

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait
Anne Church
Daniel Phelps

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi
Geoff Sharman (Oliver's Battery PC)
Ian Millar (Chair BF & OB RCA)
Michael Standen
3 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Cllr Charlotte Bailey

663. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

664. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) WCC (Chris Griffith-Jones – Building Control) had written to the owner of the damaged Elder Close wall (Miss Dana) asking her to start the approved building work within 1 month. She had complied and the wall is now complete.

DP reported that:

- (ii) Litter had been allowed to accumulate on the pavement beside the May Tree Close bus stop. It was agreed that all the bus stop litter bins may be sited too far away from the queuing point. **DS** and **JG** will review and report.
- (iii) The “Ball Games” sign on the wall outside 19 May Tree Close requires replacing.
- (iv) Estate Agent’s signs continue to proliferate contrary to planning regulations. **DS** will raise with the Planning Department.

KT reported that:

- (v) He had received a complaint about the sycamore tree behind 18a May Tree Close. **DS** undertook to investigate whether it could be felled.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:

Broad Chalke Down Conservatory to rear

- (ii) 2 applications had been approved:

Larkhill Rise Single Storey Side extension & Front Porch
Silverwood Close First Floor Side Extension

- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

MM reported that:

- (iv) The Winchester District Local Plan Review 2007 had concluded “that there would be no need for the release of any of the Local Reserve Sites” for the coming year. This includes the site at Pitt Manor.

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) A copy of the Park & Ride Scoping Report (Environmental Impact), that is required for the planning application, has been forwarded to **KT**. It invites comment to HCC although formal representations should be made to the Planning team. It now appears that the favoured bus route in support of the scheme is inbound along St Cross and outbound via Romsey Road and Badger Farm. This would run via the Upper High Street and would not include stops in Jewry Street and the Station.

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

MM reported that the list of Councillors had been updated.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliation for December were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The Audit for the year ended 31 March 2006 had been completed and returned by the Audit Commission. The external auditor had certified that “the information contained in the Annual Return is in accordance with the Audit Commission’s requirements and no matters have come to light giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.” There are therefore no follow up actions required.
- (iii) The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been advertised on notice boards and on the website.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

Ian Millar reported that:

- (i) The new RCA Secretary was Jan Dawkins
- (ii) He asked about the financial arrangements for maintenance of the fabric of the Community Centre. **MM** outlined the terms of the lease that placed sole responsibility on the RCA. **KT** said that the Parish Council would consider requests for assistance on a case by case basis but the provision of support would be determined by the relative financial well being of the RCA and the Parish Council.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) WCC, Environmental Protection had informed him that they had received complaints about motor cycle noise. WCC had “advised the complainants to keep a log over a period of time to gather evidence to ascertain if the disturbance can be classified as a statutory nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990”. WCC intend to investigate the disturbance if the log sheets indicate a potential problem.
- (ii) During the annual tree survey the contractors have so far found two trees with decay causing fungus that will require early treatment.

j) Police

PC JZ reported that:

- (i) The following minor incidents had occurred over the Christmas period:
 - 2 Domestic Assaults – Elder Close and Kestrel Close
 - 1 Road Traffic Offence – Sainsburys approach road
 - 3 Cases of suspicious persons in private gardens – all were thought to be children skylarking
 - 1 possible case of distraction burglary – thought to be unfounded.

- (ii) 3 PCSOs would be deployed in his area to cover Stanmore, Badger Farm and possibly Twyford.

IM asked:

- (iii) If there was a drug problem in Badger Farm. **JZ** replied that he didn't consider there was.

MM reported that:

- (iv) The next Partnership Parish Forum will take place on 29 January at 1930 at the Littleton Millennium Hall. **KT** will attend.

k) County Council Rep

No Report

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) The Sainsbury's sign Planning Application. This had been approved although the size had been marginally reduced and it may only be illuminated during store opening hours.
- (ii) Neighbourhood Watch. He asked whether the scheme had progressed since it was last discussed. **KT** responded that he would again raise the issue with Inspector Baxman but he felt there was only patchy support in the Parish.

DS reported on:

- (iii) Bus Subsidies. Initial discussions were taking place about possibilities of changes to the No 5 Service. Daytime services are currently run by Stage Coach on a commercial basis whilst night time services are subsidised by HCC. The two possibilities under consideration are:
 - a. Reduce the number of Sunday night services or
 - b. Extend the route down Rooks Down road and Ashbarn Crescent.
- (iv) Wheelie Bins. The access problem past certain houses in Elder Close will be monitored.

m). Notice Board Rep

NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDAPC

MM reported that:

- (i) A general meeting will be held in The Jubilee Hall in Bishop's Waltham on 26th January at 7.30pm to discuss the future of the quarterly meetings. These have been poorly attended in the past and the Association wishes to revitalise them as a means of discussing common issues. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should attend.

665. Bushfield Camp

Mr Michael Standen, a resident of Stanmore, outlined his plans to develop two football pitches and a paint balling facility at Bushfield Camp. He made the following points:

- a) He had discussed the possibility with the Church Commissioners, Cluttons their agents and WCC all of whom were supportive.
- b) The Carroll Youth Centre and other Winchester youth organisations were also supportive.
- c) The site would be confined to the old Army Camp portion of Bushfield and would be fenced with two access gates. The only fixed structure would be porta-cabins that would be emptied of food, water and equipment at night.
- d) Smoke generators would be used but thunder-flashes would not.
- e) Opening hours will be from 9am until 4pm although he will seek approval to open in the evenings occasionally.
- f) He hoped to start operating in the summer after a substantial clean up of the site.

After general discussion Council **AGREED** that the proposal had merit in that it would provide much needed youth facilities, was in line with WCC policy for the site, would be a deterrent for illegal use by trail bikers, travellers, etc and provided day to day oversight of the area. Council was prepared to give its support provided that the noise aspects were controlled.

666. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A background paper in preparation for the WCC Finance and Budget meeting on Tuesday 9 January 2007 had been forwarded to **KT**.
- b) The next Hampshire Primary Care Patient and Public Involvement Forum will be held at 11am on Tuesday 16th January in the Connors Suite at The Rose Bowl.

667. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1283	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 383.07	-
1284	HM R & C	Clerk PAYE & NIC	£ 390.52	-
1285	SERCO	Playground Inspections	£ 369.70	£ 55.06
1286	Oliver's Battery PC	Website Training	£ 15.00	-

668. Any other business

A member of the public raised the issue of rats in the estate and in particular the problem of residents putting out food in their gardens for the birds, thereby encouraging the rodent population. He asked that the Parish Council place an article in the Community Newsletter encouraging residents to remember the rat problem. **KT** and **DS AGREED** that they would seek advice from WCC Environmental Health and promulgate this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2135.

Signed

Date