

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th April 2008

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
ACSO Mike Rice
PCSO Richard Nolan
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard

754. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

755. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

DS reported that:

- (i) The grit bin in Elder Close was in a very poor condition and required replacing. Action **MM**.
- (ii) The summer Open Space maintenance programme will be:

Grass cutting	Every 3 weeks
Hedges	Once per year in June / July
Footpaths	3 times per year
Shrubs	Twice per year

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had received complaints about vandalism of the Elder Close garages. Details were passed to the police representatives for necessary action.

DP reported that:

- (iii) He had received three complaints:
 - a. The Tarmac / Gritting process used on the pavements in MayTree Close. **MM** will take up with HCC.
 - b. The risk to children climbing on garage roofs from asbestos. **MR** will pass to the ACSO school's liaison team.

- c. A pub table dumped near the Elder Close garages. **DP** to take up with WCC.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The new inspection regime started on 3 April 2008 and the first Councillor inspections have been received.
- (iii) An invitation to a Play Equipment seminar sponsored by Kompan at Basingstoke on Tuesday 13 May had been passed to **DP**.

DP reported that:

- (iv) He had met the rep from the Wickstead Company and was awaiting quotes for general improvements. He will report to the next meeting.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
Broad Chalke Down Conservatory to rear (retrospective)
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

NTR

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

NTR

g) Finance

MM reported that:

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

- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for March 2008 were signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) The 2007/08 VAT refund of £1,725.96 was paid by H.M. Customs & Excise on 19 March 2008.
- (iv) The 2007/08 end of year P.14 and P. 35 were filed online to HM Revenue & Customs on 8 April 2008.
- (v) The 2007/08 audit had been prepared but not yet presented to the Internal Auditor. Draft Income & Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheets were passed to Councillors.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) The next User Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 April at 8.00pm. The agenda has been forwarded to **KT**.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) A resident had reported that some youths were digging up ground to make cycle jumps on land just to the South East of Whiteshute Lane. He had referred the matter to Cluttons, the agents.
- (ii) Another resident had suggested that a doggie bin could be sited about twenty yards up the slip track from Badger Farm Road to the footbridge. This site would be accessible for the SERCO collection vehicle. This led to a discussion about dog fouling on the ridge in general. 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** will obtain quotes for siting such a bin and for regular emptying. **KT** will also place a note in Community News about disposing plastic bags in the hedgerows of the Ridge.

FJ reported that:

- (iii) The BOAT sign under the footbridge on the approach to Whiteshute Lane was broken and required replacing. **MM** will raise with HCC.

j) Police

RN reported on the monthly crime figures:

- (i) 1 RTA (collision), 1 Domestic dispute, 1 Suspicious person (Falcon View), 2 Rowdy & Inconsiderate behaviour.

KT reported on:

- (ii) The Chief Constable's letter to resident's appealing for volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch.

MM reported that:

- (iii) The next Parish Partnership Forum will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2008 at 7.30pm in the Lionel Tubbs Hall, Fraser Road, Kings Worthy, SO23 7PJ.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Bushfield Downland - Rights of Way Claim. The final report will come before the committee in May. It may be difficult to claim highway status because it is predominantly used for recreation and not as a 'highway' - village green status may be more appropriate.
- (ii) Park & Ride. It has been approved with two caveats. Management of the site must be agreed with WCC and extension of the South Downs National Park west of the Itchen could cause a problem.
- (iii) Definitive Map. As discussed at the last meeting. Maps may be viewed at www.hants.gov.uk/rh/row/maps.
- (iv) Discovery Centre. The numbers visiting are very encouraging and both exhibitions have been popular. Comments to **CB** if required.
- (v) Hampshire Record Office. The Record Office is now open again following the amalgamation of the Local Studies library which was previously in Jewry Street.
- (vi) New Build Housing – Monitoring. Currently there is sufficient new build to meet targets so there will be no need to release any more sites this year. The Micheldever so called 'eco town' has no development designated status in the Local Plan and the threat of development there would appear to have disappeared for the time being now that the Government has turned it down.
- (vii) Job Vacancies in the Winchester District. There are currently 2.2 job vacancies per unemployed claimant. Vacancies remain very high across the UK.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Recreation Areas. WCC consider Badger Farm's provision should be 3.3 hectares greater.
- (ii) Community Chest. A new grant is now available for carbon reduction projects.

- (iii) Police Forum. Consideration that Oliver's Battery and Badger Farm should become part of the City Forum rather than the Rural Forum.

DS reported on:

- (iv) Parking in Winchester. Tower St will remain Pay & Display for a year – the remainder will be “pay on foot”.
 - (v) CCF Parade. A success with over 400 participants.
- m). Notice Board Rep
NTR
 - n). Newsletter Rep
NTR
 - o). WDAPC
NTR

756. Local Council Election

MM reported that:

- a) The elections for District and Parish Councillors will take place on 1 May 2008.
- b) Nomination Papers and associated documentation had been distributed to Councillors by post on 15 March.
- c) Notices advertising the election were placed on Parish notice boards on 18 March.
- d) All Councillor's Nomination and Consent forms were delivered to WCC on 1st and 2nd April.
- e) The election will be uncontested and all seven Councillors have therefore been duly elected. Notices to this effect were passed to **KT** for the noticeboards.
- f) He reminded all Councillors that it was an offence not to submit a Declaration and Report of Expenses by 29 May and handed out the relevant forms.

757. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Hampshire CC Annual County Service. This will take place on Sunday 8 June in Winchester Cathedral at 1100am followed by a reception in the Great Hall. One Councillor may attend.

758. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1352	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 413.06	-
1353	Audit Commission	2006/07 External Audit	£ 334.88	£ 49.88
1354	HM R & C	4 th Quarter NIC & PAYE	£ 397.63	-
1355	SERCO	Litter Collection	£ 178.11	£ 26.53

759. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130.

Signed

Date