



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
Ian Tait
Anne Church
Ray Stannard
Daniel Phelps

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
Fenella Jarvis

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi
PCSO Richard Nolan

22. Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those attending the Assembly.

23. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous assembly meeting held on 10 April 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

24. Parish Council – Chairman's Report

The following is the text of the Chairman's report read to the meeting by **KT**:

Looking back over my notes for the last year, I am surprised at the number of things that have been going on in the Parish; some good, and some not so good!

Over last summer we have had several reports of noise, abusive behaviour, criminal damage, and general nuisance from youngsters using the open spaces round the Parish; particularly the central kick-about area. We have also had motorbikes ridden on these areas, and a huge problem with motorbikes and travellers on Bushfield camp.

Recently, the police have been taking action, and I am pleased to say that things have got better over this Easter holiday. I saw police speaking to a motorcyclist yesterday.

The police have recently been reorganised, and joined by several Police Community Support Officers. Let us hope that this extra police presence will reassure people and maintain our favourable crime statistics. Our area (South Winchester and Twyford) should get three officers, which will double the number of beat officers in the area. PCSOs have limited powers, but are controlled by the police, and have radios to contact police backup. The idea is that they patrol the area on bicycle or foot, keep an eye on things, and deter criminals and unruly behaviour. We hope to meet them here at the Parish Council.

We are also promoting the neighbourhood watch scheme. In my experience, the scheme not only helps neighbours feel more secure, but can also help in other ways by getting people talking to each other, and generally helping each other out. We are

fortunate that most of the Badger Farm is arranged in clusters of houses, and these are ideal for creating "local hamlets" where people can talk to each other and also watch out for suspicious activity. If you would be prepared to act as a coordinator for your street, please contact the Parish clerk at Clerkbfpca@aol.com

In the last year, we have generally had a good service from Serco cutting shrubs, but there have been some notable exceptions, and problems with grass cutting. However, I have to say that things have generally improved since a couple of years ago, and Serco (and the City) are responsive when asked to do something. David Spender and Charlotte Bailey have been very helpful here.

Another item of "local interest" has been the proposal for a new "Park and Ride" at the bottom of Badger Farm Road. The site will be on the corner between the motorway slip road and the road to Otterbourne. Of course we in Badger Farm are not going to benefit from using the Park and Ride itself, but it could bring "spin-off" improvements in the provision of more bus lanes on Badger Farm road, and possibly better arrangements at the bottom of that road.

It has been a bad year for walls, with one being demolished by vandals, and the other being blown down by the wind. Although they do not belong to the Parish, they obviously are a problem for everyone when they are damaged. Brian Collin has been supportive towards residents affected.

The new fortnightly rubbish collection scheme seems to be going smoothly. Of course some people do not bother to recycle anything; but this scheme should help, and we hope that the objectives to recycle more waste will be met. I am told that the City have no plans to have micro-chips attached to our bins, and they are very sympathetic towards people who are confused by the system or who have a lot of domestic waste; but please do separate your rubbish into your two bins according to the list provided by the council.

There were reports of rats last autumn, and there is some concern that the new rubbish collection scheme will make things worse. However, I am assured that there is not problem if all the waste is inside your bin.

The Parish Council has started a pilot project to work with local youth to find out what they want to see provided in the area. We recently had a deputation at a meeting to seek out better local facilities, and we are always trying to understand and cater for the needs of young people.

Of course we are also trying to balance the needs of everyone else as well. If you feel you could contribute, we would love to hear from you.

Finally, our web site has been revamped. See all the latest local information on the web at <http://www.bfobrca.com/>

25. Presentation of Parish Council Finances for 2006/2007

The Parish Clerk reported that the accounts for the year 2006/2007 had been prepared but not yet audited. He went on to outline that:

- a) During 2006/2007 the Parish Council had received a total income of £25,364. This was made up of a Precept from the City Council of £24,500 and £864 interest on investments.

- b) Expenditure amounted to £28,038. This consisted of:
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| (i) | Clerk's Salary | £ 5,844 |
| (ii) | Administration | £ 3,813 |
| (iii) | Litter | £ 1,202 |
| (iv) | Open Spaces | £ 582 |
| (v) | Play Equipment | £ 2,450 |
| (vi) | Whiteshute Ridge | £10,897 |
| (vii) | Donations | £3,250 |

The deficit on the year was therefore £2,674.

- c) Donations had been made to the following:

Winchester Medical Foundation	£ 100
Vitalise	£ 100
Carroll Youth Centre	£2,500
BF & OB Residents Community Association	£ 300
Winchester CAB	£ 250

- d) All this resulted in a final balance of £16,811 with a further £14,500 held in reserve for the lease of Whiteshute Ridge and £ 808 in the Pension Fund.

26. Question Time

There being no questions from the Public the Chairman closed the meeting at 1950.

Signed

Date