



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 2013

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Dean Upton
Heather Nicholson
Will Hawthorne
Chrissie Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
PC Gareth McGaw

49. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Assembly Meeting held on 14th May 2012 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

50. Parish Council – Chairman's Report

The following is the text of the Chairman's report read to the meeting by **JG**:

Welcome to the 2013 Annual Assembly. The last year has flown by, we have had several highs and lows but seem to have come out unscathed. The general upkeep of the estate is slowly improving and the contractors have made a start in several areas, we must hope that they keep up the standard of work, unlike last year when the standard dropped noticeably through the year. The last year has seen the implementation of the Parish Lengthsman initiative; this has been a mixed blessing with some notable problems. I think this initiative may prove successful in the long run provided we stick to the more easily managed jobs.

As a council we have lost two councillors Ian Tait and Nicola Blencowe I would like to thank them both for their efforts.

Dean Upton has continued to keep our presence on the internet ticking over - many thanks to him.

We have had another year without any contentious planning issues, but I feel that the coming year may be different. WCC's plans for the Stanmore area that abuts Badger Farm will be of great interest to those that live on that side of the estate in particular.

Following on from last year the incidents of vandalism on the Central Kickabout have risen to new heights. We cannot continue to make insurance claims and we are being forced to remove the damaged equipment and not replace it. The equipment on the Davis Kickabout is less prone to vandalism due to it being closer to houses. We spent some money this year with a view to extending the life of this equipment and hope that this will be successful.

The major project for the next couple of years will be the improvement of the maintenance regime on the Whiteshute Ridge grassland. We are currently looking in to

the possibilities of introducing cattle onto the Ridge for a short period each year. This work will be in partnership with WCC and HCC.

51. Presentation of Parish Council Finances for 2012/2013

The Parish Clerk reported that the accounts for the year 2012/2013 had been prepared but not yet reviewed by the Internal Auditor. He went on to outline that:

- a) During 2012/2013 the Parish Council received a total income of £29,105. This was made up of a Precept from the City Council of £28,400, £680 from Insurance claims for vandalism and £25 from Interest on Investments.
- b) Expenditure amounted to £29,034. This consisted of:
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| (i) | Clerk's Salary, PAYE & NIC | £ 6,420 |
| (ii) | Administration | £ 4,545 |
| (iii) | Litter | £ 3,155 |
| (iv) | Open Space | £ 0 |
| (v) | Play Equipment | £ 1,903 |
| (vi) | Whiteshute Ridge | £ 7,040 |
| (vii) | Donations | £ 950 |
| (viii) | Capital Projects | £ 5,021 |
- c) Donations had been made to Winchester CAB (£400), BF & OB RCA (£400), Victim Support (£100) and Vitalise (£50) .
- d) The surplus on the year was therefore £ 71.
- e) Taking into account the previous year's brought forward figures this resulted in a final overall balance of £10,000 with a further £14,500 held in reserve for the lease of Whiteshute Ridge, £15,550 for future capital projects and £2,406 in the Pension Fund making a grand total of £42,456.

52. Question Time

LB remarked that the lack of public support was extremely disappointing and suggested that in future years the Parish might consider delivering fliers to parishioners encouraging attendance. **JG** noted this suggestion.

There being no further questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 1945.

Signed

Date