

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2012

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Dean Upton
Nicola Blencowe
Fenella Jarvis
Chrissie Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Damien Offer (WCC)
Heather Nicholson
Will Hawthorne (Vice Chair)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)

1083. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2012 were **AGREED with one minor amendment** and signed by **JG** as an accurate record.

1084. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

- (i) PC Gareth McGaw had forward a written report covering incidents in May. There had been:

2 Criminal Damage	One relates to long running neighbour dispute Damage to a garden fence.
3 Shoplifting	Sainsburys
1 Suspicious Behaviour	May Tree Close
Anti-social Behaviour	Scrambler bikes on the Ridge

He also reported that a telephone scam was operating in Winchester. The caller purporting to be from the Ministry of Justice offers rebates on historical bank charges.

- (ii) The next PACT meeting concentrating on issues relating to Stanmore, Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery and St Cross will be held at Hundred Men's Hall, St Cross Hospital on Monday 18th June at 1900.

FJ reported that:

- (iii) She had attended the most recent Parish Policing Partnership meeting which had been good value although the issues discussed were predominantly rural.

b) Open Space

CS reported that:

- (i) The footpath from Rooks Down Road to Ashbarn Crescent passing between Royston Close and Wren Close required clearing of arisings from

tree lopping and garden rubbish that had been dumped there. This task will be given to the Lengthsman.

- (ii) The open space grass cutting programme was behind schedule. **BL** will take up with WCC to establish their intentions.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
 Honeysuckle Close External Chimney Stack
- (iii) No applications had been refused

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) "In-house" fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date.
- (ii) He had reported the vandalised post to Allianz Insurance on 22 May. Dawn Jones of Allianz allocated claim no: BH/2/246347 and requested that photographs of the damage together with a quote for repair be forwarded.
- (iii) He had spoken to RSS Playmakers on 22 May seeking quotes for repairs to the rope bridge post and the vandalised low level trim trail post.
- (iv) The most recent Vita Play inspection took place on Wednesday 6 June. 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
Trim Trail	Broken Post (see (ii) above)	Replace	B
Trim Trail	Support Leg loose in ground	Replace	B
Rope Bridge	Support Leg loose in ground	Replace	B
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

JG reported that:

(v) He had carried out a detailed survey of all the play equipment with Simon White, the Director of Vita Play who had now provided conclusions, recommendations and quotes for the way ahead identified at the last meeting. Minute 1076 d) (v – vii) pages 812 and 813 refers.

(vi) The quotes to refurbish the play equipment on each play area are as follows:

Central Kickabout:

Supply and install 51 linear mtrs of new PCC edgings	£867.00
Supply and install 51 linear mtrs of black wetpour edge repairs	£765.00
Supply and install approx. 3mtrs ² general wetpour repairs	£ 95.00
Supply and install 3no new post caps on toddler unit	£ 39.00
Fill gaps, rub down and re-stain all "round" timber trail units	£320.00
Install bonded mulch at base of swing legs, level soil / seed	£175.00
Supply and install new leg to Grand Canyon unit	£265.00

Total works as quoted £2,526.00

Davis Kickabout:

Supply and install 62 linea mtrs of black wetpour edge repairs	£ 930.00
Fill gaps, rub down and re-stain all units	£ 320.00
Supply and install 2no new flat swing seats	£ 90.00
Supply and install 1no new HDPE deck board for multiplay unit	£ 233.00
Supply and install 2no new HDPE step boards for multiplay unit	£ 85.00
Supply and install 1no HDPE Inclined ramp to main multiplay	£ 612.00

Total works as quoted £2,270.00

This work should provide up to five years further life.

(vii) The following points were then discussed:

- (a) The vandalised low level trim trail post and the bracing bar for the Drop Rope Traverse should be added to the Central Kickabout quote.
- (b) **JG** will investigate the addition of one toddlers spring seat that will not require additional safety surfacing.

Council unanimously **AGREED** to adopt this plan and accept Vita Play's quotes.

e) Transport

KT had forwarded a written report covering the following:

- (i) Winchester Air Group which monitors aircraft noise have noted that during the Olympics, a different air traffic pattern will be used at Southampton Airport to help deal with extra flights. The Air Group is planning to use this change to ask people if they notice any difference and asking them to fill out a questionnaire.

- (ii) On the railways there will be engineering work at Chandlers Ford for the first two weekends in July.
- (iii) BlueStar services E1/E2 have slightly amended their schedules to improve running times. Stagecoach have now taken over the running of the #2 service.

MM reported that:

- (iv) He had received four responses to the Chairman's question posed in the Newsletter about an increase in precept to fund an improvement in the late night bus service. One had been strongly opposed but, three had been for the proposal.

f) Communications

DU reported that:

- (i) He will now seek a solution to the problem of documents losing their formatting when attachments are added to the website.
- (ii) He will produce a "You-tube" type instructional video for councillors to learn how to interact with the website.

In further discussion it was **AGREED** that **MM** would ask the RCA to add a note and link directing visitors from the old website to the new.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared bank balance on 31 May 2012 was £51,249:32. There were two un-cleared cheques to the value of £201:80. The bank statements and reconciliation for May 2012 were signed by **JG**.
- (iii) He had written to Natwest instructing them to increase the Standing Order in favour of BF & OB RCA for Hire of the Hall to £20:28 from 1 June 2012.
- (iv) Council **AGREED** that Dr Will Hawthorne should be added to the list of authorised signatories on the bank mandates. The necessary forms were signed by the relevant Councillors. **WH** will now deliver the forms to the bank and provide proof of his identity.
- (v) Aon Insurance Ltd had now informed him that the additional premium payable to increase the Fidelity Guarantee from £40K to £60K in accordance with the Internal Auditor's recommendation (Minute 1068 d) Page 814 refers) would be £60. This would mean that the total premium to cover this single risk would become £172.20 per annum. Council **AGREED** that this was unnecessary expenditure in view of the very low level of risk.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

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i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) **JG** had observed that the cutting of the footpaths by the contractor had only been partially completed and other maintenance tasks had also not been carried out. **MM** will investigate.
- (ii) The new hedge was rapidly becoming choked with bind weed and bryony and required clearing. This is a contractual obligation on Scandor Ltd who planted the hedge. **MM** will action.
- (iii) He had spoken to WCC Environmental Health about moving the dog bin from the end of Kestrel Close on the Davis Kickabout to the vicinity of the steps in Ivy Close. This will present no problem and **JG** will now mark the proposed new site with paint.

k) County Council Rep

No Report

l) City Council Reps

BL reported that:

- (i) That WCC would thin the trees on the Central footpath in October.
- (ii) He would arrange for Damian Offer (WCC) to give his Ecology and Biodiversity presentation to the next meeting.
- (iii) He would take up the removal of the metal post on the footpath between the seat and the play equipment on the Davis Kickabout with WCC Open Space.

A Member of the Public reported that:

- (iv) There was a spate antisocial parking on the grass verge in Lowden Close between Nos 30 & 40. He suggested that this could be stopped by planting bushes / shrubs along the verge. **JG** responded that round posts might be a better option. **LB** undertook to establish with Ron Isley (HCC Highways) what the options were, if any.

m). Notice Board Rep

No Report

n). Newsletter Rep

NB asked that:

- (i) Councillors should pass items for the newsletter to her by 20 July. The editor's deadline for the next edition is 10 August.

o). WDALC

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1085. Ecology & Biodiversity

Damian Offer was unable to attend and his presentation will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

1086. Parish Lengthsman

MM reported that:

- a) The Lengthsman will work carry out his first work package in Badger Farm on 16, 17 and 18 July.
- b) **JG** will meet the Lengthsman at Lark Hill Rise at the beginning of the first day, agree the work content and subsequently sign off at the end of the day.
- c) Council **AGREED** the following work package:
 - (i) Clear, cut back and tidy the main footpath from the Community Centre to the Kickabout.
 - (ii) Clear, cut back and tidy the footpath from Rooks Down Road to Ashbarn Crescent passing between Royston Close and Wren Close.
 - (iii) Dig out the metal post on the unofficial footpath on the side of Whiteshute Ridge south of the junction between Honeysuckle and Ivy Close.

1087. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will mean that the existing system of collecting contributions to mitigate the effects of development will have to change. This in turn means that WCC will be forced to change their system of distributing money through the Open Space Fund. It is conceivable that Badger Farm might therefore be eligible to apply for assistance with play equipment funding in future.

1088. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1587	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (May)	£	443.40	£	-
1588	VitaPlay	Playground Inspections (June)	£	76.80	£	12.80
1589	WCC	Uncontested Election Fee	£	85.10	£	-
1590	Biffa	Trade waste collection	£	696.39	£	116.07
1591	HCC	Cold Calling Notices	£	75.00	£	12.50

1088. Any other business

The Chairman reported that he had attended the WCC Jubilee celebration service in the cathedral.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055.

Signed

Date