

Minutes of Badminton Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at Estate Office, Badminton

Members present: - Cllrs S Dring, T Nicholls, S Michael, C Mulholland, A Smith,
District Councillor S Hope
Officer:- Acting Clerk Fiona Thornton.

62. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Beaufort, L Slater,

63. Declarations of Interests under The Localism Act 2011 None

64. Chairman's Remarks

Cllr S Dring reported the resignation of Clerk Mrs L Barnes. Chair to write on behalf of the Council to send their thanks and very best wishes.

65. Reports from South Gloucestershire Councillors on matters relating to the parish

Cllr S Hope reported:-

The Council has agreed to an increase of 3.99% to the Council Tax; this includes 2% to help cover the increasing pressure of social care costs. The Council also agreed to a £6 reduction in the Green Bin Tax; this against the background of reduced spending on Youth Services and the imminent closure of Libraries and the ceasing of the Mobile Library.

As part of the Council's Cost Cutting, the Conservative administration has also cut the Area Forums where local community grants were allocated. At the time of writing there is no local engagement and no plans for the continuation of community grants. In the past the area has benefitted from community grants and New Homes Bonus monies.

The number of committees has also been cut – Development Control Committees (Planning) and Licensing Committees will remain, as will the Health Scrutiny Committee; there will be an Environment & Community Committee and a Children, Adults & Health Committee as well as a Policy & Resources and Resources Committee. The Council has agreed to a Boundary Review Commission to review the number of councillors on South Gloucestershire Council. Currently there are 70 councillors representing the South Gloucestershire Area, this number is likely to be reduced.

In the recent budget there was an announcement that there would be greater devolution for the West of England with a metro mayor being elected. This will include greater government investment in the area for economic growth and more development. £30m has been promised over 30 years, this does however mean a lot of power will be devolved to the locally elected mayor

Sort It Centres

Don't forget to register your vehicle with South Gloucestershire Council if you wish to use the Sort It Centres. You need to do this once and register 24 hours before using the site. Check out www.southglos.gov.uk

Streetcare matters – repairs to road on Cherry Tree Road/ and Little Badminton Works.

Referred to the Estate – road drainage around Little Badminton Church.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you require any help or advice.

Cllr Sue Hope 01454 238673

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66. Reports from Representatives or other bodies on matters not on this agenda None

67. Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 27th January 2016.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr T Nicholls seconded by Cllr S Michael and were duly signed.

68. Streetcare matters /Luckington Lane update – Cllr S Michael

a) Streetcare matters – street light out by Capel House and Thatch Cottage

b) Luckington Lane – MP North Wilts attended meeting with B Parks Wilts Council. Road Closure notice was displayed for early March, but the road was not actually closed.

A more permanent repair to be carried out when weather conditions are more favourable; which will be after the forthcoming Horse Trials.

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69. External Audit update

The Clerk gave the following update:-

External arrangements for 2015/16 (and 2016/17) are essentially the same as they were for 2014/15. The Council will have the same external auditor and the Annual Return is virtually the same. There are a few minor changes which are

- 1) The Annual Return must, as before, be approved at a Full Council meeting by 30th June, but the Annual Governance Statement must be approved before the Statement of Accounts is approved.
- 2) The unaudited Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement must be posted on a freely accessible website along with a statement that the Annual Return as published may be subject to change.
- 3) Electors rights must also be advertised on a website. Councils subject to the Transparency Code for smaller authorities (where neither gross receipts or gross payments exceeds £25,000) must also publish the Statement of Variances and Bank Reconciliation that they send to their external auditors and also the internal auditors report in the Annual Return.
- 4) The period during which the electors may inspect accounting records is now set by the RFO, not the external auditors and must be for a period of 30 consecutive working days.
- 5) Electors objections to accounts must be made during the inspection period rather than after it.
- 6) As this Council is a Smaller Authority it incurs no external audit fee.

The Clerk is to attend an audit briefing by Grant Thornton on 15th April 2016.

For confirmation following last meeting ALCA advice is to do nothing and not to opt out of the new SAAA scheme.

70. Finance – approve payment of accounts; Council to note bank balance as at 29th February 2016

Payment of accounts – Mrs F Thornton, temporary Clerk fees £150

ALCA subscription 2016/17 £49.99

Proposed by Cllr T Nicholls and seconded by Cllr C Mulholland agreed by all

To date, Council funds are £4999.09 made up of

	£
General Fund	718.94
Earmarked Reserves:-	
Election costs	3424.50
Computer & Training	726.00
Transparency Code	129.65

71. Planning Matters

- a) Planning applications for consideration – None
- b) Notice of Decisions – None

72. Correspondence

1. Libraries consultation which is currently running; the website has now been updated with additional information about volunteering in South Gloucestershire libraries and an expression of interest form for those that are interested in being involved in discussions about the future of local library services. Details can be found at :

www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges

2. Draft Biodiversity report – Badminton Parish (emailed to Councillors)

3. Temporary Traffic Order - Badminton Horse Trials 2016 - PT.5259

4. Bus Service Changes April 2016 (emailed to Councillors)

5. Consultation document on the proposed changes to the Planning system and the implications for Parish Councils (emailed to Councillors)

6. Network Rail are planning to undertake some electrification work in the Chipping Sodbury Tunnel, as part of our Railway upgrade plan. Work will be commencing from 23rd of April, 2016 till 3rd of June 2016.

A pre-notification letter will be dispatched to residents with regards to the nature of the work to be undertaken. (emailed to Councillors)

73. Items to Report

(Items can be discussed but members can make no decisions) - NONE

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The Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting was closed at 7.30pm

74. Date of next meeting

May 2016 – Annual Parish Meeting followed by AGM – village hall

Suggested future dates are second Wednesday of the second month, which would be 11th May, 13th July, 14th September.

Signed.....

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