

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2013

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

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

### APOLOGIES:

PCSO Gavin Cooper  
Will Hawthorne (Vice Chair)

### 1127. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were **AGREED** and signed by **JG** as an accurate record.

### 1128. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Police

**PCSO GC** was unable to attend but had forwarded a written report.

(i) The following crimes have been reported in the last month:

Sainsburys                      Theft of charity bags from the car park

(ii) The next PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting will be held at Hundred Men's Hall, St Cross Hospital on Monday 25th March at 1915.

(iii) The next Winchester District Parish Policing Partnership Forum will be held on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm in the Beeston Room, North Walls Police Station.

#### b) Open Space

**MM** reported that:

(i) Following the recent snow residents had requested new grit bins:

(a) Received by comment on website – Request for grit bin opposite 7 Kestrel Close beside parking bay.

(b) Received by letter to **JG** – Request for grit bin in vicinity of parking space up the hill from 103 Elder Close.

(c) Request for grit bin on the north side of Badger Farm Road by the underpass. Accepted because it will benefit residents despite not being within the parish.

These requests have been forwarded to HCC and **CB** for consideration.

- (ii) The action **AGREED** at Minute 1122 b) (iii) page 857 remains outstanding. Councillors were reminded that:
  - (a) They should produce a list of all areas of Open Space that are causing concern. This will be co-ordinated by **JG**.
  - (b) The consolidated list will be passed to Mathew Parr (WCC) for action and to **LB** for monitoring progress.
  - (c) A site meeting will be convened should this be necessary.

c) Planning

**MM** reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) No applications had been approved:
- (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 Friday 1 February 2013. 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
<b>Central Kickabout</b>			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Monitor /Replace	C
<b>Davis Kickabout</b>			
Multi Play	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Monitor /Replace	C

Council **AGREED** that these defects should be monitored.

**JG** reported that:

- (iii) Pressure hosing of both play ground's safety surfacing will be completed this week.

e) Transport

**KT** had forwarded a written report covering:

- (i) Rail. Disruptions on London line on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Services to Portsmouth from Winchester will be disrupted on 9/10<sup>th</sup> March.

- (ii) Road. The M27 will be resurfaced on the weekend of 9th March between Junctions 4 and 5. This is likely to cause severe traffic disruption.

f) Communications

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g) Finance

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Income & Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared bank balance on 1 February 2013 was £42,691:57. There was one un-cleared cheque to the value of £76.80. The bank statements and reconciliation for January 2013 were signed by **JG**.

h) Parish Lengthsman

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The Lengthsman's next visit will take place on 3, 4 and 5 March.
- (ii) He will be tasked with completing the outstanding work in the vicinity of the Whiteshute Ridge new fence.
- (iii) The current Lengthsman trial is due to finish at the end of April. Our lead Parish (Twyford) have fed back the years positives and negatives to HCC and we are currently waiting to hear whether the programme will continue in 2013/14. Twyford PC now require BFPC to state:
  - (a) Whether we wish to participate again in 2013/14 given the chance
  - (b) What major considerations would we like them to raise during the re-tendering process.

Council **AGREED** that they wish to participate again but would wish to see the ability to work unsupervised and to a time table included in the selection process. **MM** will inform Twyford PC.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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j) Whiteshute Ridge

**CS** reported that:

- (i) A tree had come down across Whiteshute Ridge Lane by the new temporary fence blocking access. Council **AGREED** to contract D Denby to cut up and clear.

**MM** reported that:

- (i) A resident had complained that the ash trees on top of the Ridge behind his house in Honeysuckle Close needed cropping.
- (ii) Another resident had complained that a limb of an ash tree on the slope of the Ridge behind his house in Honeysuckle Close had come down in the recent gales and requested that the trees be trimmed.

Council discussed these two requests and **AGREED** that the trees should not be cropped or trimmed on the grounds that:

- (a) These trees were last surveyed in November 2012 and no safety issues had been identified requiring any action.
- (b) The Parish Council cannot afford to trim them solely for cosmetic reasons.

**JG** reported that:

- (iii) He had had a most interesting visit to Shawford Down with Damian Offer (WCC) and had been impressed by all he had seen in the management of their downland with winter grazing.
- (iv) Damian had since forwarded some very preliminary calculations and details of grants that might be available should the Parish Council decide to pursue this option for Whiteshute ridge. He had not yet had time to study them.
- (v) He will host a meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 1930 to explore the issues further with Parish Councillors.

k) County Council Rep

**CB** reported on:

- (i) Highways & Grit Bins. See para 1128 b) (i) above
- (ii) "Have Your Say" Grants. A new small grant for community projects selected online by individuals.
- (iii) Hockley Cycle Path. This will be opened in late February and forms part of the National Cycle Network 23 (Winchester to Southampton).

l) City Council Reps

**BL** reported that:

- (i) Parking Restrictions. The laybys at the Hockley lights beside the viaduct will shortly become 4 hours limited stay.

- (ii) Dog Fouling. The problem has recently become significantly worse and he will therefore ask the Dog Warden to implement a fining regime.

**LB** reported that:

- (iii) Traffic Survey. A survey on Badger Farm Road was recently conducted and we await the report.

m). Notice Board Rep

**MM** reported that following the agreement reached at the last meeting to remove the 2 boards sited on the Ridgeway opposite Elder Close and on Rooks Down Road opposite Wheatlands Close (Minute 1122 m) (ii) page 860 refers) he had identified the following issues:

- (i) Their upright supporting posts have been concreted into the ground in large concrete blocks which will be difficult (and expensive) to get moved.
- (ii) The board by the bus stop opposite Elder Close has an "electronic eye" mounted on it that is part of the bus stop indicator board system.
- (iii) The one beside the letter box opposite the end of Wheatlands Close has a WCC notice on it about dog fouling.

**MM** suggested that the easiest (and cheapest) solution might be to unbolt the two boards from the posts removing the boards but leaving the posts in situ. Council **AGREED** this course of action. **MM** went on to say that the two remaining boards were beyond renovation and required replacing. Council **AGREED**.

n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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## 1129. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

## 1130. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1629	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (January)	£	498.59	£	11.80
1630	Vita Play	Play Inspections (February)	£	76.80	£	12.80
1631	BT	Clerk Telephone	£	56.38	£	9.40
1632	Luke Godbold	Play Equipment spray cleaning	£	300.00	£	-

## 1131. Any other business

**JG** reported:

- a) The Parish required a new printer. Council authorised expenditure up to £300.
- b) He would shortly be meeting a potential new councillor

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2056.

Signed

Date