

**BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday December 6th 2012 at 7.30pm**  
**at Badingham Village Hall**

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

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

**1 PRESENT**

Cllr S Frost-Chair  
Cllr S Osborne-Vice-Chair  
Cllr J Porter-Hardy  
Cllr B Foster  
Cllr G Upton  
Cllr D McQuade  
Cllr J Bellefontaine  
Mrs Sue Piggott - Clerk

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr L McQuade  
Dist Cllr C Walker

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Upton declared that she was related to Mr Simon Benton who presented his capabilities for producing a village sign for Badingham.  
Cllr Bellefontaine declared that he held the position of Chair of the Village Hall Management committee.

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

The minutes were approved and signed.

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

**Clerks Report** -The Clerk is in the process of making a lottery grant application for the Village Hall. Funds are needed to cover installing a drainage system and new car park/access area for the Village Hall. The Clerk has spoken to SCDC Planning and has assurance that the works are within the restrictive planning rights. Because the land is owned by the Parish Council, there is no need for planning permission. The Parish Council must be aware of the works and must be confident that the contractor appointed deals with the drainage adequately by providing a soak-away or sustainable drainage. If a storm drain is to join the mains drainage, Anglia Water should be notified and clearance from them is also needed.

The Clerk delivered the copy for the Parish Council Echo insert by the printing deadline. This piece has not been included with the Echo which is uploaded onto the village website.

The Clerk contacted Simon Benton and forwarded the request to adjust the design as agreed. Simon Benton sent back a revised design and the Clerk forwarded it on to all councillors.

The Clerk submitted the response as agreed to SCDC with regard to the funding application by Dennington for the Sports Recreation fund available to Badingham & Dennington. Because Badingham would only agree for Dennington to granted 50% of the monies held in the fund, SCDC took this into consideration. The Clerk has received an e.mail from Jennie Catling at SCDC. As a result of the objection

submitted by Badingham, they decided to calculate contributions resulting from development in each Parish, the result is Dennington £6926.45 and Badingham £3,362.28.

The Clerk e. mailed the Project Manager for Essex & Suffolk Water with reference to the proposals to upgrade the water booster station, and expressed the full support as agreed. The Project Manager replied giving thanks for the support and for the positive line of communications from the Parish Council.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November the Clerk was contacted by Hastoe Housing explaining they were having problems filling a property that had become vacant and asked for any names of people known to the Parish Council and help in advertising the vacancy. This contact was made by a telephone message and e.mail. The Clerk contacted Cllr Foster, who then checked that the lady with a family and whose parents live in the village still wanted a 3 bed house at New Leas. Within a day it was confirmed that this lady still wants to live in Badingham. This lady Nicola Owen contacted the Parish Council 3 years ago hoping for a house at New Lea to be near her parents who live in the village. The Clerk notified Hastoe Housing within a day. Simon Trainer the Manager assured the Clerk they would contact this person and process matters forward. Hastoe, then told the Clerk that a 'management switch' was in place but could not proceed, it appeared that another applicant that had come forward in response to an advert placed by SCDC would and appeared to have priority over Nicola.Owen. The Clerk then contacted senior management having received different accounts from the staff at SCDC and Hastoe, and reminded them of their obligations to the Section 106 agreement. The response from the Senior Management at SCDC has been received and a response is still to be received from Hastoe.

## **5 FINANCE**

Council agreed the Financial Statement

## **6 PLANNING**

**App.No. C12/2341 – Location: Verge opposite 'Rose Cottage' south side of High Rd. Proposal: Formulation of new access onto High Rd (A1120) Badingham to serve Booster Station.**

Council considered the formal application submitted by SCDC for the Water Booster Station. Council agreed to give full support to this application. The Clerk will forward this response on to SCDC.

**SP**

## **7 PARISH PLAN REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE**

97 Questionnaires have been returned, 215 were delivered in total. Cllr Frost has made an appointment to meet with Jayne Cole at SALC at 2.30pm, Monday 10th December for advice.

## **8 DOG BINS**

Cllr Frost reported that she had spoken to the adjacent land owners to the site suggested on Rectory Rd and that they were not in favour of siting a dog bin at the point suggested. Cllr Porter-Hardy will speak to the adjacent landowner to a site further along on Rectory Rd at a point where the footpath meets Rectory Rd and is a route popular with walkers.

**JPH**

**9 VILLAGE SIGN**

Cllr Upton took no part in the debate according to her declaration of interest. Council members considered the amended design submitted by Simon Benton. Council agreed to alter the height of the tree, and that an addition of a wheat-sheaf should be made, it was agreed that the best position for a wheat-sheaf should be on the post between the brackets. The proposal to lower the tree with barn owl flying above, to ensure the church was taken from a photograph of St John's and to add a wheat-sheaf to the top of the post on both sides was put for council to vote on. Proposed Cllr Frost, Seconded Cllr Osborne. 5 in favour, 2 abstained, the proposal was carried. The Clerk will forward the response to Simon Benton. **SP**

**10 VILLAGE HALL-Cllr J Bellefontaine**

**10.1** Cllr Bellefontaine reported that two projects were necessary for the Village Hall. The painting of the exterior walls, installation of an effective exterior land drainage system and re-surfacing of the car park area. Funds are needed for the drainage and resurfacing work. A quote had been received to tarmac the whole area and install a drainage system. An application for lottery grant funding is to be made, but funds from other providers in the village were needed to show the whole community supported these works for the village hall. The village hall management committee requested consideration from the Parish Council for a grant donation towards the works.

**10.2** The Parish council considered the request, but felt that more than one quote should be obtained, and that the surfacing should be aesthetic and sustainable. It was suggested that a dressed surfacing with light gravel topping would be more acceptable. Cllr Bellefontaine will try to get more quotes, arranging meetings to include Cllr Foster who has detail knowledge of the drainage problems. **JB/BF**

**11 LOW COST HOUSING – Cllr R Foster**

Council considered the problems with vacancies at New Leas. Despite having been assured in 2008 that Hastoe would inform the Parish Council whenever a vacancy occurred, this is not happening. As soon as Hastoe made the Parish Council aware of the existing vacancy, it became apparent the vacancy had existed for a while. Three years ago Cllr Foster was made aware of a family that had family ties to the village and who requested to move to New Leas when a suitable vacancy arose. This family met the criteria of the 106 agreement, but were not being considered for the existing vacancy due to systems that were in place at Hastoe and SCDC. Council agreed that contact should be made with both Hastoe and SCDC to assess and address the system in placing applicants into vacancies at New Leas and to ensure that the 106 agreement that gives priority to applicants with connections to Badingham was adhered to. Cllr D McQuade agreed to make contact with SCDC and Hastoe. **DM**

**12 ASH DIE BACK DISEASE – Cllr R Welham**  
Deferred

**13 HIGHWAYS – Cllr G Upton**

Council considered purchasing grit bins for the village. It was proposed that 2 bins should be purchased at £126.05 each and placed in the village. Proposed Cllr Frost, Seconded Cllr D McQuade. 4 voted for and 3 voted against – Cllr Foster, Cllr Frost and Cllr Bellefontaine. The motion was carried. Council considered the positions for the bins, and agreed the top of Rectory Rd hill and the top of New Leas hill. Cllr Upton will order the bins and arrange the siting of them in the agreed positions.

**14 CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**15 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Budget – 2013/14  
Footpath Brochure

**16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date was re-arranged to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

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Chair

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Date