

BADBY PARISH
NOTES FROM
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2017
AT 7.30PM
HELD AT BADBY VILLAGE HALL

Community organisations represented at the Annual Parish Meeting were:

Badby Horticultural Society	Z Shapter
Badby Parish Council	P Cooper, K Alexander, S Chandler, P Johnson, R Piner, M Richards, N Snell, M Walton, A Witcomb,
Bell Ringers	G Pullin
Film Society	M Cooper
Neighbourhood Plan Group	K Morris, A Witcomb
Neighbourhood Watch	D Wilson, S Wilson
St Mary's Church	S Hartland-Swann, F Williams
Women's Institute	K Earley

The number of attendees over the course of the evening was in the region of 42.

The Welcome Address was made by Peter Cooper (Chairman of Badby Parish Council) at the start of the evening. The address included the following:

1. **Badby Parish Neighbourhood Plan.** The Group preparing a draft Plan has continued its diligent and detailed work, with several public presentations and consultations during the year. It is an important activity for the future of the parish, and the serious stages of public consultation, inspection and ultimately a referendum are approaching. Members of the Group preparing the Plan want feedback on the proposed 'views' that represent the distinctive character and setting of Badby which will become part of the Plan and help to retain our unique character and heritage.
2. **Parking and traffic** remains top of the issues that parishioners contact the Parish Council. In particular, parking on the many Greens, problems on Pound Lane and School Lane (not just at school times), and similar issues around the church and Church Green. We have been consulting residents and are holding discussions on the last two, involving respectively the school and the PCC.
3. A **Defibrillator** has been installed just outside on the Village Hall wall and we've arranged a First Aid/CPR courses for those interested.
4. We have instituted **monthly working parties** to do various tasks around Badby, from litter-picking and trimming of overhanging branches, to putting in hedging at the cemetery and repairs to damaged Greens. We would welcome anyone to come and help – whatever age or skills. The working parties are every 4th Sunday from 10 to 12:30, starting at the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome to come along.
5. We put in recent Newsletters our **plans for improving the area just below the Village Hall**, in the triangle near Courtyard Lane, to make it into a leisure/nature area with the inclusion of bird boxes, hedging and other planting, plus a bark path over the summer. Money towards this came from a grant from our NCC Councillor, Robin Brown, and I'd like to express our thanks to him.
6. **The chestnut tree on the Green** at the corner of Chapel Lane was taken down earlier last year. After seeking views on what should be done with the area, a new tree will be planted with a circular bench also planned to go round it. The Parish Council received a small amount of money for community use

from the construction of the new house on the corner of Pinfold Green, and we may use that towards the costs.

7. With so many projects to progress, the Parish Council has set up a **small group to look at getting a 'menu' of such work**, and see where we can get the money to take some of them forward. The group is in touch with other Badby groups for coordination. There are suggestions of a sponsored Soap-box Derby and other things – talk to Steve Chandler.
8. Less positively, we've had reports of some **damage to trees and up at the cricket pitch**, as well as some people behaving strangely. In light of several break-ins earlier this year, residents were asked to be vigilant and report any issues.
9. Finally, I'd like to **thank all my fellow Parish Councillors and our ever-working Clerk**, Sharon, (who put together this evening's event) for all they've done. It's a good team.

The Chairman then invited questions although none were forthcoming. Informal discussions were then had between those attending and those representing community organisations.

S Foster
07.09.17