

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th June 2011

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis (Vice Chair)
Ian Tait
Chrissie Sanders
Dean Upton
Will Hawthorne
Heather Nicholson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
Richard Butler (Chair of BF Social Club)
1 Member of the public

APOLOGIES:

Nicola Blencowe
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
PS Chris Hills

1011. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2011 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

1012. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) The next Partners & Communities Together (PACT) meeting will be held at St Cross Hospital at 1900 on Tuesday 23rd August 2011. This will concentrate on issues relating to Stanmore, Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery and St Cross. **JG** will attend.
- (ii) This was the third consecutive meeting that the police had failed to provide either a representative or a report. He would take the matter up with the police.

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) He had twice emailed David Taylor (WCC) about the undergrowth and rubbish between the boundary fences at the back of Lowden Close and the Open Space on the Davis Kickabout asking him to get it cleared and tidied up. This was in response to the complaint from a resident at No 78 Lowden Close. Taylor had ignored both emails from the Clerk although WCC had now made a token effort behind No 78 cutting back the undergrowth.
- (ii) Many of the footpaths on the estate are very overgrown and require cutting back. **BL** will take this up with WCC and Council **AGREED** that this work should take priority over the undergrowth clearance at (i) above.

FJ reported that:

- (iii) There was a branch hanging from a tree in Swift Close. **BL** to action with WCC.
- (iv) The Swift Close/Rances Way footpath required cutting back. **BL** to action.

BL reported on:

- (v) The attempt by travellers to establish a camp site on the field owned by the Church Commissioner's at the end of Ivy Close last Friday. They had only been thwarted by some prompt and efficient police-work at the time and have subsequently moved on to the New Forest. Council discussed security in the area and **BL** will now:
 - (a) Raise the matter with Cluttons – the Church Commissioner's agents
 - (b) Establish with WCC whether bollards at the end of Ivy Close would be appropriate to prevent further access.

A resident of Ivy Close raised the matter of:

- (vi) Dog walkers depositing dog waste around Ivy Close. **BL** pointed out that WCC had recently cleared up the area since when there had been no recurrence. Council **AGREED** that many of the walkers came from the other side of the railway line and it might be more appropriate to site a dog bin in Mead Road. **IT**, as the City Councillor for St Michaels Ward, undertook to take this matter forward.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 3 new applications had been received:

Kestrel Close	Conservatory to side
Sainsburys	New external front entrance lobby
Sainsburys	1 single freestanding non-illuminated sign and 1 wooden frame banner holder (Retrospective)

Council **AGREED** to object to the Sainsburys sign and to comment on the lobby application.

- (ii) No applications had been approved.
- (iii) No applications had been refused.
- (iv) The planning application for 200 dwellings and a 1 hectare Park & Ride at Pitt Manor was turned down by the Council in July 2010. An appeal has now been submitted against this decision and will be heard from July 12th to 15th. **FJ** and **HN** will investigate.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play inspections were up to date.
- (ii) One of the cradle swing seats on the Davis Kickabout has been damaged and a rubber strip has been torn off. After discussion with **JG** a new seat (pattern SRE 505) had been ordered from Sutcliffe Play on 9 June.
- (iii) The damage to the safety surfacing on the Central Kickabout will be filled and repaired by SERCO this week.
- (iv) He had ordered 4 weatherproof signs to update the telephone numbers on the safety signs at both Kickabouts. Cost will be £9.50 (inc VAT).

e) Transport

KT had forwarded a report covering the following:

- (i) Major disruption on SW Trains in the last week caused by two major signalling failures and a fatality. There are no significant engineering works planned for the next month.
- (ii) Stagecoach have had to use reserve buses because of recent breakdowns. This has caused confusion to passengers when the buses were incorrectly signed.
- (iii) Groups continue to campaign for reductions in aircraft noise although this has not been a problem in Badger Farm recently.

f) Communications

DU reported that:

- (i) He had investigated options for buying a domain name for the revamped website and recommended a dot gov dot uk address. Council **AGREED** on the understanding that costs would not be more than about £40 per annum. He will make further proposals at the next meeting.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared bank balance on 1 June 2011 was £47,563.49. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for May 2011 were signed by **JG**.
- (iii) The 2010/11 audit, approved at the May meeting, had been sent to the Audit Commission in Bolton on 13th May.

- (iv) The three new grit bins and one new dog bin purchased during the last year had been added to the Council's Insurance Policy.
- (v) The premium of £2,234.31 for the 2011/12 insurance had been paid to Aon Ltd on 21 May 2011.
- (vi) £954.37 from Scottish & Southern Energy in recompense for bund digging and filling had been paid into the bank on 1 June.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

JG reported that:

- (i) He had now selected a wooden picnic table and bench suitable for the previously identified site on Whiteshute Ridge. He had arranged to meet Dave Brockway (SERCO) on 14 June and sought approval to commit to £1,500 expenditure for purchase of table and benches and the re-siting of benches on the ridge. Council **AGREED**.

Richard Butler, the Chair of the Badger Farm Social Club, addressed the meeting about:

- (ii) Wi-Fi in the Community Centre. He said that he had investigated:
 - (a) Applying for HCC Community funding.
 - (b) Hardware costs – likely to be about £300
 - (c) Rental – likely to be about £30 per month

JG stated that the Parish Council would be keen to support the provision of free access for parishioners and invited **RB** to come back to the PC with a costed proposal.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) On 9th May James Flood had informed **MM** that SS&E wished to clear up the matter of damage on the Ridge and requested that the bills for the bund digging and subsequent filling be forwarded. **MM** forwarded the bills by email on 22 May seeking payment of £954.37. This does not include the VAT element that can be reclaimed by BFPC in the normal manner.
- (ii) Payment was received and paid into the bank on 1 June 2011.

- (iii) Council thanked **JG** and **MM** for the substantial amount of work they had undertaken to achieve this result. **BL** will now contact Sparsholt College about advice on planting hawthorn hedgerows.

WH reported:

- (iv) That a broken branch from an ash tree was hung up in other branches over Whiteshute Ridge Lane. **JG** undertook to investigate.

k) County Council Rep

No report

l) City Council Reps

BL reported on:

- (i) Rances Way. Council have contacted the owners and informed them that the damage to the fence and hole in the garden must be resolved within the next three weeks or an enforcement notice will be served.
- (ii) Dog Fouling in Ivy Close. See para 1012 b) (vi) above.
- (iii) Motor Bikes are still using the foot paths down the side of the Ridgeway but the police are being kept up to date by the affected residents.
- (iv) The new Queens Head Redevelopment. Consultants are lobbying for development of a Co-op Shop, 14 dwellings and a Nursery. BFPC should take a view.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

MM reported that:

- (i) The 2011 AGM will take place in the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15 June.
- (ii) Nominations for the election of officials are required. No Councillors from BFPC wish to stand.

1013. Dog Bin on the Ridgeway

A resident had contacted WCC suggesting that a dog waste bin be placed halfway along the Ridgeway where the footpath drops down behind the trees. Council had now reviewed the

area and considered that there was no greater problem here than elsewhere on the estate and therefore **AGREED** that the costs involved in providing an extra bin were not justified.

1014. Donation

Winchester Youth Counselling had written seeking a contribution towards their running costs. **MM** will seek to establish whether they are involved with local schools and whether they provide services for Badger Farm children.

1015. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Mobile Library Service. The restructuring of the service has been completed and details of the new routes and timetables are on the Hampshire CC website.

1016. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed on 14 May 2011.

1524	Aon Limited	2011 Insurance Premium	£ 2,234.31	-
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The following payments were approved and signed at this meeting

1525	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (May)	£ 447.74	-
1526	HALC	Audit Fee	£ 282.00	£ 47.00
1527	SERCO	WSR – Fill Bund	£ 457.76	£ 76.29
1528	SERCO	Play Area Inspections	£ 200.34	£ 33.39
1529	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 455.00	-
1530	M D Macpherson	Refund of Expenses	£ 9.50	£ 1.58

1017. Any other business

There will be no meeting in July or August. The next meeting will take place on Monday 12 September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110.

Signed

Date