

BADSEY & ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the first Parish Council newsletter. Having been elected as Chairman in May this year (much to my surprise!) the last few months have been spent learning how the Council do various things and listening to residents concerns and suggestions. One of the items that comes up again and again is the lack of communication between the council and local residents. Hopefully this newsletter will go some way to address this issue. Enclosed is a comprehensive survey covering a wide range of subjects that I would encourage you all to complete and return. This will help us prioritise our efforts and set next years precept.

I look forward to meeting you to discuss any ideas you may have

Kind regards, Mary Campbell

Sladdon Trust

A bequest to the Parish by the Sladdon family still has a balance of £3000 and is still waiting for a suitable project. The terms of the bequest are that the money is used for recreational projects and for the benefit of residents. If you know of any worthy project that meets the criteria please send the details in writing to the Clerk and once reviewed a decision can be taken on which one(s) to support.

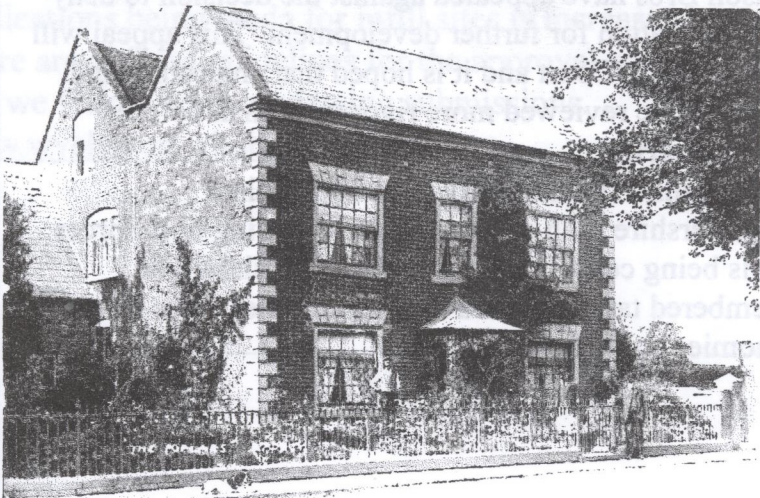


Traffic and HGV

The council is aware of the many traffic issues throughout the village especially speeding and HGV movements. We are told by the police that they cannot stop HGVs from calling at businesses to collect/deliver goods.

Issues currently being discussed are;

- Parking outside Badsey First School – could all parents please take care that they park legally and heed the speed limits in the village.
- Speeding in Brewers Lane – this appears to be a problem especially when training sessions or matches are taking place at the Cricket Club.
- Development of Honeybourne Airfield



Tom Bean - Local County Councillor Report

Tom Bean is the locally elected County Councillor for Badsey and surrounding villages. You can find him on the internet ! If you have any questions or comments about the report below please contact Tom at County Hall Worcester

Flooding

The County is currently working on a plan to reduce the impact of flooding on properties. A report is due out next year.

Roads Budget

£15.3m is to be added to the roads budget as a result of an investigation by the Scrutiny Committee headed by Cllr Tucker.

Halcrow

The relationship between the County and Halcrow (engineering designers and overseers of works) is being looked at, including how other authorities deal with these issues.

Honeybourne Airfield

Johnson Bros have appealed against the decision to deny their application for further development. This appeal will go to the High Court and it is hoped that environmental issues will be reviewed more rigorously than before.

Fire Authority

Warwickshire fire authority have approached Worcestershire with a view to amalgamating both forces. This is being considered currently and it should be remembered that there are a number of other ways in which economies could be obtained.

And loads more !!

Planning

The way in which planning is processed by the Parish Council has been changed so that residents have a forum for commenting on all applications received. A planning committee chaired by David Badham has been set up to meet twice a month to look at applications. Invitation to these meetings are sent to all neighbouring houses and the details are posted on the notice boards around the village. All residents are welcome to attend and make comment. Comments and representations can be made before the formal meeting starts but cannot be heard once the council is in session. If you have any questions about this process please contact the Clerk.

In 2006/7 the number of planning applications dealt with was approx 55. It is noted that the number of applications being made for infill sites is increasing. There are defined guidelines for the approval process that we follow when reviewing submissions.

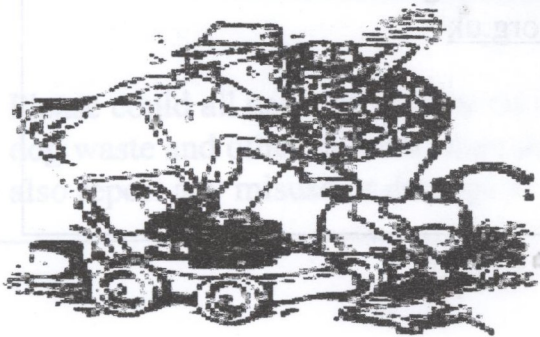
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Affordable Housing

Affordable housing is something that is of interest to all residents. There is a survey being distributed with the newsletter that is necessary to estimate the need for housing in Badsey. This covers all types of housing for all sizes of family and single persons. The revised date for submitting this is 30th November 2007. Please take a few moments to fill this in and return as it will be used to assess future housing needs in Badsey, Aldington and Blackminster.

Grass Cutting

This contract is up for review and a tender document has been prepared. If you are interested in this please contact the Clerk for a copy. A notice will also be placed in the Evesham Journal. There are other tenders for work to be carried out on the Rec. If you would like to see any of them please contact the Clerk.



COUNCILLORS REQUIRED
(It can be fun.....REALLY!!)

Badsey and Aldington Council is looking for 3 new members. Minimum age 18.

If you would like to take a more active role in the community and make the acquaintance of a diverse group then this is for you. The commitment is 3 hours per month plus any activity that you may volunteer for ie footpath officer, recreation ground review etc.

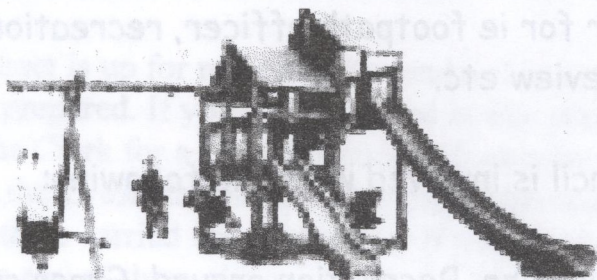
The Council is involved with the following:

Street Lighting, Recreation ground, Grass cutting, Bus shelters, Noticeboards, Seats, Community grants, Planning applications, Roads and Highways, and much much more.

Please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form.

Recreation Ground Maintenance

The recreation ground in Badsey Field Lane has been identified as needing a number of repairs and general tidying up. A schedule of works is being put together for next year so that this can be done properly and an annual maintenance programme developed to keep it spic and span. If you have any ideas please let the Clerk have them in writing.



Please could all users of the Rec take care to remove dog waste and other rubbish when they leave. Please also report any misuse or damage to the Clerk.

Helpful Phone Numbers

Police	0845 7444888
Riverside Surgery	01386 40121
Merstow Green Surgery	01386 165600
Evesham Hospital	01386 502348
Electricity failure	0800 3281111
Gas emergency	0800 111999
Water	0800 7834444
RSPCA	0870 5555999
NHS Direct	08454647
Childline	0800 1111
Worcestershire County Council	01905 763763
Wychavon District Council	01386 765000

BLACKMINSTER BUSINESS PARK

Birmingham Road, Blackminster Nr Evesham

XMAS FAIR



Saturday 1st December

10 – 4pm

Lots of entertainment and stalls to supply all
your Christmas needs including

Over 25000 Square feet of indoor shopping

Bucking Reindeer

Indoor Craft Fair

Clowns

Santa's Grotto

Free mince pie and coffee

And loads more !!

**BADSEY & ALDINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL OPERATING STATEMENT
2006/7**

Income

Precept	26995
VAT refund	2341

29336

Expenses

Clerk	15928
Office Admin	5078
Insurance	1821
Street Lighting	6682
Recreation Ground & General Maintenance	5739
Donations	1262
Fees and Subs	911
VAT	2274

39695

Balance

(10359)

Your Councillors are;

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Please contact any of the above if you
have any comments or queries