



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th December, 2017.

Members Present: Cllr. Mrs. Rhian Dolby - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. Julie Lacey – Vice Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. Heather Nicholson
Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis

In Attendance: Mrs. C. Howe - Parish Clerk
Cllr. Laming (W.C.C.)

2 Members of the public attended the meeting.

ACTION

36/17 To accept apologies

Cllr. Warwick (H.C.C. & W.C.C.) and Cllr. Bell (W.C.C.)

37/17 Presentation by Mr. R. Smith on developments at Whiteshute Ridge

Mr. Smith gave a presentation on the current developments at Whiteshute Ridge. The W.C.C., website has all the information and will be updated. There are 6 'British Whites' cattle grazing the Ridge, this number will not fluctuate to any degree. British Whites are a rare breed and are used in several other similar locations where it is necessary to keep the scrub down (by the cattle) to allow a diverse range of flora to establish. Kissing gates have been installed at several points to allow walkers access along with 2 gates for runners – which will normally be kept locked. The Ridgeway has been divided into two sections so walkers can avoid the cattle if they wish. The aim is to restore the downland to a level which will support a diverse range of wildlife and flora and the use of cattle will encourage this through exposing soil as they trample the ground. The cattle will then be moved to another site when wildflower seeds will be sown, allowing them time to establish. Volunteer groups will be set up and trained to monitor and report on the condition of the cattle, fences, gates, flora and Whiteshute Ridge in general.

38/17 Declarations of Interests

None.

39/17 To approve and sign the Minutes of Meeting held on 11th November, 2017

Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

40/17 To co-opt councillor onto Badger Farm Parish Council

Resolved: Mr. John Parsons and Mr. Harvey Skinner were co-opted onto Badger Farm Parish Council and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Registration of Pecuniary Interest form. They were given a copy of the Code of Conduct. A copy of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Good Councillor's Guide to be e.mailed to new councillors. The new councillors then took their seats.

41/17 Matters arising (urgent items not on the Agenda)

42/17 Clerk's Report

Commuted to 45/17.

Chairman.....

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43/17 To receive Member's reports

- a. W.C.C.
Written report received from Cllrs., Warwick, Bell and Laming.
- b. H.C.C.
Written report received from Cllr. Warwick.
- c. Planning
No Planning.
- d. Community Centre Lease compliance
Nothing to report.
- e. Open spaces
Leaves are still blowing about, Cllr. Laming to contact W.C.C., to collect the leaves. BL
Flour has been used as a marker around the parish, this has not washed away into the soil and is unsightly. Clerk to contact W.C.C., to request running groups not use flour as a marker in future. CH
Cllr. Jarvis to send Cllr. Laming a list of the shrubs and trees to be kept under control. FJ
- f. Play equipment
Although VitaPlay have attended to the play equipment, to prevent a recurrence of the problem it would need a bolt to be fitted. Clerk to inform VitaPlay. CH
Paving slabs have already been placed in front of the bench at Central Play area.
- g. Transport
Cllr. Parsons to be responsible for the transport portfolio.
- h. Communications
Website decision to be deferred until next year.
Cllr. Godbold reported that he would remain the WCC point of contact for flood information.
- i. Parish Lengthsman
H.C.C, have videoed our lengthsman at work and it is on the H.C.C., FB page. The next visit from the lengthsman is due on 14th March, 2018. Whilst the Lengthsman does a good job in the few hours they are allocated, the parish needs more hours to keep the parish in good order.
- j. Whiteshute Ridge
See 37/17
- k. Notice board
Nothing to report.
- l. Newsletter rep
Next newsletter is due in February.
- m. Police
Cllr. Lacey attended the PACT meeting on 21st November. Theft from motor vehicles was high in this area and the vast majority of the thefts occurred on unsecured cars.

44/17 To Review and approve Standing Orders and financial Regulations

Resolved: Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were Approved providing a clause is added stating that the Chairman shall only hold office for a term of 3 years. Cllr. Godbold proposed and Cllr. Dolby seconded.

45/17 Clerk's Report

1. Signs in the Play Area: Awaiting quotes from two other companies.
2. Pathway from Central play area to path: Awaiting two other quotes (January).
3. Auditor: Eleanor Greene has been contracted to audit B.F.P.C., May, 2018
4. NatWest have sent a cheque for £75.00 for the inconvenience B.F.P.C.'s. suffered. The submission form for an account with a new bank is being processed. Clerk sent six months back statements as requested by Unity Trust.
5. Biffa: Clerk contacted the Managing Director of Biffa and negotiated a full refund of £5,642.65 from Biffa, monies charged for a service they did not fulfill.
6. Insurance Claim: Clerk contacted the Regional Director, they agreed to settle in full, £8,947.80
7. Website: Bishops Waltham P.C. have a professional website. The clerk and staff are very happy with the service/support they received. The Website company are professional, reasonably priced, helpful and supportive. Clerk recommended Council look at this company should they decide to improve/change their website.
8. Insurance premium: I have negotiated a reduction on our annual premium we will now pay £946.49 p.a. instead of £1,500.00 p.a. We also received a refund of £353.04p. for this year.

46/17 Finance – to agree and sign the cheques for November payments

Resolved: Payments for November were agreed and cheques signed.

| PAYMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017 | | | |
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| Chq.No. | Name | Supplied | Amount |
| D/D | Badger Farm Community Centre | Room Hire | 20.25 |
| 1906 | Vita Play | Playground inspection | 76.80 |
| 1907 | W.C.C. | Dog Bins | 455.00 |
| 1908 | Mrs. C. Howe | November Salary | 632.27 |
| 1909 | H.M.R.C. | November PAYE | 158.20 |
| 1910 | Citizens Advice Bureau | Donation | 200.00 |
| 1911 | 3 Network | Mobile network | 27.20 |
| 1912 | 3 Network | Mobile network | 10.06 |
| | | TOTAL | £1584.74 |

47/17 Budget for 2018/2019 – To agree the budget and precept requirement for 2018/2019

Resolved: Budget for 2018/2019 was approved. Clerk to inform Winchester City Council of the precept requirement for 2018/19.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman thanked the members of the public and Council and closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

The date and location of the next meeting -

Monday 8th January, 2018, Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.