



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2012

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Dean Upton
Heather Nicholson
Will Hawthorne
Chrissie Sanders
Nicola Blencowe

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
PCSO Gavin Cooper
1 Member of the Public

45. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Assembly Meeting held on 11th April 2011 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

46. Parish Council – Chairman's Report

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

"The last year seems to have passed without too many major problems. We have made a lot of progress in some areas and thanks to efforts of Martin and my fellow councillors we will continue to do so. The management of the open space and general management of the estate in my opinion have marginally improved over the past year. The new contractors have certainly made their mark with some extreme pruning which has not gone unnoticed. Hopefully, their less than skilful employees will have learnt on the job and be more careful on the next round of pruning. I would like to thank Brian and Lynda for their efforts with the Winchester City Council on our behalf.

Our relationship with Hampshire Police seems to be at an all time low, they have not attended our meetings or submitted a report for many months - all this despite several requests to do so. Their presence on the estate, along with the County ASCOs is abysmal. We used to see the occasional uniform patrolling, but this seems to be too difficult for them now and attending 101 calls seems to be a very low priority. I hope they will improve their performance in the coming year.

There have been no really contentious planning issues this year and the general level of applications is down on last year, probably something to do with the economic climate.

We have suffered a fair amount of vandalism to play equipment this year, especially to the Central K/A. The Davis K/A seems to be holding up fairly well and we are hoping to get another couple of years use out of it. We were hoping to look into replacing the Davis K/A equipment but we may be forced to look at our priorities in the current financial climate. I would encourage all residents to report vandalism and inappropriate activity to 101 immediately on the off chance there may be a police car in the area.

There has been a noticeable decline in the quality and quantity of bus services to our area and Keith is still fighting our corner. We have been approached by a County Councillor to contribute to a late night bus scheme and to that end I have asked residents via the next news letter to give us their opinions on increasing the precept to pay for it.

We now have the basis of a great new web site thanks to Dean's efforts and it will be a priority to bring it up to date and into general use during the next few months

We still spend a large percentage of the precept on Whitechute Ridge and I cannot see this changing in the near future. However, there are rumours that the city may be looking to help with some aspects of conservation. The repairs to the damage caused by Scottish & Southern Electric have now been completed, and at no expense to the parish.

I will not detail our finances as this is Martin's field, save to say we had an excellent auditor's report this year, all due to Martins efforts. On the positive side we have provided a new and very heavy picnic bench up on Whiteshute Ridge and re-sited an existing bench to the bottom by Ivy Close. Hopefully the new picnic bench will get a lot of use, if we ever get a summer. We have also provided some financial assistance to the residents association in the provision of wifi for this building.

Finally, I would like to thank all councillors and especially Will who was invaluable in helping us get through the recent election period.

47. Presentation of Parish Council Finances for 2011/2012

The Parish Clerk reported that the accounts for the year 2011/2012 had been prepared and reviewed by the Internal Auditor. He went on to outline that:

- a) During 2011/2012 the Parish Council had received a total income of £30,701. This was made up of a Precept from the City Council of £27,900, £2,776 from Scottish & Southern Electricity as compensation for damage to Whiteshute Ridge and £25 from Interest on Investments.
- b) Expenditure amounted to £27,066. This consisted of:
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| (i) | Clerk's Salary, PAYE & NIC | £ 6,439 |
| (ii) | Administration | £ 3,893 |
| (iii) | Litter | £ 3,270 |
| (iv) | Open Spaces | £ 0 |
| (v) | Play Equipment | £ 1,357 |
| (vi) | Whiteshute Ridge | £ 8,869 |
| (vii) | Donations | £ 1,500 |
- c) Donations had been made to the Carroll Centre, (£500), Winchester CAB (£500), BF & OB RCA (£400) and Winchester Youth Counselling (£100).
- d) The surplus on the year was therefore £3,635.

- 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, £15,697 for future capital projects and £2,188 in the Pension Fund making a grand total of £42,385.

48. Question Time

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

Signed

Date