

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th July 2007

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
PCSO Richard Nolan
1 Street Reach Worker

APOLOGIES:

702. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

703. Resignation of Councillor

KT reported that **AC** felt that she had served on the Council for long enough and that it was time for a fresh outlook from a new Councillor. She had therefore tendered her resignation. He thanked her for her stalwart work during her time as a member of the Council and wished her well for the future. Members endorsed these sentiments.

704. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The Contractor he had hired to mend the broken fence beside the railway line behind Ivy Close had gone out of business and a fresh order would have to be placed. Council discussed the matter and noted the following:
 - a) The whole length of fence is in a poor state of repair and total replacement will be expensive (34 panels say £3500).
 - b) Ownership of the fence is unclear. It may well not belong to the Parish Council.
 - c) There is a perfectly good chain link fence owned by Network rail behind it preventing access to the railway line.

Council **AGREED** that expenditure in maintaining the fence was unjustified and that no further work should be undertaken.

- (ii) The cotoneaster hedge planting behind the Elder Close garages will take place very shortly. **RS** will look after the watering of the new plants.

Councillors reported the following problems that will be taken up by **DS**:

- (iii) Dog fouling on the path to Oliver's Battery School.
- (iv) Overgrown Buddleia on the Plough Way to Sainsburys footpath.
- (v) Terrible state of Swift Close raised highway beds.
- (vi) Ashbarn Crescent salt bin has been tipped over.

JG reported on:

- (vii) Illegal Estate agents' boards on the corner of The Ridgeway and Badger Farm Road. He will write on behalf of the Council.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The WCC Open Space Strategy for 2007/08 had been received. This suggested that the Play areas should cater for a wider age group of children and young people and suggests that there is insufficient equipment provided. Council **AGREED** that the current improvement plans were adequate and satisfactory.
- (iii) **JG, RS** and **DP** will meet within the next two weeks to progress the provision of new equipment and the turn over of responsibilities.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) No applications had been approved:
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) WCC erected the Speed Limit reminder sign in Meadow Way between MayTree Close and Falcon Drive on the "IN" direction on 2 July. It will remain in place for two weeks.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had attended the Southampton Airport Stakeholders Conference.

e) Community Project

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f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliation for June were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) A new bank mandate was signed by four Council members and the Clerk in order to authorise transfer of funds between Council accounts without the RFO having to seek two other signatures.
- (iii) The internal audit for 2006/07 had been forwarded to District Audit on 12 June 2007 for approval.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) The AGM of the OB & RCA will take place in the Community Centre at 8.00pm on Wednesday 18 July. **KT** will attend.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) Two trees had come down and blocked Whiteshute Lane about half way along the ridge. SERCO had been contracted to remove.
- (ii) The footpath from Harrow Down to the steps leading onto the Ridge is very overgrown. SERCO had been contracted to cut it back.

JG reported that:

- (iii) One of the seats on the Ridge had been vandalised and required repair. Action **MM**.

j) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) Kevin Baxman had informed **BC** on the 26 June that there had been two thefts from motor vehicles the previous night and asked Councillors to pass on the message to be vigilant. This had been done.

RN reported that:

- (ii) An operation had been run on the Bushfield site on 24 June and despite bad weather ten people had been stopped and warned about trespass and nuisance.
- (iii) There had been 5 reports of vehicle nuisance, 3 of rowdy behaviour and 2 of damage during the period.

Council **AGREED** that the regular attendance of the PCSO at Council meetings was extremely useful.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Falcon View planter. A Turkish hazel will be planted in the winter.
- (ii) The Speed Limit sign in Meadow Way.
- (iii) HCC Strategic Partnership. Community access to services.
- (iv) HCC Climate Change Commission.
- (v) Tower Art Centre. HCC had opposed the proposals but had been unsuccessful.

l) City Council Reps

MM reported that:

- (i) The Licensing and Regulation Committee of WCC had resolved to make an extension to the Alcohol Consumption Designation Order. This will include Badger Farm. **KT** asked **BC** to investigate whether signs could be placed on the Kickabouts.

BC reported on:

- (ii) Safer Neighbourhood Panels. **KT** responded that he had been informed about progress.

DS reported on:

- (iii) Management of the Tower Art Centre. This will be passed to Kings School despite concerns that they were ill-equipped to manage Community events.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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705. Street Reach

Sessions had continued although the activity levels remained low and feed back from the youth suggested that they were generally content with the facilities and that other recreational pursuits were adequately provided for by parents and schools. There are four further sessions planned and Council **AGREED** that these should be conducted immediately after the end of the school term. Council will then review the overall findings.

706. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The next Winchester Town Forum will take place on Tuesday 10 July at 6.30pm in the Guildhall. One of the agenda items will be a discussion on the role of Neighbourhood Wardens, ACSOs and PCSOs. Council **AGREED** that it was unnecessary to attend.

707. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1315	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 384.72	-
1316	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC	£ 379.81	-

708. Any other business

KT reported that he had attended discussions about Parish Plans and felt that although much of the detailed requirements were not applicable to a parish like Badger Farm there were aspects that could benefit the community. He asked Councillors to consider what special expertise and personal skills they might be able to provide in order to decide if a modified plan might be worth pursuing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2132.

Signed

Date