

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Anne Church
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait
Ray Stanard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi

APOLOGIES:

Fiona Davidson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey

618. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

619. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

DS reported that:

- (i) The Winter Grounds Maintenance Programme is now complete. The footpaths will be checked regularly throughout the summer.
- (ii) The bed between 66 and 70 Lowden Close has been replanted, wood chip has been spread and the tree has been pruned to clear the path.
- (iii) Broad Chalke Down. Beds requiring attention that are the responsibility of HCC Highways department have been identified and brought to their attention.

BC reported that:

- (iv) He had made contact with the Elder Close Residents Association and they had carried out considerable work on their garages. Discussions about the footpath wall are ongoing.

KT reported that:

- (v) He had attended a meeting with the City of Winchester Trust who were attempting to persuade Cluttons to agree to a management responsibility for the wild life on Bushfield.
- (vi) There had been an incident on the Davis Kickabout on Bank Holiday Monday evening with rowdy and drunken youths. The police had been informed.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The damaged shackles on the Chain Walk and the missing bolt on the Rope Climb on the Davis Kickabout had been repaired.
- (iii) WCC had reported that a Mrs Smith of Octavia Road had tripped over whilst carrying her 15 month old baby on a hole in the safety matting on the Central Kickabout. Both she and her baby had suffered minor bruising. **KT** had effected a temporary repair. **RS** will monitor the situation.

JG reported that:

- (iv) Options for the replacement play equipment were finalised and “down-selection” of the last two bidders will take place shortly. Work is likely to start in July or August.
- (v) The new swing seats for the Davis Kickabout will be fitted shortly once the necessary “split shackles” have arrived.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:
Falcon View Single Storey Rear Extension – he had objected to the associated car parking lot.
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
Lowden Close Rear Conservatory
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

KT reported on:

- (i) Further work with Rick Clayton of HCC about the site selection process for the park and ride. See paragraph 620 below.

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

JG reported that the old Hantsweb was very out of date and required deletion. **KT** will action.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The monthly bank statements and reconciliation were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The 2006/07 Precept of £24,500 had been received on 28 April.
- (iii) The audit for the year ending 31 March 2006 must be forwarded to District Audit by 29 August. This means that the Notice of Audit must be displayed by 17 July and the accounts must be available for inspection no later than 31 July. The Chairman and Council will therefore need to sign them off at the 10 July meeting. He has arranged that Mr Paul Reynolds should conduct the internal audit.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had contacted the Hampshire County Council (Gypsy & Travellers Liaison Officer), who had reported on 9 March that there were no welfare considerations and recommending that BFPC should “serve direction to leave”. Brays Ltd had served a “Notice to Quit” on March 20 requiring them to vacate by 0900 on Wednesday 22 March. They had not gone voluntarily and Aicha Larouissi of WCC Legal Department had therefore filed a “Claim for Possession” on 10 April. This was heard on 27 April. The Judge directed that they should leave by 1600 on 5 May and they have now departed.
- (ii) He had sought a quote from SERCO to fit bollards off the Ivy Close footpath to prevent future incursions by “travellers” and was awaiting its arrival.

j) Police

JZ reported that there had been no significant crime in the last month. The following minor incidents had been reported: 2 alleged assaults, 1 Intruder in a private dwelling, 1 interference on a building site and a “drive off” from Sainsburys garage.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend but had sent a written report on:

- (i) Park and Ride. See paragraph 620 below.
- (ii) Highways Department walkabout with **DS**. See paragraph 619 a) (iii) above.
- (iii) County Committees. A new County Committee structure has been established with wider remits. Detailed narrow issues will be dealt with by smaller working groups. She will be a member of the Childrens Services Committee.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Motor Bike Noise. The police had warned a scooter owner after being passed his registration number.

DS reported on:

- (i) Bus Shelters. Complaints he had received from residents had been passed to WCC. The shelters were all washed in February and will be again in May.
- (ii) Cycle Lane Markings in Rances Way. HCC highways Department have been asked to rationalise the route at the bottom of Rooks Down Road where it crosses Rances Way.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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620. South Winchester Park and Ride

KT reported that:

- a). Following his meetings with HCC he felt that the Parish Council will in due course need to decide which of the alternative sites it preferred. The two sites are:
 - (i) The St Cross roundabout between the Compton Road and Badger Farm Road (The City preferred site).
 - (ii) The St Cross roundabout between Compton Road and the M3 spur road (the Compton preferred site or Tarmac site).

- b) He thought the Tarmac site might have some advantages since it would keep traffic off Badger Farm Road and might force road improvements to assist the extra buses. On the other hand the City site might ease the traffic flow from Compton onto the St Cross roundabout thereby improving access from Badger Farm Road.

IT stated that:

- c) He intended to provoke a discussion in the City Council about bus fares. Under current proposals it will be considerably cheaper for residents to take their cars to the park and ride and use that service rather than leave their cars at home and use the scheduled bus service.

MM reported that:

- d). As part of the public consultation phase, a series of exhibitions will run between 5 and 16 June including sessions during an evening and on a Saturday. One of these will be in the Community Centre. The outcome will be reported in “the early autumn” with a report seeking outline approval and authority to submit a planning application.

621. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated:

- a) HCC initiative about the use of countryside paths. The intention is to conduct a survey (probably on Sunday June 18) and Councils should “express interest” in taking part by 19 May. Volunteers will be required. Council **AGREED** that BFPC should conduct a survey of Whiteshute Ridge and the Clarendon Way and **MM** will now “express interest”.
- b) A consultation document about procedures for making and confirming byelaws in UK was passed to **KT**.
- c) The HAPTC AGM will take place at INTECH, Winchester on Saturday 7 October. Resolutions for the AGM should be received by Friday 7 July. Council **AGREED** that they have no issues they wish to raise.

622. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1252	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 412.56	-
1253	WCC	Litter Dog Bins	£ 201.50	£ -
1254	SERCO	Play Ground Inspections	£ 703.03	£ 104.71
1255	SERCO	Play Equipment Repairs	£ 72.26	£ 10.76
1256	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 37.29	£ 5.56

623. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2051.

Signed

Date