

BADBY PARISH
NOTES FROM
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2016

Welcome Address by Peter Cooper (Chairman)

Welcome to all. Thanks to organisations and representatives attending.

Second event of this nature, felt that social event would increase participation and encourage discussion better than formal style.

Highlighted a number of key issues that the BPC has been addressing over the last year.

1. Establishment of BPNP – group of parishioners working on a document to enable greater ability to determine scale and nature of development in Badby. Thanks to those involved. Encourage all to speak to representatives.
2. Planning issues. Important role of BPC to comment on all Planning Applications. Mixed effect – sometimes see that we can influence decisions, others not. Notably development of ex-garages site on Pound Lane. Inappropriate build (surveys indicated need for affordable housing), effects on parking, roads and safety. Thanks to local residents who also made representations.
3. Parking and road safety. Continuing issue in Badby, as other villages. Meetings with NCC. Particular concern about A361 and junction with Pinfold Green. Arranging for yellow ‘no parking’ lines around corner in the hopes this will reduce the chance of cars turning in being ‘shunted’ by lorries close behind them. Also 40 roundels in the road as the A361 comes down the hill, to remind drivers as they pass the various exits. Always keen to hear of ideas to improve the road safety and parking issues.
4. Replacement of bus shelter after it was blown over. Thanks to Martin Walton for building it.
5. Sadly, the Horse Chestnut tree on The Green had to be removed – annual monitoring reports showed progressive decay and latest report recommended removal. The way the trunk split as it came down showed just how bad it had got. BPC will be considering what to put in its place – please let us know your thoughts.
6. Defibrillator now installed on side of Village Hall. Seeking volunteers to be trained in its use and maintenance. Please let us know if you are interested in being trained.
7. Small group looking at organising an event on 12 June to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday. Also arranging a Clean for the Queen day on 15 May to do work around the village – repairing verges, clearing litter, cleaning signs etc. Hope we can have volunteers to help with the work.
Thanks to fellow Councillors for their time and commitment on the Parish Council, and to Sharon, our active and ever-helpful Clerk, who arranged this evening’s event.

Discussion points with attendees during the course of the evening

- The safety of the second Horse Chestnut (I confirmed it was also being monitored and was deemed, for the time being, to be safe)
- The loss of the flashing 40 sign on the hill coming down to Badby from the Banbury direction. (I was not aware that ever had been one – can anyone shed light?)
- The Parish Council’s involvement in the ‘one-way’ system operated by parents dropping children at the school (I responded it was an unofficial system instigated and implemented by parents, not us), and could we speak to the school to ask that it operate in the opposite direction to avoid the dangers of cars having to exit School Lane on a blind corner littered with parked cars.
- The Horse Chestnut should be replaced by a bench, picnic area and flowering tree. (Couple of people commented on the idea of a bench or recreation area)
- The perception of a separation of Neneside from the rest of the village, with some people even saying that Neneside was not in Badby.
- There is an application for a waste transfer station at Boddington, which will increase the number of HGVs on the A361. Is this something BPC is worried about?

- There is a misunderstanding of the 'stoppage' of the verge by the new house on Pinfold Green, which some are interpreting as an intention by the builder to close the road forming that leg of the triangle of Pinfold Green.
- Queen's birthday event – Suggestion to have fire-works on the playing field and ring the bells.
- Option for a bench on The Green where the horse chestnut was
- Cake and wine should be served at the APM.
- Note to put defibrillator on the Assets Register
- A comment about Neneside not being thought of as part of the village
- A successful evening from a social point of view but didn't attract many people other than those who had a role there.

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