

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2014

PRESENT: John Godbold (Chair) Heather Nicholson Simon Fletcher
 Fenella Jarvis. Rhian Dolby Dean Upton

Cllr Patrick Fancett (WCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

1252. Apologies.

Were received from Cllr Bailey – HCC

1253. To Co-opt a Councillor to fill the recent vacancy.

Proposed That Monica Pelling be co-opted onto the council to replace Cllr Christine Saunders. This was agreed unanimously. (MP) signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

1254. Minutes of the Meeting of September 8th 2014

Were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman JG.

1255 Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report – (JL) reported that the next Pac MEETING IS ON 24TH November at Kings School.

b) Open Space

(i) There is still an ongoing battle at WCC with the poor performance of the contractors Cllr Laming reported. Next year there will be an improvement. We have brambles encroaching on the footway at Ivy Close, due to the fences having blown down and not being replaced. Council wish to be assured that next year the cuts are synchronised to get the cutting and strimming done together and not anymore areas that are half cut one week and the rest cut the next.

(ii) WCC have agreed to sweep the leaves off the path way from Meadow Way to Plough Way three times this autumn 19/11, 11/12 and 23/12. We would ask that Meadow Way to Sainsbury's be added to this request.

c) Planning

(i) 2 new applications: - retrospective Silverwood Close – Objections will be raised.

119 Maytree Close – a new dwelling is proposed – Objections will be raised.

Cllr Laming will assist with trying to get these two applications referred to committee. The Case Officers in both cases will be approached.

A 215 Notice was served on 46 Harrowdown and the works to the garden have been completed.

A 215 notice will be served on 5, Broadchalk Down when an address is found for the owner.

d) Play Equipment

(i) “In-house” fortnightly play equipment inspections are due this week.

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kick about			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Replace	C
Davis Kick about			
Multi Play	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Replace	C
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Replace asap	C

The Clerk has met with two representatives of play equipment manufacturers and has asked Vita Play to re-quote with an enhanced scheme. It may be prudent not to rush into a scheme for this important area. A meeting will be held on October 29th at 7:30pm.

Council **AGREED** that these defects should be monitored, and that a meeting will be held on 29th October.

e) Transport

On the trains there is a disruption next weekend due to engineering work near Woking. Trains will run via Staines. On the following weekend and all weekends until November 16th, no services will run direct between Winchester and Basingstoke. Long Distance routes will run via Havant or Salisbury.

On the buses, there is a minor change to Bluestar 1 route in Southampton this week. The Stagecoach 64 is also subject to delays in Alton this week. National Express continue to operate 11 or 12 trips a day from Winchester to Heathrow and 8 trips to London each day.

f) Communications

(i) Residents are using the wrong place on the website to comment the Clerk will be instructed to monitor and respond as required.

g) Parish Lengthsman

- (i) The operatives are doing a great job and we would commend, there is a tree down at Ashbarn/Swift Close and the Clerk will refer it to Nadia Mansoor to see if she can get it cleared

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

- (i) Bookings are up and finances stable, the council discussed possible replacement of Oliver's Battery Hall but did not think that it would compromise bookings at the community Centre.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

- (i) We have a quotation for £3650 for tree works that Council wish to get a comparable quotation before we agree works. The Clerk will contact the tree officer for another tree surgeon but we felt that any quotes may well be higher than Mr Denby's if this is the case we will place the order.
- (ii) Scandor failed to clear all the grass and we will therefore expect them back on site to clear the rest, after inspecting the site we will release payment IF it's all satisfactory.
- (iii) Recent visit with WSR to explore the idea of handing the area back to WCC to manage. (RD) asked what the cost to the council is per annum. The Clerk responded £10K this year. It may be possible to have a joint scheme with Hampshire Wildlife Trust, WCC and ourselves. It will all come to council and we would insist on access rights being maintained, but it is a third of our precept each year. In future if Bushfield site is developed WCC may seek to gain ownership of the adjoining land and make this whole area protected. We have the 2013 biodiversity report and we are losing the battle up there to keep it as a chalk downland we need help. The scheme is likely to take at least two years to work up.
- (iv) Replacement bench/picnic table, we have a £250 excess plus the insurance company will not pay for installation. We have two quotations Wybone £763.59 plus VAT and Machan for £865.00 plus Vat. We would need it installed at a cost of £200 plus VAT. We also need to forward a cost for a like for like replacement. The insurance company will decide if we can replace like for like with a steel table. If this is agreed Council do wish to fund the replacement excess and installation amounts.

k) County Council Rep – Cllr Bailey

- (i) NTR

l) City Council Reps

(BL) We are weather dependant on any road repairs, so that may be delayed yet again. Concern was also expressed on the possible quality of the repairs.

Clinical Commissioners still have to arrange a meeting to consider down grading Winchester Hospital. We are seriously worried about these implications and (BL) will keep us informed. Council are also concerned at the poor cover offered by the Badger Farm Doctors Surgery which gives no support or health management to our residents. (BL) informed Council that a new 5 year lease has been agreed with the surgery. Residents often have to go to Weeke to get an appointment and the booking system is abysmal. However. This is not in the Parish Council's power to influence this lack of support but we will keep a watching brief.

Recent car accident – a 79 year old lady pulled out in front of the park and ride bus there is no obvious solution to this accident.

Boundary Commissioners are due to report on the electoral alterations if any will not be implemented until 2016 when we are all up for elections.

m) Notice Board Rep.

(i) NTR – (JG) The wildlife meetings were only passed to him with 24 hours' notice more notice would be helpful.

n). Newsletter Rep

(i) (HN) will have it all set up by the due date and she does have plenty of issues for the next edition.

1256 Play Areas – to form a sub committee

Meeting on 29th October at Larkhill Rise.

1257. Correspondence

1. Picture & Email the first of many regarding the Scandor mess left at Whiteshute Ridge – various emails all copied to Chairman.
2. Dave Denby – email quote for tree works – Instructions please see above.
3. Copy of the 2014 Ecological Study Whiteshute Ridge (SU46702760)
4. HCC – Admissions - School Admissions literature 2015 – passed to (DU)
5. Email – HALC e-update Oct 2014 – copied to all Councillors.
6. Email – Cllr Bailey HCC apologies.

1258. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

001724	Scandor (Whiteshute baling)	£2880.00 (hold until works completed.)
001725	Mr Denby (Whiteshute Ridge Coppicing)	£1900.00
001726	HALC (Course 3 Councillors)	£234.00
001727	V Brooks Salary/Exp	£456.18
001728	Vita Play (Sept play check)	£76.80

The cheques were signed. We have a 59p discrepancy on accounts and statement 259 is missing the Clerk has requested a copy and put forward a letter to that effect for 3 signatures. We have 59p more in the bank not less.

1259. Councillors Questions.

(SF) His neighbour had not had his bin emptied; Council advised that if they call the City Council Environment Officer they will get it emptied the next day.

(MP) Kestrel/Juniper near the chicane a cyclist rode straight out in front of traffic. This appears to have happened before and there is little that we can do to assist. If we install a deterrent like a partial barrier it would obstruct disabled buggies, and cyclists do not always heed signs.

(JL) would like to mention the course recently completed at HALC and it brought forward some points of interest. In a mock meeting we were the only Councillors to get the procedures correct.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm .

Signed

Date