

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Anne Church
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait
Ray Stanard
Fiona Davidson
George Marits

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Brian Collin
PC Zubaidi

601. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

602. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The pyracantha hedge on the Central Kickabout was planted by Hillier in March 2005 and the contract contained a maintenance and replacement clause that will need to be exercised next month. Council **AGREED** that whilst this work was being carried out the hedge should be extended on the MayTree Close side to satisfy resident's complaints. **MM** to action with Hillier.

KT reported that:

- (ii) WCC contractors had been somewhat over-enthusiastic whilst carrying out maintenance work in Plough Way and severely cut back a resident's hedge. WCC had undertaken to replant it.

AC reported that:

- (iii) WCC had not cleared dead leaves from certain areas in the Parish. **DS** collected a list from Councillors and will action with WCC.

FD reported that:

- (iv) The footpath beside Stanmore School was very muddy and required some sort of surface (gravel or tarmac). **MM** was tasked to establish ownership of the path before Council decided what action, if any, was necessary.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) An order for new ropes for the “Burma Bridge” on the Central Kickabout had been placed with Play World Systems on 18 December. The costs will be £233 plus VAT for replacement and delivery. Fitting will be extra once Play World have established the connection arrangements.
- (iii) The Kompan Goal had been installed and paid for. The insurance policy with Allianz Cornhill had been updated.
- (iv) He had arranged for the play areas to have their annual inspections by the WCC independent qualified inspector in the week commencing 20 February. Cost will be £34 + VAT for each.

JG reported that:

- (v) The company he had originally identified as potential contractors to carry out the installation of the new play equipment on the Central Kickabout appeared to have ceased trading. He had now arranged meetings with two other contractors and would report progress to the next meeting.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:
Harvest Close New Front Porch
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
Sainsburys 2 deliveries per night between 2200 and 0700
Mon to Fri and temporary consent for 2
deliveries per night between 2200 and 0700 on
Sat and Sun for 6 months.
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) The new salt bin on Rooks Down Road has been moved twice after complaints from residents but its current site now appears to be satisfactory to all concerned.
- (ii) A resident had complained about safety issues on the footbridge over the railway line between the Ivy Close footpath and Mead Road. He had

written to Network Rail asking them to either light the bridge or mark the edges of the steps with luminous paint.

e) Community Project

RS reported that:

- (i) The management team of the Detached Youth Project had now changed and he recommended that the Parish Council should re-engage with a view to setting up a trial in the Spring. Council **AGREED** and **RS** was tasked to arrange a briefing from the team at the March Council meeting in order to take the matter forward.

f) Parish Website

NTR

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) He had updated the Play Equipment insurance policy to include the Kompan goal on the Central Kickabout. No additional premium was payable.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had met SERCO on the Ridge on 17 January and discussed the tree survey that has now been completed. It identified 15 trees that posed a health and safety risk to the public. These were mainly rotten branches that overhang or impede footpaths. SERCO quoted £1,600 to carry out this remedial work and **KT** authorised this expenditure on 6 February. The work is now in hand.
- (ii) In the main the remainder of the trees are in “good” condition although 18 further trees (out of a total of 135) will require some attention in the next year.
- (iii) WCC had informed him that a Badger Farm resident had reported “travellers” in a white transit van setting up camp on the Ridge itself. He had inspected the Ridge and Lane on Saturday 11 February and there had been no sign of them. However it had subsequently been reported that

they had set up camp on the Ridge, beside the BOAT running behind No. 41 Ivy Close. They were in a “ambulance type” white Ford Transit Van, Registration No. F 163 RBK. He had taken advice from WCC Legal Department about how to proceed with eviction procedures. The first step was to involve Hampshire County Council (Gypsy & Travellers Liaison Officer) and request a Welfare Report. This is a mandatory legal precursor before starting eviction proceedings and will cost £70. **MM** was tasked to get the process underway.

- (iv) Council discussed the erection of traffic control measures to prevent re-occurrence in the future. It was **AGREED** that such measures were necessary and Councillors were asked to inspect the area and make suggestions so that the next meeting could make an informed decision about the way ahead.

j) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) He had written to the Police on 15 January seeking clarification about their intentions regarding a representative’s attendance at Council meetings. Inspector Kevin Baxman had responded on 18 January apologising and undertaking to try to get an officer to a meeting shortly. He had also invited a Councillor to become a member of the Winchester Independent Advisory Group that meets monthly to discuss policing in the City.
- (ii) PC Zubaidi has now been appointed as the Badger Farm Liaison Officer. He will not be able to attend all meetings but will send periodic written reports.
- (iii) The first written report listed the following incidents:
 - a. Noise on WSR from the motor-cycle gang. The police were mounting foot patrols, were aware that possible illegal activity was going on, but to date had not had any success. **BC** had been in contact with Sergeant Tester on the subject. **KT** reported that he had seen bikes being loaded into a van on Sunday 12 February but had been unable to take the registration number.
 - b. 2 thefts from Sainsbury’s
 - c. Trespass; Squatters / Travellers in an ambulance in woods on WSR behind Ivy Close. See Minute 0602 i. (iii) above.
 - d. 2 Burglaries in Ashbarn Crescent and Wren Close
 - e. Suspicious persons in Silverwood Crescent
 - f. Suspicious activity in Badger Farm Road
 - g. Vehicle theft from Whiteshute Lane

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on the following:

- (i) Park & Ride. Arrangements for consultation about sites with Parish Councils will be made in early March.
- (ii) The Local Economy Scrutiny Panel covered issues surrounding sign cleaning, gas pipe repairs, speed limits and road safety.
- (iii) Local Biodiversity Plan. The interests of Whiteshute Ridge (and Bushfield Camp) were included.
- (iv) Open Space Review. She had requested more imaginative use of the fund to include subsidising youth clubs and general environmental improvements.
- (v) Oliver's Battery School. OFSTED had made a further visit to review progress.
- (vi) Adult Services. Budget proposals include cuts in Care services such as curtailing eligibility, freezing new residential placements and closing five homes and reducing day care provision by 45%.

l) City Council Rep

DS reported on:

- (i) Transport meeting with HCC covered further review of the No. 5 bus service, improved signage in 30mph limited areas and the appointment of a Council Bus Liaison Officer.
- (ii) Environment Scrutiny Meeting. Meeting included debate about more flexible "spend rules" for the Open Space budget that might allow pooling of resources between neighbouring Councils for common projects.
- (iii) The Waste Collection trial is now complete and was considered to have been very successful. The Alternate Weekly Collection System will be introduced throughout the City in October.
- (iv) The ongoing gas pipe repairs in the City are likely to cause increased traffic in Badger Farm Road for the next four months.

m). Notice Board Rep

NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDAPC

MM reported that:

- (i) The next General Meeting of the Association will take place on Wednesday 15 February at 1930 in the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham. No Councillors are available to attend.

603. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be circulated.

604. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1234	M D Macpherson	Salary & Expenses	£ 353.10	-
1235	SERCO	Supply Salt Bin	£ 326.00	£ 48.55
1236	SERCO	Play Ground Inspections	£ 536.36	£ 79.88
1237	SERCO	WSR Maintenance	£7,752.09	£1,154.57
1238	HAPTC	Membership Fees	£ 339.00	-
1239	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 37.19	£ 5.54

605. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115.

Signed

Date