

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 October 2008

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Sarah Keene
Daniel Phelps
Ian Tait

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr Charlotte Bailey

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Will Hawthorne
Fenella Jarvis

786. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

787. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The damaged Dog Bin on the Central Kickabout had been replaced with a new one.

DP reported that:

- (ii) A load of bark chippings had been tipped on the open space behind No. 27 MayTree Close. The same house had an empty skip in the front garden that had been there for a considerable time. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should write to the householder.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:

St Anne's Close Erection of 8m Phone mast

- (ii) 1 application had been approved:

Sainsburys Alterations to car park (retrospective)

- (iii) No applications had been refused.

KT reported that:

- (iv) He had objected to the St Anne's Close phone mast. WCC Telecom Sub-Committee will investigate the issue on 27 October.
- (v) Sainsbury's recycling centre had been moved without planning consent. WCC have demanded a retrospective application and in the meantime are expected to take some form of Enforcement action.
- (vi) The Sainsbury's compressor is likely to be enclosed in sound-proof material.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) He had accepted a quote from Play World Systems for repair of the rope bridge on the Central Kickabout. The costs will be £235.00 for supply and delivery and £165.00 for installation plus VAT. Work will be completed next week and the insurance claim (Claim No. BH2/165223) police report (No. 44080318552) can then be processed.
- (iii) A cradle seat swing from the Davis Kickabout had been stolen by persons unknown on or about 31 August. **JG** has since raised a police report (No. 44080392140) so that an insurance claim can be raised. **MM** reported the theft to the Insurers on 4 August (Claim No. BH2/167818J). The new swing will be fitted on Tuesday 14 September.

e) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) This years meeting of the Parish Transport Representatives will take place on the morning of Saturday 15th November in the Wessex Hotel. Lunch will be provided on completion. An agenda will be forwarded in due course.
- (ii) HCC proposals for 40 and 50mph speed limits in the vicinity of the proposed South Winchester Park & Ride site had been received and forwarded to **KT** for comment prior to publication of the Traffic Order.

f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.

- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for September 2008 were signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) The National Savings Bank Account pass book was forwarded to Glasgow on 26 September in order to close the account in accordance with the recommendation of the Internal Auditor and **AGREED** by Council on 9 June (Minute 770 g) (v)). £5,005:66 was paid into the Badger Farm Reserve Account on 2 October representing £4,880.97 principle and £124.69 interest for the period 1 January to 1 October 2008.
- (iv) The purchase of new play equipment for the Central Kickabout had been reported to Allianz Insurance and cover has been extended from 12 September 2008. This has attracted an additional premium of £75.90.
- (iv) Clerk Salary. NJC pay negotiations for 2008/09 between LGE and the unions have stalled and the matter has therefore been referred to ACAS. No September pay review can therefore be conducted until resolution of the dispute.

h) Community Project

SK reported that:

- (i) Responses to her Community survey had to date been very limited and she intended to re-circulate it with the next newsletter with an email response option.

MM reported that:

- (ii) He had been informed by the Chairman of BF & OB RCA that there will be no annual bonfire and fireworks this year because he was unable to find a volunteer to run it.
- (iii) The next User Group Meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 8.00pm on Wednesday 15 October. The agenda had been forwarded to **KT**.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

JG reported that:

- (i) The repair of seats on the Ridge was now complete and the Joiner has now been paid. A donation of £280 towards the cost has been received from Mr Glenn.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) MayTree Close pavements. She will point out the poor standard of work to HCC.
- (ii) Dead Trees in Lowden Close. She had asked HCC to remove.
- (iii) Paths to Partnership. County Council policy on the use of motor vehicles on Rights of Way and un-surfaced roads was discussed.
- (iv) Action on Fuel Poverty. HCC will roll out new proposals.
- (v) Draft South East Plan. HCC have lodged objections about increased house building targets.
- (vi) Bushfield Camp. No decision yet on the application for village green status.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Meeting with Maytree Close residents. The proposed new planting plan had met with approval.
- (ii) The grass cutting schedule was now up to date after the delays caused by the poor weather.
- (iii) The “highway beds” maintenance plan had now been agreed.
- (iv) Project Integra. WCC consider their long term waste disposal policy.

BC reported on:

- (v) WCC reserves deposited in Icelandic banks

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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788. Football Equipment

DP reported that:

- a) He had received three quotes for the purchase of goal posts:

Sports Kit Pro Soccer	£528.00 plus £13.85 for net plus VAT
Bob Woolmer Sales	£525.00 plus £19.00 for net plus VAT
Sports Warehouse	£499.99 plus £21.27 for net plus VAT

Council **AGREED** to purchase from Sports Warehouse at £255.00 for a single goal plus net.

- b) He will now investigate the fitting of sockets and possible purchase of a strip for the team.

789. New Model Publication Scheme

MM reported that:

- a) The information Commissioner has published a new model publication scheme covering the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which can be adopted by councils without amendment. In any case, all councils must have adopted the new scheme by 31 December 2008. Should the Council decide to produce a bespoke scheme it must be approved by the Information Commissioner in advance. Council **AGREED** to adopt the model scheme.
- b) **MM** distributed copies of the scheme. Council **AGREED** a resolution to adopt the scheme and publish it on the website.

790. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The Precept for 2009/10. The bid form has now been received and will be discussed at the next meeting when setting the 2009/10 budget.
- b) WCC are undertaking an annual Strategic Assessment report due on 30 November 2008, this is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Justice Act 1998 and Statutory Instrument 1830/1831. **MM** has responded by completing a Community Safety questionnaire.
- c) A letter from Mrs Hunt about the proposed telephone mast – see paragraph 787 c) (v) above.
- d) The Compton & Shawford Parish Plan.
- e) Sainsbury’s compressor – see paragraph 787 c) (vi) above.

791. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
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1380	SERCO Ltd	Litter Collection	£ 178.11	£ 26.53
1381	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 454.50	-
1382	Allianz	Addl Insurance premium	£ 75.90	-
1383	SERCO Ltd	WSR – Ragwort Spraying	£ 3,177.20	£ 473.20
1384	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1385	WCC	Replacement Dog Bin	£ 188.00	£ 28.00

792. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045.

Signed

Date