

BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday November 12th 2012 at 7.30pm
at Badingham Village Hall

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

District Cllr Colin Walker – reported:

The scrutiny committee dealing with provision for Liver Cancer treatment is putting forward that this provision should be placed with Addenbrooks hospital.

Radio Castle is developing its Radio operation. A presidents meeting, with guests invited is being held on 13th November starting at 7pm at the Fram Tech Centre.

Radio Castle is hoping to aquire an outside broadcasting unit which totals £2,700 and Parish Councils are invited to give donations of support for this.

Each Monday and Friday District Cllr Hudson holds a chat show, members of public have 15 minutes on live air, they are interviewed and can choose pieces of music.

Visitors are welcome to make an appointment to tour the Radio Castle studios at any time.

Meeting opened at 7.40pm

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 L McQuade
Cllr R Welham
Mrs Sue Piggott - Clerk

APOLOGIES

Cllr J Bellefontaine

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.

3 MINUTES OF MEETING – 18th October 2012

The minutes for 18th October 2012 were signed and agreed - an amendment to the error of Vice Chair was made and corrected to position alongside Cllr Osborne's name.

4 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ACTIONS OR LAST MEETING

Clerks Report - The Clerk has been in contact with BT re the application to adopt the Telephone Box. The Clerk was concerned that she was unable to gain official granting of adoption permission from the District Council, officers at the council were unaware they were involved. Finally it has been ascertained that whilst SCDC were offered consultation and response, since no response was given it was taken by BT

that they supported the exercise of adoption should a Parish Council wish to adopt. The Clerk has been sent and has distributed to all councillors the terms and conditions of transfer contract. If the Parish Council is happy with the terms this contract must be signed and as the next stage submitted to BT.

The Clerk has been in contact with Tish, the editor of the Echo. In future to ensure copy is published as the council expect it to be, the Parish council copy will be sent independently to the printers and inserted in the middle of the Echo.

The Clerk received the official application details by Dennington Tennis Club for 100% of the Playspace funds held for Badingham/Dennington. SCDC gave a 14 day deadline for response, the Clerk contacted the officer handling the application and requested a deadline extension so that a response can be given post the Nov 12th meeting, this has been granted. Cllr Walker contacted the Clerk, since he was required to give a response, the Clerk explained that the response of the council would not be known until after the meeting of 12th Nov.

The Clerk has attended 2 full days Cilca training. A portfolio must be submitted and a 100% pass is required. There are 24 sections all containing headings requiring examples and accounts which must meet the subscribed number or words, references to all legal government and appropriate acts according to the item must be given. Because of the thoroughness for the submission of the portfolio it requires many hours work. The Clerk will do her very best to complete as quickly as possible. The Clerk received the Village Sign design concepts from Simon Benton and forwarded them on to all members.

5 FINANCE

5.1 Council agreed the Financial Statement .

5.2 Council considered the response to SCDC re Dennington's application for all the 'Playspace' funding assigned for Dennington and Badingham . Council agreed on giving the response that they only considered that 50% of the funds should be granted to Dennington Sports Club for the new Tennis Court project. Cllr Foster Proposed and Cllr Osborne Seconded. Council voted with 6 in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstained. The motion was carried and the Clerk was asked to send the response as agreed. **SP**

8.05pm - The Meeting was closed to welcome the arrival of PCSO Mary Thompson and receive her report.

PCSO Mary Thompson gave the following report:

Report 1st June – 12th November

7 recorded crimes:

1 – Theft – road signs

2 - Burglary – 1 theft bicycle from garage and 1 theft amplifier from St Johns Church

1 – Burglary – Dwelling in High Road

1 – Exposure – on A1120

2 – Domestic incidents

Thefts of scrap metal, copper, lead etc are also occurring – bottom line – secure any valuables – shed and outbuildings need to be secured and consider buying a shed alarm.

PCSO Mary Thompson announced that she was soon to work at Martlesham Police H.Q. her position would not be replaced and the PCSO's covering the remaining areas would share the area that she covered. Sgt Tomsett is responsible for the PCSO manpower and it would be advisable to notify Sgt Tomsett of meeting dates for reports by e.mail.

The council thanked PCSO Mary Thompson for all her hard work and that she will be missed.

8.20 Meeting re-opened

6 PLANNING

Council discussed the contact made from Essex & Suffolk Water re the proposed water booster station for Badingham. Council agreed that it was badly needed and voiced full support for the improvements planned. The Clerk will notify the Project Manager. **SP**

7 PARISH PLAN REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE

The Questionnaire collection is still in progress. Council decided to extend the deadline for collecting and receiving questionnaires to November 18th.

8 DOG BINS

Council considered the positioning of the 2 dog bins. Two suggestions have been submitted in response to the invitation in the Echo, one suggestion was that the siting should be close to the Village Hall and Church, the other suggestion was in Low Street, somewhere between the Church and Mill Road.

The Council debated where to site the bins. Council agreed on a site opposite the Church on Low Street, and the other on Rectory Road, at the point the footpath joins the road. The Chair will check with the landowner whether this would be acceptable.

9 HIGHWAYS – Cllr G Upton

9.1 Cllr Upton reported that she has been in discussion with Highways following a complaint from a resident that the junction at Rectory Rd and Mill Rd was hazardous with no clear sight line. Highways do not allow mirrors, but offered painting a slow sign on the road. Council agreed that this was not acceptable and wanted to avoid having signage painted on the tarmac.

9.2 Cllr Upton reported a flooding problem on the A1120 from the corner of Woods Lane. Highways are investigating the cause of the problem, before advising on how it must be addressed.

9.3 Cllr Upton reported that she has researched the need for grit bins in the village and advised that 6 bins were required. The best price for the bins was £83 each totalling an expenditure of £498. Council could not agree on a decision, the Chair requested that a decision be deferred.

10 VILLAGE SIGN

Councillors considered the designs forwarded by the Clerk that Simon Benton submitted. Council agreed that none of the three designs were what they envisaged for the sign. The Clerk had sketched less contemporary alternatives that were close to one of the designs. The alternative design which places an oak tree with the flying barn owl and church was the design that council agreed they would like. Council requested that this be sent to Simon Benton requesting that he used this composition to re-submit the design for the village sign. Council requested the Clerk do this to enable the revised design to be viewed at the next meeting.

Council agreed that the lettering example in lower case, and frame with the year cut in and simple curved brackets were excellent and should be used.

SP

11 BT TELEPHONE BOX ADOPTION

Councillors confirmed that they had read the lengthy contract and terms and conditions which deserved careful consideration before a final decision as to whether or not to proceed should be given. Council agreed to defer.

12 VILLAGE HALL - No report

13 POCKET PARK - No report

14 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair has received a suggestion from a resident for the use of the telephone box if it were to be adopted that being to use for a De-Fibrillator point.

15 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Parish Plan Review – Questionnaire Analysis
- Low Cost Housing – Filling Vacancies
- Village Sign – Decision on commissioning design
- Grit Bins – Decision purchasing bins

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday December 6th 2012 – 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.35pm

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Chair

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Date