

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th June 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
Anne Church
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait
Ray Stanard
Fiona Davidson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
Joe Naylor (WCC – Teen Shelter)

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
Cllr Brian Collin
PC Joe Zubaidi

624. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

625. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

FD reported that:

- (i) The access footpath from the back of Sainsbury to the steps up to Whiteshute Ridge had no dog bin and was constantly fouled. **MM** was tasked to investigate provision with WCC Environmental Health.

RS asked:

- (ii) About progress on the footpath wall between Elder Close and the Central Kickabout. **DS** reported that **BC** had badgered WCC to declare it a safety hazard and awaited a response.

FJ asked:

- (iii) About why SERCO did not remove the grass cuttings from the Open Space after mowing. **DS** undertook to investigate.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 4 new applications had been received:

Honeysuckle Close	Convert dwelling back to 2 houses
Ivy Close	Conservatory to rear
Sainsbury	Convert part of warehouse to retail space
Sainsbury	Permanent 2 night deliveries at weekends

He had objected to the Honeysuckle Close proposal on the grounds of lack of parking but did not expect this to delay approval.

- (ii) 2 applications had been approved:

Rooks Down Road	Conservatory to rear
Falcon View	Single Storey rear extension

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

d) Transport

MM reported:

- (i) He had passed an invitation to Southampton Airport's Community and Stakeholder Conference to **KT** for 0900 Friday 16 June at St Mary's Stadium, Southampton. **KT** was unable to attend.
- (ii) He had received a response from Network Rail about safety on the Ivy Close footbridge over the railway line stating that it was HCC's responsibility. The next opportunity to bid for "Lighting Initiative Funding" will occur in early 2007 and Council will need to consider whether to bid for this. **IT** will investigate

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

KT reported that:

- (i) He had contacted Hantsweb who have now removed out of date material from their site and provided a link to the new web site.
- (ii) He had **AGREED** with Jane Fielding that the new site would in future carry the minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for the next one. **MM** to 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) Mr Paul Reynolds has finished the internal audit for the year ending 31 March 2006. There are no significant problems and the Chairman and Council will need to sign them off at the 10 July meeting prior to them being available for public inspection and subsequent forwarding to District Audit by 29 August.
 - (iii) The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 that became effective on 1 April 2006 require that the Parish Council Financial Regulations be amended. Council **AGREED** the new draft and they were duly signed by **KT** (Chairman) and **MM** (RFO).
- h) Community Centre Lease Compliance
NTR
- i) Whiteshute Ridge
MM reported that:
 - (i) Work to site the bollards on the two Ivy Close footpaths to prevent future incursions by “travellers” onto the Ridge had now been completed.
- j) Police
BC had reported by email that:
 - (i) After his discussions with Richard Morris, the manager of Sainsbury, he had asked Louise Tester of Hampshire Police to investigate the patrolling of the car park at night after the store had shut to curtail “recreational” use and occasional thefts of Sainsbury property from the back of the store.
- k) County Council Rep
CB reported on:
 - (i) Park & Ride. The exhibitions at the Community Centre and in other parish venues had been well attended and were considered a successful consultation exercise. Members of the public can still have their say by filing responses on Hantsweb.
 - (ii) Vegetation. HCC Highways had been slow in resolving the Open Space Issues along the Ridgeway and in Harvest Close. She has been assured work will be completed soon.
 - (iii) Highways. The Environment Policy Review Committee will question the Highways Agency about the M3 and A34 on 30 June.
 - (iv) Minerals & Waste. A new Minerals and Waste Development Framework Strategy has been published.
- l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) City Council Reps new responsibilities after the May Elections.
- (ii) Park & Ride Consultation.
- (iii) Traffic. New proposals for the Badger Farm Road / Oliver's Battery Road junction will be tabled in the late summer.
- (iv) Grounds Maintenance. Slow progress was being made by WCC on the outstanding work in Broad Chalke Down, Harvest Close and Barley Down Drive.
- (v) Motorbike Noise. Progress by the police in dealing with this issue has been slow despite a resident having reported the registration numbers of the most troublesome bike.

m). Notice Board Rep

KT confirmed that:

- (i) The St Cross fete will be advertised on Parish notice boards.

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDAPC

MM reported that:

- (i) Member Councils had been invited to make nominations for election to the WDAPC posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, HAPTC Executive, DAPC Executive, Winchester CPRE, Winchester CAB, EHAONB Planning Panel and Winchester Road Safety Committee. Council **AGREED** not to make any nominations.
- (ii) THE WDAPC AGM will take place in the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham on Wednesday 21st June 2006 at 7.30pm. **KT** may be able to attend.

626. Teen Shelter

Joe Naylor (a WCC Neighbourhood Services Co-ordinator) gave a brief about the Teen Shelter recently erected in Highcliffe. She said that:

- a). Her prime role was to combat anti-social behaviour and to this end the project was aimed at providing a focus for the youth in that area. The project had been kicked off with a meeting with the teenagers to establish what they wanted.
- b). A second meeting had been held with local residents to identify a suitable site that was not expected to lead to complaints about noise.

- c) The two shelters subsequently erected had cost a total of about £10K. A grant from WCC Open Space budget (Stewart Dunbar-Dempsey) might alleviate some of this expenditure.
- d) She also stated that should Badger Farm Parish Council consider going ahead with a similar project a combined approach with Stanmore, possibly as an Outreach project, might be another option.

In discussion the following issues were raised:

- e) Finding a suitable site in Badger Farm was likely to be extremely difficult because of the density of housing and the likelihood of noise, particularly late at night.
- f) Erection of a Teen shelter might not be compatible with other possible youth projects.
- g) Councillors noted that it had been sited in an area that was covered by Wardens and this made the project easier to monitor.
- h) **KT** had also looked at a Teen Shelter erected in Otterbourne – it had had to be sited a long way from local housing because of potential noise problems.

Council **AGREED** that:

- i) Teen Shelters were an interesting way of combating anti-social behaviour but the Highcliffe experiment was still in its infancy and BFPC should monitor their experience during the summer and consider the matter further at the October meeting.

627. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated:

- a) An invitation for a representative to attend the Civic Service in Winchester Cathedral and afterwards in the Great Hall to mark the Queen's 80th birthday on 18 June. **KT** will attend.
- b) A request from the Magpie 4C appeal for a donation towards the £3million required for a new cancer centre at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital. Council **AGREED** to donate £100.
- c) A request from the Open Spaces Society for a donation to assist their campaign to promote easy access to paths and the countryside by removing redundant obstacles such as stiles and gates and by lobbying landowners and highway authorities. Council **AGREED** not to make a contribution.
- d) Invitation from WCC to a Councillors' Conference on "Effective Community Planning" on Friday 14 July from 1000 to 1530 at the Guildhall. The Conference will cover Priority Community Planning Issues, Local Service Delivery and Community Leadership. **KT** will try to attend.

- e) The HCC initiative about the use of countryside paths. **KT** had now received the 18 June requirements and Councillors will conduct the survey.

628. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1257	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 450.20	£ 1.01
1258	SERCO	WSR Tree Maintenance	£1,880.00	£ 280.00
1259	Winchester Medical Foundation	Magpie 4C Donation	£ 100.00	-

629. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2118.

Signed

Date