

# Badsey and Aldington Parish Council Meeting

## MINUTES OF MEETING, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

<b>Date:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025
<b>Time:</b>	7.30pm
<b>Venue:</b>	Badsey Remembrance Hall, Horsebridge Avenue, Badsey.
<b>Present:</b>	Councillors: Ian Devine- Chairman, Mike Tennant- Vice Chairman, Becky Stanley, Lucy Close, Gary Bailey, Alan Tutton, Dave Webster, Elizabeth Chalmers, Phil Cordelle, Andy Wilson and Mary Campbell.  The Clerk: Mrs Andrea Evans.

### Public Forum

No public forum was held as this is a budget meeting only.

### Business Transacted.

1.	<b>a. Accepted Apologies for Absence- Sue Keeler, Mark Ward and Matthew Winfield.</b>
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.</li> <li>b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.</li> <li>c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature. (Councillors with pecuniary interests must leave the room for the relevant item(s))</li> </ul> <p><b>None.</b></p>
3.	<b>The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were noted, GB proposed, seconded by MiT with a unanimous vote in favour to accept the minutes. The minutes were not signed so will be signed at the December 2025 meeting.</b>
4.	<b>Parish Council:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Complaint made regarding Pear Tree Fields Burial Ground and action taken-</b>Complaint has been received regarding damage to memorial by contractor, the contractor has accepted full responsibility, repair has been arranged by clerk through local appointed stonemason. Complaint details have been dealt with by ID and concluded. Going forward BG rules will be amended to ensure that a similar situation does not occur again.</li> <li>b. <b>Amendments to BG rules as a result of item 4a-</b> Clerk requested that in light of item 4a. that the BG rules be amended with immediate effect as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That only stonemasons approved by PC can be used for memorials, bases and inscriptions or vases.</li> <li>• That no addition items can be added to plots without the express agreement of PC including lighting and pictures.</li> <li>• Cllrs also considered and agreed an additional fee of £10 will be included when organising a memorial tree to cover admin costs.</li> </ul> <p>(Clerk has delegated powers to agree memorials and headstones as well as additional Inscriptions). Proposed by MiT, seconded by AT with a unanimous vote in favour.</p> </li> </ul>

- c. **Letter of thanks regarding burial ground**-Clerk has received a letter of thanks from a family for how well an ashes interment was carried out by clerk and local stonemason. This was noted by Cllrs.

5. Finance and Administration

- a. To RESOLVE to approve the list of cheques to be drawn this month and the statement of the balance of accounts 2025, proposed by GB seconded by AW with a unanimous vote in favour. Councillors agreed the following:

The council gave consideration and approval of the payments listed in Appendix A. It was proposed to accept these by GB seconded by AW and agreed by all Councillors. It was agreed that Cllr Devine would sign the payments sheet confirming the payments in Appendix A have been approved by full Council and there is provision within the budget, financial regulations and relevant policies have been followed.

Payments Schedule –

The payments listed on the above schedule have been approved by full Council at the Ordinary meeting dated 19.11.25 Members confirm there is provision within the budget and that financial regulations and relevant policies have been followed:

## Bank Account Reconciled Statement

<b>Current Account</b>	<b>00028554</b>	<b>30-93-11</b>
Statement Number	44	Bank Statement No. 44
Statement Opening Balance	£7,406.17	Opening Date 01/11/25
Statement Closing Balance	£4,999.01	Closing Date 19/11/25
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£4,999.01	

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
01/11/25		PKF Littlejohn LLP	504.00	0.00	6,902.17
01/11/25		TOPS Garden Centre	200.00	0.00	6,702.17
03/11/25		Andy Tyrrell	252.00	0.00	6,450.17
03/11/25		Worcestershire County Council	974.88	0.00	5,475.29
03/11/25		Nest	217.26	0.00	5,258.03
03/11/25		Badsey Remembrance Hall	24.00	0.00	5,234.03
03/11/25		Andrea Evans	10.33	0.00	5,223.70
03/11/25		Wickhamford Parish Council	7.50	0.00	5,216.20
03/11/25		Wickhamford PC	0.00	3.00	5,219.20
03/11/25		Tesco Stores	140.00	0.00	5,079.20
03/11/25		Andrew Southern	125.00	0.00	4,954.20
03/11/25	Transfer		0.00	5,000.00	9,954.20
04/11/25		Andy Tyrrell	195.00	0.00	9,759.20
04/11/25		Smartcut	168.00	0.00	9,591.20
04/11/25		Smartcut	198.00	0.00	9,393.20
04/11/25		Smartcut	218.95	0.00	9,174.25
04/11/25		Andrea Evans	56.72	0.00	9,117.53
04/11/25	Transfer		0.00	3,000.00	12,117.53

04/11/25	Transfer		3,000.00	0.00	9,117.53
10/11/25	AED Donate		792.00	0.00	8,325.53
10/11/25	Andrea Evans		5.22	0.00	8,320.31
12/11/25	Bretforton Parish Council		0.00	3.00	8,323.31
17/11/25	Wychavon DC		233.69	0.00	8,089.62
17/11/25	Andy Tyrrell		160.00	0.00	7,929.62
17/11/25	Andy Tyrrell		390.00	0.00	7,539.62
17/11/25	Mike Tennant		9.16	0.00	7,530.46
17/11/25	HMRC		712.09	0.00	6,818.37
17/11/25	Post Office		50.00	0.00	6,768.37
17/11/25	Andrew Southern		125.00	0.00	6,643.37
17/11/25	Bretforton Parish Council		9.25	0.00	6,634.12
17/11/25	Andrea Evans		1,991.11	0.00	4,643.01

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### Expenditure transactions - payments approval list year 01/04/25

Start of

No	Payment Reference	Gross	To pay	Heading	Invoice	Invoice	Details	Payment Reference
1149		£252.00	£252.00	22100	04/11/25		Andy Tyrrell - VAS	
1150		£584.95	£584.95		04/11/25		Smartcut - Mowing	
1		£168.00	23100			BG pathways		
2		£218.95	23200			rec ground		
3		£198.00	20400			Chestnut Close Hither Green St James close		
1151	expenses	£56.72	£56.72	23400	10/11/25		Andrea Evans - monthly	
1152	and repairs	£195.00	£195.00	22300	10/11/25		Andy Tyrrell - play inspections	
1153	Council - street lighting Q2	£974.88	£974.88	20500	10/11/25		Worcestershire County	
1154	gardening x5	£125.00	£125.00	23100	10/11/25		Andrew Southern - BG	
1155		£5.22	£5.22	21000	10/11/25		Andrea Evans - stamps	
1156	boxes	£792.00	£792.00	20400	10/11/25		AED Donate - 2x bleed kit	
1157	rent	£24.00	£24.00	20700	10/11/25		Badsey Remembrance Hall -	
Sub Total		£3,009.77	£3,009.77					
<b>Total</b>		£3,009.77	£3,009.77					

- b. Budget for 2026/27 together with precept request including a contingency for lengthsman scheme and a new rec shed as well as consider the donation of pre-booked and paid toilets from Soapbox to Flower Show.

Councillors met to discuss the budget prior to the Parish Council meeting. Income and expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2025 were compared against the first six months of the current year, which commenced on 1 April 2025. These figures were also compared to the budget set in November 2024 for the 2025–2026 financial year.

DW presented a detailed spreadsheet outlining the potential increases that Band D properties could expect to see under various scenarios if the precept were raised.

In addition, the Parish Council has received notification from CALC advising that councils should work on contingency budgets in the lead-up to the move to a unitary council, as it is likely that Parish Councils will need to take on responsibilities that will no longer be covered by the District or County Councils. There is no capping this year on the increase that councils can apply to the precept.

Councillors were advised that the national average precept for a Band D property is £92.22 per annum. The Band D rate for this financial year stands at £68.07, which represented a 10.9% increase on the previous year.

This information, together with a detailed breakdown of costs for the last six months (some of which were front-loaded), was considered by councillors and adjusted where necessary. Councillors are mindful of not increasing the precept excessively, but also recognise the need to ensure that rising costs—and potentially new responsibilities passed down to Parish Councils—can be met.

The exact amount of the precept increase cannot be determined until the January 2026 meeting, when Wychavon will provide the tax-base figures required. However, councillors discussed possible increases ranging from 5–6% up to around 9% on the current precept. This would help ensure that the Parish Council can continue to provide its current services, take on any additional responsibilities, and maintain reserves equivalent to one-third to one-half of the precept for unforeseen circumstances.

AT reminded councillors that at the end of last year, the Badsey hall play area project was only possible because the council received an unexpected grant. The council does not want to be in a similar situation in future, relying on unexpected funding to deliver essential work.

Councillors also agreed to build in a contingency of £2000 for a potential new rec shed. Possible funds for NP were also muted but at this stage the PC is not far enough into the process to assess those costs.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to use the pre-booked and prepaid toilets from the soapbox for the event that they are hoping to organise immediately after Badsey Flower Show.

- c. **Audit conclusion as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025-** The audit conclusion was noted, clerk confirmed that the notice had been displayed as required. The Assertion 9 box was amended as the recreation Ground trust has no separate account and all transactions are through the PC accounts.
- d. **Decision regarding councillor's allowances-** Cllrs were advised of the following from Worcs CALC. This is to allow prospective Cllrs to not be deterred from applying for the role due to childcare costs or carer costs associated with attending the meetings:

*Badsey approached me while ago around allowances for Councillors. I'm please to say that I've worked with the Independent remuneration panel and that we've jumped through a lot of hoops and they have this week made a recommendation. While I am still waiting on the exact wording it will be something along the lines of the Parish can (if it wants) put between 1-3% of its revenue budget (non capital projects) for Councillor allowances.*

*There was a lot of work and discussion went into this and I hope you are happy there is now a recommendation, Cllrs agreed to include £200 into the budget as a contingency. The official confirmation has not yet been received and then this will need to be considered and approved by DCLG, so the timeline for this is unclear, however, it was agreed to make provision for it from April 2026.*

6.

**Planning:**

- a. The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and any planning meeting minutes were noted.
- b. **A request has been received from Bloor Homes for councillors to meet with them-** Cllrs considered this request to meet with Bloor to discuss such matters as open space and taking ownership of it, landscaping and green infrastructure proposals and planned off-site Highways works. It was agreed that ID, MiT and LC would attend.
- c. The PC response to the public consultation for 75 houses on Badsey Fields Lane is as follows:

The Parish Council has serious concerns about this proposed development.

Namely, it has concerns about the impacts of a development of this size on the environment and infrastructure. This is particularly the case given the number of houses that have been consented in past 2 to 3 years and are already being built out within the village and wider Parish. The Parish Council has repeatedly raised concerns about cumulative impacts of developments with WDC and this will very much be an issue with this proposal.

Particular concerns relate to highways impact, loss of agricultural land, education provision and utilities capacity.

The PC will make full comments on any future planning application if/when it is received.

- d. Comments made in response to ST comments on application W/23/00936/OUT.

Comments have been received from Severn Trent on Brewers Lane development and Vale Fresco issuing a holding objection recommending that WDC don't approve the applications until this matter has been dealt with. LC has been in correspondence with Wychavon to establish how this matter will be resolved, the correspondence is ongoing. LC has also raised concerns with WDC regarding the section 106 on the Brewers Lane application relating specifically to the sports contribution which has been split between Badsey and Evesham.

- e. The following applications were considered/noted:

6a	<b>Case No:</b>	W/25/02142/OUT
	<b>Location:</b>	Land At (OS 0546 4460), Offenham Road, Aldington
	<b>Proposal:</b>	Residential development of up to 40 dwellings, associated infrastructure and landscaping, with vehicular access from Offenham Road.
	<b>Parish Council Decision:</b>	LC agreed to prepare comments and submit to Wychavon in time for deadline of 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025, agreed by councillors. Comments will be noted at December meeting.
	<b>Wychavon Decision:</b>	

c. The following decisions were noted:

6b	<p><b>Case No:</b> W/25/01359/FUL</p> <p><b>Location:</b> 62 Willersey Road, Badsey.</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Erection of a self-build bungalow.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Decision:</b> No objections</p> <p><b>Wychavon Decision:</b> Refused</p>
6c	<p><b>Case No:</b> W/25/02150/HP</p> <p><b>Location:</b> 8 Bowers Hill Badsey</p> <p><b>Proposal:</b> Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Decision:</b> BAPC have no objections to this application but request that Wychavon check on completion as the project has been downsized</p> <p><b>Wychavon Decision:</b> Approved</p>

7.

Meeting closed at 9.04pm  
Date of next meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.