling facilities provided, and that the problems must be resolved. The Parish Council have no powers other than to offer support in contacting SCDC. The Clerk was requested to include a piece for the Echo reminding users that general rubbish cannot be deposited and glass can only be deposited inside the bins and not in piles on the ground. **SP**

## **7 PLANNING**

- 7.1** Council to consider Application: 2154/13 Mid Suffolk: Proposal: Installation and operation of single 250 kW wind turbine with hub height of 30m and overall tip height of 45m (30m blade diameter) on land at Yew Tree Farm, Station Rd, Laxfield . Council agreed that they have been consulted without enough time or details. SCDC is the authority that normally asks for responses, the Clerk was asked to contact Laxfield Parish Council. **SP**
- 7.2** An application response invite was sent to the Clerk at late notice and was presented to Council.  
Application: DC/13/2180/FUL  
Due to two proposals being printed on the form, the council could not discuss without full knowledge of the correct proposal. The Clerk was asked to consult with SCDC so that it can be considered properly. **SP**

## **8 VILLAGE SIGN**

- 8.1** Cllr Frost reported that she had spoken to Revd Olanszuk who is delighted to participate and formally dedicate the Village Sign and that she had given him the date. The Clerk will send a formal invitation. **SP**
- 8.2** Council considered the suggested 1952-2012 plaque with QR code and price. Council agreed that Simon Benton should be asked to proceed with the design. The council agreed that the QR code App link should to the Parish Council Website Home Page. The Clerk will contact Simon Benton to instruct. **SP**
- 8.3** Council considered a guest list to send invitations for the ceremony, it was agreed that it should include the District Councillors, County Councillors, and Village Sign Society. The Clerk will design and produce an invitation. Cllr Upton and Cllr Mcquade will forward any additional names to the Clerk.
- 8.4** Council agreed that the Village Hall should be the venue for refreshments and cakes. Cllr Upton and Cllr McQuade will organise the post ceremony reception at the hall.
- 8.5** The Clerk will send Thank you letters to John Foster, Mr King and Mr Ruffles for their contributions towards building the foundation, plinth and attachments for the sign. **SP**

## **9 FOOTPATHS**

- 9.1** **Cllr Frost** reported that she was aware that the problems with the footpath on land behind the Church were in the hands of SCC, they had contacted her to outline the situation. It appears that the official Footpath will be made accessible, so that there is an alternative to the private permissible footpath. The County Council is unable to get involved with private permissible footpaths.
- 9.2** The Clerk read out Cllr Foster's report. The Footpath brochure had been finalised and sent to print. Christine Harris gave the suggested final brochure to Cllr Upton, Cllrs McQuade and Cllr Foster to clear. Following their clearance the brochure was sent to print.

**10 VILLAGE HALL**

**10.1** Cllr Bellefontaine reported that the Village Hall committee have decided to employ professional cleaners to deep clean the hall two to three times a year.

**10.2** The Clerk reported that now the Lottery Application has been confirmed successful the appointed contractor will be able to start work, this is likely to be the beginning of October. Cllr Porter-Hardy expressed concerns with regard to the spec of works that involves the pipe that runs under the length of her garden. Cllr Porter-Hardy would like details of exactly what works are intended and the likely disruption to her garden and land. Council agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting with the contractor to allow Cllr Porter-Hardy better understanding of the plan of works that involves the pipe running under her land. **SP**

**Due to the over-running of time for the meeting the Chair recommended that the meeting close and that items 11, 12, 13 be deferred to the next meeting. Council agreed.**

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 – 7.30pm

Meeting closed 10.15pm

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Chair

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Date