



BADGER FARM
Parish  Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Whiteshute Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 9th March, 2020.

Members Present: Cllr. Mrs. Rhian Dolby - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. Julie Lacey – Vice Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Ms. Sarah McColl
Cllr. Harvey Skinner
Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. John Parsons

In Attendance: Mrs. C. Howe - Parish Clerk

By invitation: Cllr. Mrs. Jan Warwick, (H.C.C.), Cllrs. Bell, Laming and Williams (W.C.C.)

1 member of the public was in attendance

37/20 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs Bell, mayoral duties, Cllr. Mrs. Williams, in London and Cllr. Mrs. Warwick at Hursley meeting.

38/20 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Skinner declared an interest in item 52/20

39/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th January, 2020

Minutes were approved by council and duly signed by the Chairman.

40/20 Public participation - the public are invited to speak for 3 mins. each on a topic which is relevant to the parish or this agenda. The maximum time allowed for this is 15 mins.

41/20 Chairman's report

The Chairman and Cllr Godbold attended a meeting which took place on 13 March 2020, between WCC and the owners of the garages at May Tree Close which are in a dangerous condition following recent storms. A block of garages has been closed off by WCC to safeguard public safety from falling masonry. Present were Richard Botham (WCC) Derek Philpot (WCC) and legal representative for WCC along with our city councillors Cllr Bell and Cllr Laming. WCC officers and councillors made it clear to the garage owners that liability for the upkeep and safety of the garages lies **solely** with the owners of the garages. WCC have a duty of care as the local authority to keep the public away from unsafe structures, so the garages affected

Signed by Chairman.....

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have been sealed off. WCC have identified the owners of the dangerous garages and will be writing to each garage owner. Garage owners have until 23 March to reply. If the owners fail to take responsibility for making safe, WCC will do the minimum required to re-open access to the garages and place a charge against the property owners with the Land Registry.

It is estimated that it will cost £10k to make the structure safe enough to re-open access to the garages. What is really needed is a full structural survey of the entire garage block (approx. 60 garages) which will cost in the region of £20k. This means an outlay of £30k before any remedial work to the general condition of the garages. Cllr Dolby and Cllr Godbold were disappointed that there was no evidence at the meeting of an appetite amongst the owners to work collaboratively for the common good and to share the expense of bringing the whole block up to the mark. Owners just seemed to be keen on only paying for what they are strictly liable for. This means that even if the emergency remedial work is done, we will be back in the same situation in the near future when another part of the block becomes unsafe. W.C.C. will convene further meetings with the residents.

As the insurance policy is due to be renewed, the Chairman asked the Clerk if the risk assessment needed to be updated. Clerk informed council that it had already been updated to take into account different working practices. Clerk to send the updated risk assessment to Council.

42/20 To receive report from H.C.C. Member, Cllr. Mrs. Jan Warwick
Monthly report circulated to council prior to the meeting.

43/20 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllr's. Mrs. Bell, Ms. Williams and Laming

The monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Chairman asked BL if P & R bus could stop on Badger Farm road during extreme weather conditions (snow etc.) when other buses may not turn up.

Cllr. Laming explained that it was difficult.

The problem with non-resident parking on Badger Farm is still bad, Clerk to contact the University and hospital and request they not promote parking on Badger Farm.

CH

44/20 To receive reports from Members

Cllr. Godbold was contacted by W.C.C. about the Flood Plan for B.F. and asked to be updated. Contact point for residents was suggested as Badger Farm Community Centre. Cllr. Godbold to forward Hursley P.C.'s Emergency Plan to the Clerk. Council to adapt for Badger Farm to use.

JG

The defibrillator at Sainsbury's store has now been registered with the Ambulance service and is fully functional.

The next Pact (Police and communities together) meeting is on 12th March. Councillors were invited to attend along with Cllr. Lacey.

Cllr. Parsons mentioned that Covid-19 has been identified local schools/colleges.

Dog bin by Ivy close has not been replaced yet. Clerk to contact W.C.C. and investigate the delay.

CH

Cllr. Godbold to forward the Clerk a plan with dog poo bin locations. Clerk to contact W.C.C. to stop payment for any bins which are unaccounted for bins.

CH

Cllr. McColl has designed a Wildlife page for the council's website which is now starting to have more 'hits' (people looking at it).

Cllr. McColl is writing a report on the re-siting of the Sainsbury's defibrillator and the new housing cabinet which was supplied by Badger Farm Parish Council. It will be submitted to the next edition of the Newsletter.

45/20 Clerk's report

1. Alternative internal auditor information received and circulated to council prior to the meeting.
2. Alternative quote received from BHIB insurers and circulated to council prior to the meeting.
3. Notice boards are on order. Noticeboard Online will contact council with installation date.
4. The administrator for the lengthsman scheme has replied that all the parishes she looks after are run in the same way as BF and that H.C.C. stipulate when the lengthsman visits each area. It is not clear yet whether H.C.C. will continue with the Lengthsman scheme.
5. Green Otter - the account is now open.

6. As advised by Cllr. Warwick, Clerk contacted Mr. Culver for a climate change pack but they are not yet available. Mr. Culver will send them out to interested parish councils when they are available. Clerk to ask for 3 packs for Cllrs. Dolby, Lacey and McColl. CH
7. Mr. Gurdler was emailed regarding reinstatement of the hedgerow at 26 Larkhill Rise. The email response was circulated to council – Mr. Gurdler, after reading the file, has agreed to reinstate the hedgerow at a point in the future but would not commit to a definite date.
In view of the above, there was no need for the Clerk to research cost of hedging plants or writing to the owner of 26 Larkhill Rise.
8. Mr. Best of 19 Harrow Down has requested the steps in various locations around BF be edge painted in white as a safety measure for people using them in the dark. Mr. Best has offered his labour to do this providing Council agree and supply the materials. This is the only request I have received for this. It is another highly visible project which the electorate will notice the parish council doing.

46/20 Planning applications:

There were no new planning applications or decisions this week.

19/02833 – 13 Silverwood Close. The following comment was submitted to the planning department after the last meeting:

Whilst the PC consider that this re-submission is much greater in content than just changed levels, we do not have any objection in principle. However, the additional window and door in the porch overlooks the neighbours and we consider this intrusive. If planning department are minded to approve this re-submission the parish council would insist that the window and door in question be permanently glazed with obscure glass.

JG and FJ are going to the planning session Clerk to register Cllrs. Jarvis and Godbold with the W.C.C. CH

47/20 Playgrounds

Clerk received no notification of the playgrounds being inspected but Cllr. Godbold informed Council that the inspection was done on 8th March. Cllr. Godbold managed to discuss with the contractor the various things which needed attention on the play equipment which was a good opportunity for building up a good working relationship with the contractors.

48/20 Estates management

The Lengthsman was scheduled to attend Badger Farm on Wednesday 11th March but this has been re-scheduled for Monday 16th March.

The Annual Spring Clean will be happening on the first Sunday in April 5th at 10 o'clock. Clerk to put this notification on the website. CH

49/20 Highways and Transport

Cllr. Skinner reported to council that the forms regarding the surveyed locations require filling in and submitting to HCC.

HS

Parking in Elder Close, the resident is still having problems with parking and damage to his car.

Clerk to contact Tracey Haskett to arrange a meeting between her and Cllr. Lacey to discuss the parking at elder Close.

CH

50/20 To discuss joining 'Parish online'

Cllr. McColl attended a new councillors' course which took place at Eastleigh HALC offices on 17th January 2020. Cllr. McColl found the course to be very interesting and learned about other larger parishes and the way they operate in comparison to a small parish like Badger Farm. The benefits of Parish online was discussed and how councils can use the layering of the maps to identify the position of council assets and much more.

The insurance broker BFPC are going to use when their policy is due for renewal (June 1st) have agreed to pay for BFPC's registration. Clerk to check with the insurance broker if the term of registration is for 3 years or 1 year.

CH

51/20 To discuss ways for BFPC to tackle climate change

Clerk to ask Mr. Culver for three packs for climate change for the climate change working group which will consist of Cllrs. Dolby, Lacey and McColl.

CH

52/20 To discuss a grant aid for B.F.& O.B.C.C. new kitchen

Council discussed the merits of awarding a grant to the Badger Farm and Olivers Battery Community Centre for their new kitchen. The original request was for £1,000 but Cllr. Laming asked for a £2,000 grant.

Cllr. Godbold proposed and Cllr. Lacey seconded to award the grant of £1,000.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 be awarded in principle to the Community Centre. This is subject to the community centre being awarded a grant from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).

1. To accept payments for February, 2020

Payments were agreed and accepted and invoices signed by the Chairman.

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL					
PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 2020					
Date Paid	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Vat No.	Gross
2nd March, 2020	B.F.C.C.	Room Hire	139322872		23.65
2nd March, 2020	Mrs. C. Howe	January Salary + expenses	732050430		733.57
2nd March, 2020	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	622599783		187.68
2nd March, 2020	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	979506296		16.40
2nd March, 2020	H.C.C.	Pension	316347331		187.68
2nd March, 2020	3 Mobile Network	Mobile phone	880588691	760729222	10.13
2nd March, 2020	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	20063882		30.00
2nd March, 2020	Online noticeboards	2 x notice boards	629023036	243222445	3,380.00
2nd March, 2020	S.L.C.C.	Clerks Manual	116921555	891752783	52.30
				TOTAL	£4,621.41

2. To agree the monthly bank balances with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the February 2020 bank statement and bank reconciliation agreed at £94,423.21

54/20 Items for inclusion on the April 2020 agenda

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman thanked those present and the meeting closed at 9.35. p.m.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 6th April, 2020, 7.30 p.m. *Whiteshute Room*, Badger Farm Community Centre

Signed by Chairman.....

Date: 9th March, 2020