

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2008

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Fenella Jarvis
Daniel Phelps
Ian Tait
Will Hawthorne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
WPC Emma Port
2 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Sarah Keene

780. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

781. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

WPC EP reported on the crime figures for the last two months. There had been:

- (i) 1 Trespass – Travellers Bushfield Camp
- 3 Rowdy and Inconsiderate – youths and alcohol
- 2 Thefts – play equipment
- 1 Burglary – Maytree Close garages
- 3 Assaults – domestic
- 1 Vehicle related nuisance
- 1 Road Traffic incident
- 1 complaint of aggressive cold calling

JG voiced concern about:

- (ii) The marked drop off in PCSO / ASCO patrolling in the last two months – down from nightly presence to about once a month. **EP** undertook to investigate.

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The grit bin in Elder Close had been replaced by SERCO on 14 July.
- (ii) The Dog Bin on the Central Kickabout had been reported as severely damaged by the Dog Warden. It has subsequently been removed and a replacement will be fitted very shortly.

DP reported that:

- (iii) Sainsburys had placed a litter bin on the steps to Meadow Way but it had been badly positioned – he will take this up with the store.

DS reported that:

- (iv) A useful meeting had taken place between **CB** (HCC), **DS** (WCC), staff and residents about the partially destroyed bed in Maytree Close. Misunderstandings about maintenance responsibilities were resolved and work will be put in hand.
- (v) Open Space grass cutting. WCC grass should be cut 10 times per year between May and October to a height of 1 inch. HCC grass (verges etc) should be cut 7 times per year however there are no quality standards imposed. **DS** encouraged Councillors to complain to WCC when standards were poor.
- (vi) Falcon View Steps by Underpass. The bed may be replanted with a hedge rather than shrubs for ease of maintenance.
- (vii) Elder Close garage wall. WCC Building Control Officer had again inspected the damaged wall and again stated that in legal terms it did not constitute a danger. They will now carry out a Land Registry search in an attempt to identify ownership.

FJ reported that:

- (viii) The open space behind Swift Close had been cleared and sown with grass seed but since no proper preparation, weeding etc had been carried out the area was turning into jungle. **DS** agreed and will take the matter up with the WCC.

A member of the public (Fiona Davidson) made a representation:

- (ix) As part of the renovation of Sainsbury's a compressor had been mounted on a platform on the store outer wall. This compressor ran throughout the night and was causing severe noise nuisance and disruption to herself and her neighbours who live in Harrow Down. She made the following points:
 - (a) The compressor had been installed within the constraints imposed by the planning consent but WCC (Environment) have confirmed that the noise levels are well above the legal limits and an enforcement order may be appropriate.
 - (b) **FD** has written to the Chief Executive of Sainsburys seeking resolution and has received a holding reply. 20 neighbours have also complained.

FD sought the support of the Parish Council on this issue. **KT** agreed to write to the Chief Executive supporting her complaint.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) 3 new applications had been received:

Sainsburys	Alterations to trolley bays and recycling centre
Larkhill Rise	Two storey side extension
Falcon View	Second storey extension over garage

(ii) 8 applications had been approved:

Sainsburys	Changes to filling station and kiosk
St Ann's Close	Rear Conservatory
Broad Chalke Down	Rear Conservatory
Sainsburys	2 projecting illuminated signs
Sainsburys	3 non-illuminated wall panels – 1 ATM, 2 welcome
Sainsburys	2 internal illuminated fascia signs
Sainsburys	1 replacement car park sign & 6 totems.
Sainsburys	Extension to Groceries storage area

(iii) 1 application had been refused:

Ivy Close	2 storey side extension
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(iv) Since the last meeting **KT** had objected to the Sainsbury's application to re-site the recycling centre.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

(i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.

(ii) An expression of interest in the Government initiative "Playbuilder Capital Fund" had been lodged with WCC on 15 July. Subsequently WCC (Community Wellbeing Manager) had informed him that the bid had been unsuccessful – Bishops Waltham, Denmead, Otterbourne and Soberton had been shortlisted and the bid from Soberton will be taken forward to the next stage.

(iii) The rope bridge from the Central Kickabout had been stolen by persons unknown on or about 1 July. He has since raised a police report (No. 44080318552) so that an insurance claim can be raised. The theft was reported to the Insurers on 23 July (Claim No. BH2/165223) and he will now forward a quote from Play World Systems for replacement to Allianz (PO Box 11309).

(iv) A cradle seat swing from the Davis Kickabout had been stolen by persons unknown on or about 31 August. **JG** has since raised a police report (No. 44080392140) so that an insurance claim can be raised. **MM** reported the

theft to the Insurers on 4 August (Claim No. BH2/167818J) and will now forward a quote for replacement from Playground Services to Allianz (PO Box 11309).

- (v) The new equipment on the Central Kickabout play area had been installed and was proving popular.

e) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) **KT** had raised the issue of the cancellation of the Stanmore School leg of the No. 1 Stage Coach bus route serving lower Badger Farm with HCC as had **CB** but they were not prepared to seek any reconsideration by Stagecoach.
- (ii) HCC had announced a timetable change for the 69 Service effective from Monday 31 August.

f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliations for July and August 2008 were signed by the Chairman.

h) Community Project

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i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

JG reported that:

- (i) The repair of seats on the Ridge was now complete. A cheque for £300 had already been passed to the joiner to purchase the timber and the balance of £258 was now due. Mr Glenn had provided a memoriam plaque and undertaken to forward a cheque for £300 as his donation.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) The Village Green status for Bushfield Camp Rights of Way. HCC lawyers are considering whether the application is valid.
- (ii) Park & Ride. Some minimal preliminary work will start shortly.
- (iii) Maytree Close Beds. See para 781 b) (iv).
- (iv) HCC Respite Care. A survey of available care is being undertaken.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Open Space issues. See para 781 b) above

BC reported on:

- (ii) The Local Framework and Sustainable Development.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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782. Football Equipment

MM reported that:

- a) He had now received the cheque for £926 representing the grant from the Youth Opportunity Fund 2007/08 for the purchase of goal posts. Details of the income and expenditure together with a self-evaluation of the project must be sent to the Youth Office, HCC on completion.

DP reported that:

- b) He had previously identified a site for a single mini goal with **KT** and will now obtain the necessary quotes for supply and installation.

783. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) An invitation to the Carroll Centre AGM at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 September.
- b) The AGM of the HALC will take place at the Performing Arts Centre, St Swithun's School at 1000 on Saturday 27th September. **KT** will try to attend.
- c) A letter from Sainsburys stating that a new litter bin will be positioned at the foot of the steps to Meadow Way.
- d) A request from Hampshire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group for a donation. Council **AGREED** that this was not appropriate.
- e) A Safer Neighbourhood letter from Hampshire Police.

784. Payment of Accounts

It became apparent that three signed cheques from the last meeting had been lost in the post. The following were therefore cancelled with NatWest Bank on 9 August:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1368	HM R & C	PAYE & NIC	£ 324.08	-
1369	SERCO	WSR – Repair steps	£ 1,022.25	£ 152.25
1370	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-

The following payments had been approved since the last meeting:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1373	Alan Brewer	WSR – Repair of seats	£ 300.00	-
1375	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1376	HM R & C	PAYE & NIC	£ 324.08	-
1377	SERCO	WSR – Repair steps	£ 1,022.25	£ 152.25

The following payments were approved and signed at the meeting:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1371	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 868.27	£ 5.43
1372	SERCO	Open Space – New grit bin	£ 504.08	£ 75.08
1374	SERCO	Play Ground Inspections	£ 230.88	£ 34.39
1378	Wicksteed Leisure	Installation of new play equip	£14,790.96	£2,202.91
1379	A G Brewer	WSR – Repair of Seats	£ 258.00	-

785. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2148.

Signed

Date