

BADBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Michael Thompson (MT) – Chair, Catherine Martin (CM), Linda Clow (LC), Sophie Fitzhugh (SF), Angela Murphy (AM), Matt Crowther (MC)
 Others: Cllr Rupert Frost (RF), 3 members of public + Clerk

Item		Action
01/10/26	Administration a. <i>To receive and approve apologies for absence:</i> Apologies were received from Katie Griffiths (KG) & Pete Johnson (PJ). Neville Snell (NS) did not attend. b. <i>To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda:</i> None c. <i>To consider any dispensation requests:</i> None. d. <i>To approve the minutes of the meeting on 14 September 2026:</i> It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting as a correct record, and they were approved and signed accordingly.	
02/10/26	Matters Arising: None	
03/10/26	Public Participation: The public took part in discussions regarding planning items (see minute 5).	
04/10/26	Unitary Councillor's Report: RF provided an update. Particular mention was made of Community Grants available for local groups. Details to be circulated.	Clerk
05/10/26	Planning. a. 2026/2490/FULL – update on planning application 2026/2490/Full for Change of use of land for the stationing of one static/chalet and two touring caravans for residential use with ancillary hardstanding at Land adj. Bunkers Hill - waiting to see whether this is on the agenda for Planning Committee on 22/10. WNC report may recommend approval or rejection. Parish Council scripts have been drafted and will be tweaked accordingly by CM. Clerk to check with Stephanie Gilbrat whether development of owned sites count towards WNC target for Gypsy & Traveller sites. b. Planning Enforcement – a planning application is expected for the site at the top of the field, and the Parish Council will want this called in to be consistent. Information about the activity on the old nursery site over the weekend has been sent to Michelle Jarvis. c. Planning application 2026/0243/MAO – Despite reports in the Daventry Express it was confirmed that no appeal has been	CM Clerk

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	received to date. MT to contact consultant to get a quote for review of the Parish Council's response, which is drafted in preparation but will be amended when appeal is submitted. d. Neighbourhood Plan – CM updated following call with Alan Munn at WNC. More attention is paid to plans less than 5 years old. The review should be focussed on key issues, not repeating national and local plan policies. NP group meeting on Thursday to agree way forward. AM/CM to attend ONH seminar on 22/10. Clerk to work with AM on the plans available through Parish Online mapping system. SF has met with Kirsten Dollery and Richard Piner re Biodiversity Policy and will bring to Parish Council meeting on 9th November for discussion. Could also be a theme for next Annual Parish Meeting. e. Local Plan Consultation Response – comments to be submitted re “soundness” due to Badby's designation as a secondary service village despite not qualifying as such on points. MT to draft response with input from NS. Deadline is 16th November, draft to be reviewed at next PC meeting on 9th November.	MT AM/CM/SF AM/CM Clerk/AM SF MT/NS
06/10/26	Decisions Required a. It was RESOLVED to approve the extension to the contract for grass cutting, to be awarded to Luke Costello until the end of the 2029 cutting season at a price £11,200 (£700 per cut for 16 cuts per year). LC to be requested not to come if there is no growth. b. It was RESOLVED, in relation to the development of a Welcome Booklet for new residents, that we would seek to work with the Church who have an existing shorter Welcome Pack, to develop an expanded version. CM to raise at the PCC meeting she has been invited to in November. MT to work with Clerk to draft the booklet. Clerk to check what other villages provide.	Clerk CM MT/Clerk
07/10/26	Finance – see below	Clerk

- a. The Q2 2026-27 Budget Update was received and noted.
- b. Noted income received September 2026: Precept 2nd Half £17,581.50, Cemetery Fees £310.00, Wayleave £3.45
- c. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Details	Amount (£)	VAT (£)	Total (£)	Within Budget	Payee	Authority	Payment Type
Street Light Electricity – September 2026	45.61	2.28	47.89	Y	Yu Energy	Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 3	DD
Clerks' salary and expenses 1-30 Sept and Income Tax/Ni thereon	722.39	0.00	722.39	Y	{P Hymers {HMRC	LGA 1972, s. 112	SO and BACS
Mowing – Greens, Verges, Playing Field, Cemetery & Churchyard – 15 Sept	750.00	150.00	900.00	Y	Luke Costello	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9 and 10	BACS

Mowing – Greens, Verge, Playing Field, Cemetery & Churchyard – 29 Sept	750.00	150.00	900.00	Y	Luke Costello	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss. 9 and 10	BACS
Village Hall Hire July to Sept. 2026	56.25	0.00	56.25	Y	BVHMC	LGA 1972, s. 111	BACS
Quarterly Maintenance Charge	90.00	18.00	108.00	Y	EON	Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 3	BACS
Street Light BPC19 New Photocell	39.00	7.80	46.80	Y	EON	Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 3	BACS
Street Light BPC45 New Photocell	39.00	7.80	46.80	Y	EON	Parish Councils Act 1957, s. 3	BACS
Data Protection Fee	52.00	0.00	52.00	Y	Information Commissioners Office	LGA 1972, s. 111	BACS

- d. Noted urgent purchase agreed by the Chair - £37.78 + VAT to Wicksteed for a for a crotch strap for swing seat. MC to install once received.
- e. Agreed the urgent repair required to step up to churchyard, by John McCree at a cost of £145.
- f. Agreed an increase in the Standing Order payment for Clerk's salary to reflect pay award
- g. Noted Bank balance at 30 September 2026:
 Unity Trust Bank current a/c £31,118.12

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08/10/26	Monthly Report – decisions and actions a. Trees and Greens – noted that Horticultural Society have organised another bulb bash on 1 November, 300 more bulbs to be planted. Need to consider a tree replacement plan as part of the emerging biodiversity plan. Clerk to circulate plan of current trees. b. Playing Field – need to plant a replacement rowan tree. Clerk to check invoices for original species. c. Defibrillators – include location in welcome booklet d. Village Hall – rental for parking space by Old School House to be reviewed. e. Fawsley – no significant tree felling in woods expected this year.	All SF Clerk Clerk/MT Clerk
09/10/26	New matters requested for next meeting: Biodiversity Plan, Local Plan Consultation Response	Clerk
10/10/26	Dates of meetings 2026/27: 9 November, 14 December, 11 January 2027, 8 February 2027, 8 March 2027	
11/10/26	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm	

Signed:

Date: