

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2008

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
Ray Stannard
Daniel Phelps
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
ACSO Sam Godbold
3 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
Sarah Keene
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
PC Emma Port

760. Minutes of previous meeting

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

761. Appointment of Chair

RS proposed **Keith Taylor** and this was seconded by **FJ** and unanimously agreed by those present. **KT** completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file.

762. Appointment of Vice Chair

KT proposed **John Godbold** (in his absence) and this was seconded by **DP** and unanimously agreed by those present. **JG** has subsequently completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which has been countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file.

763. Appointment of Members to Working Parties

Members agreed the following appointments to Working Parties:

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| a) | Open Space | Ray Stannard, John Godbold |
| b) | Play Equipment | Daniel Phelps, Ray Stannard |
| c) | Planning | Keith Taylor, Fenella Jarvis |
| d) | Transport | Ian Tait, |
| e) | Community Projects | Sarah Keene |
| f) | Finance | Keith Taylor and the RFO (Clerk) |
| g) | Community Centre Lease Compliance | Keith Taylor |
| h) | Whiteshute Ridge | Martin Macpherson |

- i) Police Keith Taylor
- j) Noticeboard Rep Keith Taylor

764. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) **DS** had reported that the grit bin in Elder Close was in a very poor condition and required replacing. **MM** had reported this defect to WCC and SERCO will replace it shortly, invoicing BFPC.
- (ii) Further damage has been caused to the Elder Close garage walls beside the Central Kickabout play area. **BC** will report to WCC to establish whether a health and safety issue is deemed to exist. It may be necessary to follow up with letters to the owners.

KT reported that:

- (iii) New shrubs were planted beside the Central Kickabout by a team of local residents. The Council are most grateful for this local enterprise. **DP** presented the invoice for the plants which was paid by the Clerk.
- (iv) Contractors working for Sainsbury's had been banned from parking in the store car park and had therefore taken to parking in Meadow Way. This was a potential danger although it is not against the law. **JG** had taken the matter up with Sainsburys.

DP reported that:

- (v) There was a bush problem at the entrance to MayTree Close. **DS** will take up with WCC.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.

DP reported that:

- (ii) He had received quotes from Wickstead for the new equipment work and awaited one from Play Facilities Ltd. He would report to the next meeting.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:

- (ii) 2 applications had been approved:
 - Ivy Close 2 storey side extension
 - Charfield Close 2 storey side extension
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.
- (iv) 1 application had been withdrawn:
 - Sainsburys Redevelopment of filling station
- (v) The following enforcement Notices have come into effect:
 - Falcon View Untidy land – Compliance period extended
 - Sainsburys Illuminated totem sign – Negotiations continue

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) The next Winchester Passenger Transport Forum will be held at 1000am on Monday 19 May in the Gloucester Hall, Colden Common Community Centre. Details were passed to **KT**.

e) Community Project

DP reported that:

- (i) He and **SK** would report to the next meeting on progress with their neighbourhood survey / questionnaire.

f) Parish Website

Council were asked to review the site and comment at the next meeting.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for April 2008 were signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) The 2008/09 precept of £27,000 had been paid into our bank account on 25 April.
- (iv) The Section 137 rate for 2008/09 had been raised to £5.86 per elector allowing the Council to donate a maximum of £11,350.82 in the coming year.

- (v) Notices of Exercises of Electors Rights for the 2007/08 Audit were passed to **KT** for display on Notice Boards between 14 May 2008 and 11 June 2008 (21 working days).
- h) Community Centre Lease Compliance
- KT** reported that:
- (i) He had attended the last User Group meeting. Currently they were unable to find a co-ordinator for this years fireworks party.
- i) Whiteshute Ridge
- MM** reported that:
- (i) At the last meeting it was **AGREED** that Council should investigate the siting of a single bin in the centre of the Ridge near to the central seat. **MM** has now obtained a quote. The cost of the bin will be £220 plus VAT and it will cost £3.10 a week for emptying although the access has still to be checked. This represents a first year outlay of £419.70. Council opinion was split on the advisability of siting this bin and **MM** was tasked to establish the usage of each of the existing bins before proceeding.
- (ii) At the last meeting **FJ** had reported that a “clear up after your dog” sign on the approach to the Ridge from Badger Farm Road had been damaged and required replacing. **MM** had raised with the Dog Warden and it will be replaced.
- (iii) Ragwort spraying has been delayed by the wet weather but will commence this week.
- (iv) The felling of the two trees identified in the last tree survey has been delayed in order to comply with the Wildlife & Countryside Act. There is both bat and woodpecker activity in the area.
- (v) The work to replace the 15 worst rotting steps from the open space between Lowden Close and Honeysuckle Close up to the ridge had now been quoted by SERCO as £870 plus VAT. Council **AGREED** to proceed.
- (vi) A member of the public whose deceased parents lived in Badger Farm and enjoyed the Ridge wishes to dedicate a seat to their memory. SERCO have quoted £295.00 plus VAT to replace the slats and refurbish the existing broken seat. Mr Glen is willing to pay for this but would have to provide the memorial plaque which we could fix for him (he lives in Scotland). Council **AGREED** this should go ahead.
- j) Police
- EP** had left a report on the monthly crime figures:
- (i) 2 thefts of garden plants – Rooks Down Rd and Wheatland Close

Bogus telephone call – Plough Way

Rowdy behaviour – youths in Ashbarn Crescent

Damage to wall – Elder Close garages

- (ii) She also updated Councillors on police intentions with regard to scrambler bikes on Whiteshute Ridge and Bushfield Camp.

MM reported that:

- (iii) Inspector Kevin Baxman had asked Parish Councils to submit three priority issues for police attention in their parishes. These could be location, type of crime or problem, speeding, littering, etc. After consideration Council **AGREED** their priorities were:

- a. Anti social behaviour (Noise) – motor bikes on Whiteshute Ridge
- b. Anti social behaviour on Kickabouts – underage drinking
- c. Anti social behaviour - vandalism

- k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend but left a report on:

- (i) Progress of the Rights of Way on Bushfield application to HCC.

- l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Use of Open Space land for individuals planting vegetables. Council **AGREED** that this could not be countenanced.
- (ii) Safety railings on Badger Farm Rd. Council were unable to comment – the pavement concerned is not within the Parish boundary.
- (iii) Fly tipping on Badger Farm Rd. **SG** said that he had reported it to WCC.
- (iv) He updated Council on the police failure to respond to a resident's 999 call.

- m). Notice Board Rep

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- n). Newsletter Rep

DP suggested that:

- (i) A notice be inserted in Community News giving useful telephone numbers eg: 101 details, graffiti cleaning etc. **KT** will consider further.

o). WDAPC

MM reported that:

- (i) WDAPC has been reconstituted as the Winchester District Association of Local Councils (WDALC).
- (ii) In future it will meet twice a year prior to the WCC Leader’s meetings of the “Working with Parishes” initiative.
- (iii) Myrna Coates (Hambledon) (myrnacoates@hotmail.co.uk) will be the Chairman and sits on the full board of the Winchester District Strategic Partnership. The administrator will be Norman Chapman.

765. Local Council Election

MM reported that:

- a) Notices advertising the election for City Councillors were placed on Parish notice boards on 17 April.
- b) All Councillors (with the exception of **RS**) Declaration and Report of Expenses were forwarded to the Electoral Services Office on 16 April.

766. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) HCC have awarded the Highway Maintenance Services contract to Amey for the period 2008 – 2015. They will replace the current contractors Balfour Beatty.

767. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1356	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 405.66	-
1357	D Phelps	Travelling Expenses	£ 16.00	-
1358	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1359	S Keene	Travelling Expenses	£ 16.00	-
1360	British Telecom	Clerk Telephone	£ 43.69	£ 5.84
1361	D Phelps	Open Space Planting	£ 330.79	£ 49.26

768. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2155.

Signed

Date