

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Ian Tait
Daniel Phelps
Ray Stannard
Fenella Jarvis
Sarah Keene

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi
ACSO Sam Godbold
1 member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Brian Collin

716. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

717. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

RS reported that:

- (i) The cotoneaster planting behind the Elder Close garages was completed on 18 September. Since then there have been several attempts by vandals to uproot the plants. On the last occasion (Sunday 7 October) **RS** apprehended five youths from MayTree Close and called 999. The police failed to respond and a complaint will be filed. The youths were warned.
- (ii) There has been an outbreak of graffiti spraying on the Elder Close garage walls and the Ridgeway bus shelters. **MM** will contact WCC.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) The damage to the Timber Multi Unit equipment vandalised on the night of 6 September was reported to Winchester police on 14 Sep (Crime ref: 44070427450). RSS contractors have been contacted and a quote to repair the damage is awaited. An insurance claim will be forwarded to Allianz.
- (ii) All play equipment inspections were up to date.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) No new applications had been received:

(ii) 3 applications had been approved:

Silverwood Close	Lean to shed to rear
Harrow Down	Conservatory to rear
Plough Way	Conservatory to rear

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

d) Transport

MM reported that:

(i) Work to update the Instrument Landing System at Southampton Airport had taken place between 25 September and 4 October resulting in aircraft taking slightly different approach routes. This is not a permanent arrangement and over-flights of Badger Farm will not increase.

KT reported that:

(ii) He had attended the inaugural Winchester Passenger Transport Forum. Little had been discussed that directly affected Badger Farm except the withdrawal of the bus subsidy. It was also mentioned that the use of the Over 60s free bus pass will be restricted to the hours of 0930 – 2300 in future.

(iii) Road works are scheduled to take place shortly at the junction of Stanmore Lane and St Cross Road which are likely to cause disruption.

(iv) Two electronic signs had been erected on bus shelters advertising timetable changes.

DS reported that:

(iv) The next Park & Ride Consultation will take place in the Guildhall on 16 October. **IT/FJ/SK** will attend.

e) Community Project

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f) Parish Website

MM reported that:

(i) He had asked Jane Fielding to update the list of Councillors.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliation for September were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The request for the 2008/09 Precept will need to be finalised at the next meeting.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) The diagonal footpath from the bottom of the Harrow Down steps to the Ridge has now been cut back.

JG reported that:

- (ii) There were broken branches over the central exit path from the ridge to Whiteshute Lane.

j) Police

JZ reported that:

- (i) There had been 10 very minor crimes reported in the last month:

2 cases of criminal damage	- Shrubs and motor car
1 Industrial Injury	- Falling bricks
3 cases of nuisance	- Noisy youths and football in the street
2 thefts	- Sainsburys
2 thefts from cars	- Swift Close / Wheatlands Close

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Hampshire Action Teams. Highways meeting on Wednesday 10 October.
- (ii) New Chief Executive of HCC appointed. Mr Andrew Smith.
- (iii) The new Winchester Library will open in late November and will operate 7 days a week.
- (iv) The Tower Arts Centre consultation period will continue until early December.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Bushfield Camp. Cluttons were opposed to the use of the site for the paint-balling project.
- (ii) Open Space. There were overgrown plants behind No 63 St Ann's Close.
- (iii) Dog Fouling. The WCC dog wardens have replaced some of the "no fouling" signs.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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718. ACSOs

Mr Sam Godbold outlined the duties and powers of Accredited Community Safety Officers (ACSOs). He explained that:

- (i) ACSOs had been introduced to combat the often unjustified "fear of crime".
- (ii) They conducted their business using foot patrols, push bikes and CCTV vans.
- (iii) Their Accredited status allows them to issue fixed penalty notices for anti-social behaviour such as littering, dog fouling and abuse of the alcohol exclusion zone.
- (iv) They do not have powers of arrest.
- (v) They operate a yellow card system for under 18s. Three cards results in a £50 fine for parents.
- (vi) The areas in which they operate are governed by the number of 101 reports received.

KT asked that they provide an occasional presence on the Kickabout areas on Friday and Saturday nights.

719. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A request from Victim Support Hampshire for a donation. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £50 was appropriate.
- b) Clerk Salary. The Government have offered the Trade Unions a pay rise of 2.475% for 2007/08 backdated to 1 April 2007. **KT** will wait until the negotiations have been completed before fixing the Clerk's pay level for 2007/08.
- c) **KT** had received a letter from a mobile Fish & Chip van seeking advice about a pitch in Badger Farm. He will respond.

720. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1322	Street Reach	Youth Project	£ 575.00	-
1323	HM R & C	PAYE & NIC	£ 128.37	-
1324	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 413.72	£ 4.32
1325	Victim Support Hampshire	Donation	£ 50.00	-

721. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2118.

Signed

Date