

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Anne Church
Ian Tait
Daniel Phelps

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Brian Collin
PCSO Richard Nolan
Lauren Bowers (Street Reach)
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Fenella Jarvis
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi

687. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

688. Appointment of Chair

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

689. Appointment of Vice Chair

KT proposed **John Godbold** and this was seconded by **DP** and unanimously agreed by those present. **JG** completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file.

690. Appointment of Members to Working Parties

Members agreed the following appointments to Working Parties:

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| a) | Open Space | Keith Taylor |
| b) | Play Equipment | John Godbold |
| c) | Planning | Keith Taylor |
| d) | Transport | Keith Taylor |
| e) | Community Projects | as required |
| 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

691. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) Dever Fencing have been contracted to repair the six panel section of the fence between the open space behind Ivy Close and the railway line. They will replace the 11 posts but use existing fencing at a cost of approx £500 plus VAT. Work will start on Monday 21 May.
- (ii) WCC commenced early morning “dog patrol” on the Kickabout areas to help educate dog walkers about the dangers of fouling on 3 May 2007.
- (iii) He had contacted Southern Electric Power Distribution about the disappearance of one of the two bollards at the northern entrance to Whiteshute Ridge Lane. He awaited a reply.
- (iv) He had spoken to David Taylor (WCC) about hedge planting behind the Elder Close garages and agreed to plant litre pot cotoneaster. WCC are currently going through the tender process. Arrangements will have to be made for watering throughout the summer – this will be expensive if it is to be included in the contract.

AC reported that:

- (v) The HCC contractors restoring the road planters in Swift Close had done a poor job and many of the old roots had not been removed.
- (vi) The grass cutting in Swift Close had only been partially completed.

BC reported that:

- (vii) Despite efforts by the MayTree Close garage co-ordinator no progress had been made with repairs and tidying up. WCC will now write again to the seven owners responsible for the repairs.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The Serco inspectors have reported that the “flat seats and chains” on the Davis Kickabout need replacing and have quoted £179.32. This defect was also raised in the annual inspection two months ago. Council **AGREED** that the work should now be carried out.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) 1 new application has been received:

HCC	Park & Ride
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(ii) 4 applications have been approved:

Sainsburys	Erection of Car Wash
Sainsburys	Extension to restaurant
Broad Chalke Down	Conservatory to rear
Larkhill Rise	Single Storey Side Extension

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

d) Transport

MM reported that:

(i) A new timetable for the Solent Blue Line Services 49, 49A & 49B – Eastleigh to Winchester, was introduced on 7 May. The weekend frequency remains the same but times have changed.

e) Community Project

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f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

(i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliation for April were signed by the Chairman.

(ii) The 2007/08 Precept of £25,500 was received on 27 April 2007.

(iii) The public notice to inspect the 2006/07 Audit and Accounts has been posted and invites inspection between 7 May and 1 June 2007 by prior appointment.

(iv) Paul Reynolds, the internal auditor, is currently checking the accounts and they will be ready to be signed off at the next meeting.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) The two diseased ash trees have now been felled.

j) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) The next Public Forum meeting will be held in the Jubilee Room, Denmead Community Centre at 1930 on Tuesday 5 June. The agenda has been passed to **KT**.

JZ reported on the following minor incidents that had occurred in the last month:

- (ii) 2 assaults, 3 cases of damage, 1 case of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, 2 suspicious persons attempting to solicit charity donations without ID, 3 thefts and 1 dispute between neighbours.
- (iii) Further complaints had been received about noise and trespass on Bushfield Camp. The Police were holding further discussions with the agents, Cluttons and also intended to step up their presence in the area using both PCSOs and Traffic Police.

k) County Council Rep

No report

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Discussions with Mr Standen about the development of a “paintballing” site on Bushfield. He said it would be helpful if the Parish Council would lend their support. **MM** will draft a letter for **KT**’s signature.
- (ii) The next Silver Surfers training opportunity to be held on Monday 21 May.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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692. Code of Conduct

MM reported that:

The new Code of Conduct came into force on 3 May and Parish Councils have until 1 October to adopt the revised code.

The new code:

- a) Provides a clearer, simpler and more proportionate code
- b) Updates certain references
- c) Amends the rules on personal and prejudicial interest to remove the current barriers to councillors speaking up for their constituents, for example on planning and licensing issues and for public bodies on which they have been appointed to serve.

Advice from the Standards Board for England is that Parish Councils should adopt the Code unamended with one exception. Council should consider paragraph 12(2), which is not mandatory for parishes, which gives members with a prejudicial interest the same rights as members of the public to speak to a meeting on the issue and then leave before the main discussion and vote.

Council passed a resolution **AGREEING** to adopt the Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2). The Clerk is now required to:

- a) Inform the Standards Board for England of Adoption
- b) Advertise that the Parish Council have adopted the Model Code on Notice Boards and invite inspection by members of the Public.
- c) Pass a copy of the revised code for display on the website.

693. Detached Youth Project

Lauren Bowers of Street Reach gave the council an update on the progress of their work conducted by two of their youth workers on Friday nights between 6.30 and 8.30pm. To date they have paid five visits and talked to some 20 young people. On one occasion a group of 15 congregated on the Central Kickabout and some useful contacts were made although later in the evening the workers left because some of the group were becoming drunk.

Issues raised by the young people included:

- a) The provision of a shelter for their use especially during bad weather.
- b) The provision of a central notice board as a form of contact with the youth of the area.

- c) The organisation of a summer bar-b-que or similar event to encourage dialogue between young people, parents, the community and Youth Workers.

Council discussed these ideas and **AGREED** that a community project to run a summer event was likely to prove the most effective vehicle for improving dialogue. Street Reach will explore the idea more fully with the young people and report back to the next Parish Council meeting on 11 June with proposals. In principle the Council would be prepared to contribute funding to a bar-b-que on Whiteshute Ridge.

694. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

695. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1305	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 404.58	£ 0.88
1306	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1307	SERCO	WSR – Tree Felling	£ 1,974.75	£ 294.11
1308	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 41.19	£ 5.47
1309	SERCO	Play Ground Inspections	£ 460.22	£ 68.54

696. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2057.

Signed

Date