



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2010

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Dean Upton
Ian Tait
Fenella Jarvis

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Daniel Phelps
Will Hawthorne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Cllr David Spender (WCC)
Cllr Brian Collin (WCC)
Sgt Chris Hills
PC Joe Zubaidi
1 Member of the Public

37. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Assembly Meeting held on 20th April 2009 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

38. Parish Council – Chairman's Report

The following is the text of the Chairman's report read to the meeting by **KT**:

Last autumn, the Parish Council, acting on a suggestion from Ray Stannard, planted a large number of bulbs in the Parish. I think that you will agree that the show of colour this spring has been exceptional; I would like to thank Ray and the other members of the Council for all the hard work they put in planting the bulbs.

Those who live in Harrow Down will no doubt think that the re-siting of the Bottle Bank from your side of Sainsbury's car park to the far side was the highlight of the past year. As far as you were concerned, the noise of smashing glass at all hours of the day and night was a disaster. After a series of moves in the City planning department, the Bottle Bank finally transferred to near the car wash at the end of last year.

Another worrying problem last year was a sudden increase in burglaries which took place in the autumn. There were three burglaries in the space of a few weeks, and although these have fortunately not continued, we should all be vigilant in locking doors and windows, and not leaving doors open in the warmer weather. If you are prepared to become a neighborhood watch coordinator for your street all you need to do is to email Emma Smith (emma@emmasmith.net), who is the Badger Farm coordinator, and let her know that your street would like to join the scheme.

Over the winter, the subject of grit bins was high on the Parish agenda. Badger Farm must be one of the hilliest parishes in the area, and probably has one of the greatest need for bins. We already have twelve bins around the Parish, and we have now ordered another three ready for next year. In addition, we are requesting at least two more bins under the scheme announced by the County Council.

The closure of St Cross railway bridge caused even more chaos than usual to the traffic on Badger Farm road for the first quarter of the year. Mercifully, the work was completed on time and the new road and railway bridge is now operational. However, the chaos now moves to the north of Winchester with the closure of the Andover road bridge.

We hope that the new Park and Ride which opens next week will reduce traffic (slightly) on Badger Farm road, which will be good news for us. However, the shoppers who catch the Park and Ride bus at Marks and Spencers in town may be less pleased about the round trip to Compton before they get taken back to their cars at Bar End.

You may have read in the local papers that there is a proposal for a housing development and another park-and-ride at Pitt Manor (opposite St Peter's school). The Parish Council is opposed to this because we believe it would further disrupt traffic to have a third set of traffic lights along Romsey road. It would be yet another park and ride with a bus service subsidised by our council tax.

Also on Badger Farm road, the County Council have found some money to put railings at the junction of Badger Farm Road and Ridgeway. This is to protect the children at St Peters school as they walk home, or to the cars their parents have parked in the Ridgeway.

Finally, with all the election fever in the air, now seems like a good time for me to announce my retirement from my position as chairman of Badger Farm Parish Council. I have been in the job for ten years now, when I took over from the original chairman, Peter Absolon, and I feel it is time to let one of the others take the chair. The Parish Council has recently conducted a survey of what local residents want, and we are drawing up plans for how to promote some of these ideas. We have some exciting proposals on the agenda to be more pro-active in the community, and I think another, younger person would be best to lead that work.

Thank you all for your support over the last decade!

39. Presentation of Parish Council Finances for 2009/2010

The Parish Clerk reported that the accounts for the year 2009/2010 had been prepared but not yet audited. He went on to outline that:

- a) During 2009/2010 the Parish Council had received a total income of £32,313. This was made up of a Precept from the City Council of £27,600, a £4073 accounting provision in 2009, £500 from an HCC grant to purchase 3 new grit bins, and sundry credits of £140.
- b) Expenditure amounted to £25,369. This consisted of:
 - (i) Clerk's Salary, PAYE & NIC £ 6,476
 - (ii) Administration £ 3,623
 - (iii) Litter £ 1,034
 - (iv) Open Spaces £ 210
 - (v) Play Equipment £ 519

(vi) Whiteshute Ridge £ 10,657

(vii) Donations £ 2,100

- c) Donations had been made to the Carroll Centre, (£1,100), Winchester CAB (£350), BF & OB RCA (£400), Brendon Care Clubs (£200) and Hampshire Youth Band (£50).
- d) The surplus on the year was therefore £6,944.
- e) Taking into account the previous year's brought forward figures this resulted in a final overall balance of £10,000 with a further £14,500 held in reserve for the lease of Whiteshute Ridge, £6,675 for future capital projects and £1,449 in the Pension Fund making a grand total of £32,624.

40. Question Time

There being no questions the Chairman closed the meeting at 1945.

Signed

Date