

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council

12th December 2016

PRESENT: John Godbold (Chairman) Phil Hodgetts Simon Fletcher
Heather Nicholson Julie Lacey Fenella Jarvis
Kia Pope

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

HCC – Cllr Bailey
WCC– Cllr Mrs Bell

1429. Apologies- Cllr Dolby, WCC – Cllrs Warwick & Laming.

1430 Minutes of the Meeting of November 2016
The minutes were signed by the Chairman (**JG**)

1431. Matters Arising from Minutes.
The beech trees alongside Bushfield Camp are under a TPO.

1432 Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

- c) Planning
Cllr Godbold had attended the meeting hosted by Deloitte and the outline idea is to try and make a small Industrial part for primarily Hi tech industry. There will be little parking on site and users will be encouraged to use the park & ride for access and a cycle path will be installed. This has given us some disquiet as this would also allow a good footpath access onto the site from Badger Farm, and possibly encourage parking around the estate to access this footpath. The Clerk suggested that this may also allow you to ask via the CIL funding to assist with permit parking free to resident possibly?
There is not a plan ready to be sent to WCC and it would be 2018 before any works would be started.
The council would watch the site with interest there is another meeting regarding this site tomorrow if anyone can attend?
- d) Community Centre Lease Compliance.
No report
- e) Open Spaces
The fallen tree near Larkhill Rise was removed and it was nice to notice how tidy the estate looked.
- f) Play Equipment
- (i) No issues the cap covering is on order, and still not received neither is the signage that will be chased Repairs were done at the kick about area recently

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kick about – refurbishment			
Davis Kick about - replaced			
	Signage a priority		

- g) Transport
The report has been circulated.
- h) Communications – (PH)
Suzanne Hodnett had conversed with PH and the cost to build the site would be £600 - £700 and £5.99 a month to maintain
Council approved the expenditure and it is hoped that we will be back on line shortly
- i). Lengthsman
March 15th 2017 due again
- j) Whiteshute Ridge
We are concerned that we do not appear to be having any input into the prospective use and we do not wish any areas restricted to the public and we are happy with cattle on site Cllr Bell will ask relevant questions as to what is going on. And the need to keep BFPC in the loop as we have the lease.
- k) Notice Board rep.
No report
- l) Newsletter rep – (HN)
No report.
- m) Police – Cllr Hodgetts
Some Councillors have noticed the large signs around the estate car crimes.
- a) WCC – Cllr Bell
The other WCC councilor's are at a meeting at the city.
There had been a briefing regarding Devolution and basically it's a mess the County Council is afraid of being divided up and left with only 6 districts. Basically they missed the boat in the beginning of the negotiations.

There are also plans to change the NHS again from CGC's to STP's which will possibly waste money on reforming the systems used already.

The clerk was given a new email contact for Cllr Bell and she will send a tester to ensure it's the right one.

b) HCC – Cllr Bailey.

Recycling issues it may be illegal to charge for waste disposal and it is hoped that all will become clear shortly. The one day closing was being deferred until October 2017.

Grant applications should be made before February.

1433. Correspondence

1. E mail Cllr Warwick re beech trees (Bushfield camp area)
2. List of telephone boxes due to be removed – WCC
3. I Gurdler – tree works needed on the ridge, passed to Cllr Godbold.
4. Invitation to attend a second meeting re Bushfield Camp on 13th Dec.
5. Route of the New Year race on Facebook
6. Kym Nash asking if he could use the kick about area – passed to Cllr Godbold, this is not approved as it would be a charged event.
7. Vita Play – Inspection reports

All Sandy Vining's alerts have been sent previously

1434. To agree the precept for 2017/18

A 2% increase was agreed the precept will be £44,336 less the £1527.00 grant
Therefore £42,809.00
Proposed Cllr Fletcher seconded Cllr Godbold and agreed unanimously.

1435. Accounts to be paid as Listed

		£
		£
001836	Vita Play (repairs & safety checks)	273.60
001837	Crawley PC waste disposal Lengthsman	25.00
001838	WCC – Dog Bins	455.00
001839	Inland Revenue	95.60
001840	V Brooks salary/Exp	456.90
Income	125,195.79	
Exp	76,245.18	Cash in hand £48,950.61

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

b. Application for grants

To support the night bus £500 was requested.

As previous month the council was pleased to allow a grant for the 2017/18 financial year but will require other applications for future years.

1436. Councillors Questions.

February meeting will be changed to February 27th, due to Councillors being on leave.

The meeting closed at 9.06pm

Signed

Date