

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2012

PRESENT:

Fenella Jarvis (Chair)
Will Hawthorne
Chrissie Sanders
Nicola Blencowe
Heather Nicholson
Dean Upton

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
Ian Tait

In the absence of John Godbold, Fenella Jarvis took the chair.

1045. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2011 were **AGREED** and signed by **FJ** as an accurate record.

1046. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No Report – This is the second consecutive meeting the police have failed to forward a report and they have not been represented in person since September 2011.

b) Open Space

WH reported that:

- (i) The recent gales had caused a number of garden fences and walls to come down. This was of course the responsibility of the owners of the properties however the fence behind 28 Lowden Close was causing an unacceptable blockage of the footpath. **MM** will write to the tenant/owner.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received.
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
- Ivy Close Single Storey enlargement of kitchen to side of house
- (iii) No applications had been refused

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) "In-house" fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date.
- (ii) The most recent Vita Play inspection took place on 4 January 2012. The following defects were identified with higher levels of risk (eg A - potential for death, B - severe or C - minor injury):

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kickabout			
Trim Trail	Traverse ropes worn to core	Replace	C
Wicksteed Multi Play	2 post caps missing 1 post cap broken	Replace	C
Davis Kickabout			
Flat Seat Swings	Cracks in frame	Monitor/Fill	C
Cradle Swings	Cracks in frame	Monitor/Fill	C
Multi Play	Cracks in frame	Monitor/Fill	C
	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Replace	C
Safety Surfacing	Algae & Moss	Clean	C

- (iii) Two further issues were noted:
 - (a) The Play Area Sign on the Central Kickabout requires cleaning
 - (b) Soil erosion in front of the Kompan Goal and Junior Goal
- (iv) The replacement of the Trim Trail traverse ropes (Minute 1039 d) (iii) Page 786 refers) is in hand.

e) Transport

KT had forwarded a report covering the following:

- (i) Engineering work will take place on the London line on the weekend of 14/15 January.
- (ii) Average fare rises on South-West trains are 5.8% from January 1st.

f) Communications

DU reported that:

- (i) He has continued work on the website but is waiting the allocation of a dot gov dot uk domain address. In the meantime he intends to email council members the URL, username and password so that they can try out the site and forward any comments.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The cleared bank balance on 30 December 2011 was £47,450:10. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for December 2011 were signed by **FJ**.
- (ii) The 2012/13 Precept demand for £28,400 was forwarded to WCC on 16 December 2011 (Minute 1040 page 791 refers).
- (iii) He had written to Aon Insurance on 19 December to add the Aubade Picnic Table (Value £966 ex VAT) to the Insurance policy cover. The policy had been amended on 3 January 2012.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

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i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

WH reported that:

- (i) Repair work on the water damaged floor in the Battery Room will start in two weeks time. Costs will be covered by the Insurance.
- (ii) The RCA will shortly be replacing the carpet in the Bushfield Room.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had directed David Denby to fell trees 219 and 224, to remove crown and reduce tree 193 and to crown clean tree 271. Total cost will be £1,940. Minute 1039 j) (i) page 788 refers.
- (ii) He had accepted Scandor's quote for annual maintenance of Whiteshute Ridge of £3,725 plus VAT. Minute 1039 j) (iii) page 788 refers.
- (iii) On 16 December 2011 he had informed James Flood of S & SE that Council intended to accept Scandor's quote for purchasing and planting a 130 metre long mixed hawthorn hedge at a cost of £1,821 and that this sum would represent full and final settlement. Minute 1039 j) (iv) page 789 refers. Flood had acknowledged this on 17 December 2011.
- (iv) The dog bin in Mead Road opposite the railway footbridge will be installed in mid January.

CS reported that:

- (v) Two trees had been brought down in the recent gales and were currently blocking Whiteshute Lane. When she had reported it to HCC they had attempted to deny responsibility. Since the lane is a BOAT it is undoubtedly their responsibility – **MM** will action.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Lengthsman Scheme. See Minute 1047 below.
- (ii) Bushfield Village Green Inquiry. HCC will convene a public inquiry. The applicants for Village Green Status will hold a meeting on Thursday 19th January at 8.15pm in the Bushfield Room, Community Centre. All are welcome.
- (iii) 2 school crossing wardens have been recruited for the Sainsbury's roundabout and should start work in about a month.
- (iv) School Places Plan. HCC hope that this plan will identify a way to increase the Winchester School's capacity to meet the growing demand. Comments may be filed on HCC website until 31 March 2012,
- (v) The draft Strategic Plan 2012/15 addresses the future of the Museum and Arts Service

l) City Council Reps

LB reported that:

- (i) She had received complaints that the fallen leaves on many of the footpaths had not been cleared and were now dangerous.
- (ii) The No 2 Bus Service will be taken over by the Velvet company.

BL reported that:

- (iii) He had received numerous complaints about the No 5 Bus Service.
- (iv) He was in the process of surveying the footpaths on the estate for protruding roots and brambles. His attention was drawn to the brambles on the fenced steps off the Honeysuckle Close / Kestrel Close footpath.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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p) 2012 Diamond Jubilee

MM reported that:

- (i) **JG** had announced at the last meeting that he would be forming a sub-committee to take this forward. **FJ** now called for volunteers to join **JG** on the sub-committee. **WH** volunteered as the chairman of the RCA and **HN** and **FJ** also expressed an interest.

1047. Parish Lengthsmen Trials 2012

The HCC sponsored Parish Lengthsmen Extended Scheme will be trialled during 2012/13. Badger Farm PC will be grouped in the Winchester Group with Colden Common, Compton & Shawford, Crawley, Hursley, Littleton & Harestock, Oliver's Battery, Otterbourne, South Wonston, Sparsholt and Twyford. Costs will be borne by HCC. Joint lead will be provided by Otterbourne and Twyford. An all participants meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th January at 1900 at Otterbourne Parish Hall (Bianchi Suite). **JG** will attend.

1048. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Copies of an HALC leaflet outlining its roles and services were passed to Councillors.

1048. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1557	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (December)	£ 427.80	-
1558	Vita Play	Play Equipment Inspection	£ 76.80	£ 12.80
1559	HM R & C	3 rd Quarter PAYE	£ 321.00	-
1560	Aon Limited	Addl Insurance Premium	£ 12.67	-

1049. Any other business

DU raised the issue of lighting on the footpaths within the Parish and asked whether HCC would be prepared to erect additional standards to resolve the visibility problems caused by tree growth. **MM** will contact HCC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2050

Signed

Date