

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th January 2013

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

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

### APOLOGIES:

Chrissie Sanders  
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)

### 1121. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were **AGREED** and signed by **JG** as an accurate record.

### 1122. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Police

**PC GM** reported:

(i) The crimes that had been reported in the last month:

2 cases Anti Social Behaviour      Drunken youths congregating on Davis KickAbout

Noisy New Year's Eve Party

2 Suspicious Incidents

Suspicious caller "pretending" to be from Southern Water – proved to be genuine

Girl thought to be dealing drugs – proved to be innocent.

(ii) There had been a spate of bicycle thefts across Winchester recently.

#### b) Open Space

**MM** reported that:

(i) He had received a letter from a 14 year old resident of Barley Down Drive complaining about the poor football facilities on Badger Farm. In particular he said that there was not a proper pitch with two goals and there was a "big dusty area with lots of stones" close to the five-a-side goal. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should write back:

(a) Explaining the difficulty with providing a proper pitch.

- (b) Reassurance that the five-a-side goal will be moved and the hole will be re-turfed.
- (ii) WCC had received a call about dog fouling on the footpath approach to Whiteshute Ridge from Harrow Down. The caller asked that more signage be displayed in the vicinity. This will be done.
- (iii) A resident had written an email to WCC expressing concern about the severe deterioration in the maintenance of shrubs and trees since the change of contractor eighteen months ago. This complaint endorses the regular complaints received by Councillors and highlights the dangers associated with leaves and overgrown footpaths. WCC has responded admitting there is a problem with their contractor and announcing that they intend to trim the shrubs and hedges "soon". Council expressed their support for the resident and **AGREED** that:
  - (a) Councillors 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) 1 new application had been received:
  - Silverwood Close First floor side extension and build out at ground level under existing suspended bay window.
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
  - Lark Hill Rise Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension
- (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 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) The Davis safety surfacing was again getting very green and should be cleaned.

e) Transport

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

- (i) Air Traffic. It has become apparent that current air traffic routing arrangements only apply as far as the boundary between Eastleigh and Winchester. A separate agreement is now required to protect Winchester resident's interests. This will be pursued by WCC and the Air authorities.
- (ii) Rail. Engineering works will affect trains to London on 20th January and 3rd February. Buses will replace trains to Basingstoke.
- (iii) Buses, Stagecoach will continue to run the 46 service franchise to Southampton hospital for several more years.

f) Communications

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g) Finance

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Income & Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared bank balance on 31 December 2012 was £46,165.93. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for December 2012 were signed by **JG**.
- (iii) The precept demand for £28,975 for financial year 2013/14 was forwarded to Winchester City Council on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Subsequently Central Government has informed WCC of the terms of the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme. Badger Farm's Council Tax Support Grant has been fixed at £1,011.11 and as a result a revised Precept demand was submitted on 14 January 2013 for £28,975 less £1,011 equalling £27,963:89.

h) Parish Lengthsman

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i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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j) Whiteshute Ridge

**MM** reported that:

- (i) D Denby has now felled tree 188 (Field Maple) and removed the crown of tree 193 (large ash). He had also completed the annual removal of saplings on the edge of the ridge behind Honeysuckle Close.

**JG** reported that:

- (ii) He was concerned about the encroaching growth of young ash saplings and hazel bushes along the edge of the Ridge behind Harrow Down and Plough Way. **MM** will seek Contractors quotes to remove it completely and dig out the roots.

**BL** reported that:

- (iii) The re-arranged visit to Shawford Down will now take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 0930.

k) County Council Rep

**CB** was unable to attend but had forwarded a written report on the following topics:

- (i) Buses. Concern has been expressed about the No. 5 and the reliability of the service.
- (ii) Lengthsman Project. A report on experience to date has been forwarded to HCC – **CB** trusts that funding will be forthcoming to continue next year.
- (iii) PACT meeting. Vandalism of play equipment remains on the police priority list.
- (iv) Hockley Cycle Way will be opened in February.

**FJ** reported that:

- (v) One of the traffic calming bollards in Ashbarn Crescent had been knocked over.

l) City Council Reps

**BL** reported that:

- (i) A traffic survey will be conducted at the junction of Oliver's Battery Road and Badger Farm Road on 15 January.

m). Notice Board Rep

**JG** reported that he had conducted a survey of the five notice boards on the estate and recommended the following action:

- (i) Retain the 3 boards sited at the Community Centre, the Meadow Way bus stop and at the Stanmore end.
- (ii) Remove the 2 boards sited on the Ridgeway and at the end of Silverwood Close.
- (iii) Refurbish the retained boards as necessary.

Council **AGREED** this course of action.

n). Newsletter Rep

**JG** asked Councillors to pass him suggested topics for the next newsletter.

o). WDALC

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### 1123. Donations

**MM** reported that he had received two requests for donations:

- a) The Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery Residents Community Association had requested a donation. **WH declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting whilst this was debated.** Council **AGREED** a donation of £400 to assist with the production of the Community newsletter.

**WH** rejoined the meeting

- b) The Jubilee Sailing Trust who promote the integration of able-bodied and physically disabled people through the adventure of tall ship sailing. Council **AGREED** that a donation was not affordable this year.

### 1124. Councillor's – Gifts and Hospitality

**MM** distributed Gifts and Hospitality forms for completion by Councillors and witnessed their signatures on their declarations.

### 1125. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) WCC wish to explore the degree of involvement Parish Councils may wish to have in the production of the Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Allocations Document. This will set out detailed planning policies for the next twenty years. A meeting will be held in the Walton Suite, The Guildhall on

Wednesday 23 January from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. No Councillor will be available to attend.

- b) Applications for the Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards 2012/13 should be submitted by 8 February 2013. Councillors will seek nominations.

### 1125. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1622	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (December)	£ 427.80	£ -
1623	Vita Play	Play Inspections (January )	£ 76.80	£ 12.80
1624	HM R & C	Third Quarter PAYE	£ 321.00	£ -
1625	D Denby	WSR – Tree felling	£ 630.00	£ -
1626	D Denby	WSR – Remove saplings	£ 1,200.00	£ -
1627	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 455.00	£ -
1628	BF & OB RCA	Donation	£ 400.00	£ -

### 1126. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110.

Signed

Date