



## **BADGER FARM** Parish Council

As we complete our council year with our annual assembly and annual parish meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, we are pleased to report that we have had some expressions of interest in the two councillor vacancies on the council. It is always encouraging to have new people step forward and show an interest in serving the local community. Being a councillor is a rewarding role, with opportunities to get involved in a variety of issues. Full training is provided from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) based in Eastleigh. The current team of councillors have just completed some bespoke training provided by HALC, so be prepared for some exciting new ideas over the coming months.

Although we have had expressions of interest, we are yet to formally fill the roles, so please do continue to get in touch if you are interested in becoming a councillor! You can write to us care of Badger Farm Community Centre, via our Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/badgerfarmpc/> or by email on [clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk) We will let you have details of the appointment of new councillors in the next edition of Community News and via our website and social media channels.

Cans of suitable spray paint have been purchased and distributed to key people in problem areas around Badger Farm. The paint will be sprayed on dog poo that isn't cleared up to highlight the issue. This has been shown to not only stop people from stepping in the mess, but to encourage less responsible dog owners to clean up after their pets. Please let the clerk, Christine Howe, know if you are aware of any particular problem areas around Badger Farm. You can contact her via the email address above or by telephone on [07463 760801/01425 656010](tel:0746376080101425656010)

Finally, we are very keen to receive your photographs of Badger Farm for inclusion on our website. Making the website visually appealing with a range of changing images is proving a challenge for councillors. We know we have some very talented photographers in Badger Farm, with some lovely images of the parish appearing on the 'Winchester Pics' Facebook page. It would be marvellous if residents were willing to give us permission to use images on our website. If you do have any photographs you are willing to let us feature on the website, please get in touch with Christine our clerk.

Here's hoping for nice weather ahead to enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

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