

**BADGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 JANUARY 2019**  
**AT ST. GILES' CHURCH, BADGER, STARTING AT 7.00 PM**

**62. PRESENT**

Cllr. T. Lipscombe (Chairman), Cllr. G. Bond, Cllr. S. England, Cllr. Mrs. E. Wakelin & Cllr. I. Wright.

**63. ALSO PRESENT**

F.D. Voysey (Clerk to the Council)

**64. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

**65. OPEN FORUM**

As no members of the public were present the Council immediately went into formal session.

**66. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL/PECUNIARY INTERESTS NOT ALREADY DECLARED ON MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED.**

There were none.

**67. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF BADGER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 22 NOVEMBER 2018**

Councillors agreed that the minutes were a true record and thus the Chairman signed a copy.

**68. TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 2018**

a) Minute 54a): The request for permanent traffic lights at Broad Bridge on the B4176 has now been referred to the Road Signals Section of Shropshire Council and a response is awaited.

b) Minute 58a): A joint visit on site with the Highways Authority about road issues in Badger Parish has yet to be arranged.

**69. ADMINISTRATION**

There were no matters at the time needing the attention of the Council.

**70. FINANCE**

a) The Council noted that the work for the maintenance of the highway verges on the roads outside the centre of the village has been awarded to Martin Gretton of Thornton Farm, Bridgnorth at a cost of £380 (+ VAT) per session.

b) Cllr. Stephen England informed the Council that he was employed by Balfours Estate Agents to cut much of the highway grass verges in the centre of the village that surrounded Town Pool and by St. Giles' Church. Councillors volunteered, at no cost for labour to the Council, to maintain the remaining sections of the highway verges in the centre of the village, and the sandstone wall on Stableford Road. Thus, it was agreed that there will be no need to hire a commercial contractor for this work.

c) The Council agreed that Martin Gretton of Thornton Farm, Bridgnorth should be asked to remove the iron railings on the highway embankment near Stableford Bridge at a cost of £150.00 (+VAT).

d) It was proposed by Cllr. Ian Wright and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Liz Wakelin that the Council's precept for the 2019/2020 financial year be £3,800, which was carried unanimously.

e) The Council noted that the request for a grant of £456 annually for three years from April 2018 from Shropshire Council for minor highways maintenance work has been submitted. The result is awaited.

f) The Council approved the following payments by cheque:

- The Clerk's salary & expenses (cheque 100423)	£400.43
- Clerk's Income Tax to HMRC (cheque 100424)	£ 92.00
- Badger Print for Council Newsletter (cheque 100425)	£ 27.00
- Money for petty cash (cheque 100426)	£ 90.00
- Lewis Arborcare for highway maintenance (cheque 100427)	£462.00
- Numbers Plus for AED Scheme ( ratification-cheque 100422)	£118.80

g) BANK ACCOUNT & BALANCES

After the encashment of cheques in Section f) above, the Community Account at Barclays Bank will be £5,566.77 in credit. The Business Premium Account at Barclays Bank stands at £2,207.14 in credit. Petty cash will be £100.54 after payment for the use of St. Giles' Church for the Council meeting on 16 January 2019, and receipt of £90.00 cheque for cash.

#### 71. PLANNING MATTERS

a) The Chairman further explained the background and involvement of The Garden Trust regarding the application of the stock fishing pool on land east of Badger Hall (see also minute 57 of the Council meeting on 22/11/18).

b) The Clerk reported that a briefing note had been received from Shropshire Council outlining the purpose of Place Plans and regarding the current Review of them that involves public consultation. Badger Parish is in the Albrighton Place Plan, but as there are no plans for future development in Badger the Council decided not to respond.

#### 72. PARISH MATTERS

There were no fresh issues requiring the Council's attention.

#### 73. UNITARY AUTHORITY MATTERS

a) The Clerk reported on The Town & Parish Council's Forum which he attended on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Police & Crime Commissioner who attended encouraged the use of the Smartwater Scheme, and advised of the availability from West Mercia Police for road safety projects. Adrian Cooper of Shropshire Council gave a lucid and comprehensive account of the background and current position of The Local Plan Review. Also, Shropshire Council's Place Officer, Sarah Hughes gave an update about Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Place Plan Review.

b) The Council was made aware of the proposal to close Shropshire Council's Recycling Bring Sites.

#### 74. CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Council noted the availability for help and advice from the Safer Neighbourhood Team of West Mercia Police.

b) The Council decided not to comment on the draft budget for West Mercia Police.

c) The Clerk received a telephone call on 16/1/19 from West Mercia Police regarding its "We Don't Buy Crime" scheme and sought comments about Badger's Smartwater Scheme. Councillors stated that the scheme had been well received by householders in the Parish and was operating satisfactorily.

#### 75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To ensure the attendance of the Chairman the next Council meeting will now be held at St. Giles' Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019, starting at 7.00 pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.