



Minutes of the virtual¹ monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th November, 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Members Present: Cllr. Mrs Julie Lacey – Vice-chairman
Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. Mrs Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Harvey Skinner

In Attendance: Mrs. Howe, Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

By invitation: Cllr. Warwick (HCC) Cllrs. Bell, Laming and Williams (WCC).

169/20 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr. Sarah McColl, post-natal, Cllr. John Parsons, unwell,
Cllr. Hannah Williams, detained at work.

170/20 Declaration of Interests - To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to agree any dispensation requests.

No declarations were received. Cllr. Skinner informed Council he would speak to the Chairman privately regarding Item 184/20 - £18,000 grant for the Community Centre.

171/20 Minutes - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October, 2020

Badger Farm Parish Council members agreed the minutes of the meeting which was held on 12th October, 2020 is a true record of the meeting.

172/20 Public question time - the public are invited to speak for 3 mins each on a topic relevant to this parish or agenda – total time allowed is 15 mins.

No public were present.

173/20 Chairman's announcements and questions about actions needed from the previous meeting

The Chairman was not present. No announcements from the Vice-chairman.

174/20 To receive the monthly report from HCC Member, Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. (Attached)

175/20 To receive the monthly report from WCC Members

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. (Attached).

Cllr. Laming reported that the cattle should have been moved back onto Whiteshute Ridge today but had not appeared.

Signed by Chairman.....

9TH November, 2020

176/20 To receive reports from members

No reports were received.

177/20 To receive the Clerk's report

1. W.C.C. have asked if B.F.P.C. would like them to arrange for our annual playground inspection as last year. Council agreed. Clerk to inform W.C.C.
2. A resident reported that the trees which overhang the 'firebreak' (alleyway) behind the houses at Honeysuckle Close are dangerous due to being overtaken by ivy. One has reportedly already died. The resident has offered to cut back all the ivy. I directed him to Mr. Gurdler at W.C.C.
Cllr. Laming reported that the Environment officer, Mr. Rick Smith was of the Opinion that ivy was important to wildlife and so it was highly unlikely that the resident would be allowed to remove either the ivy or the supposedly dead tree.

C.H.

178/20 To consider planning applications and decisions received from W.C.C.

20/01956 – 4 Wren Close, SO22 4HX - Dormer to rear of property and skylights and gable window to front of property.

Comment: No objection. Submitted prior to the meeting.

20/01978 – 35 St. Anne's Close, SO22 4LQ – Garden room.

Comment: No objection. Submitted prior to the meeting.

20/01988 – 19 Wheatland Close, SO22 4QL - Construction of a porch and conversion to existing garage area. Single storey side extension to kitchen with pitched roof to match adjoining garage roof.

Comment: No objection. Submitted prior to the meeting.

20/02291 – 4 Rooks Down Road, SO22 4LT -Proposed ground floor extension as previously approved with the addition of corridor to link it to the porch.
Application Reference Number: 18/00428/HOU Date of Decision: 16/02/2018 Condition Number(s): Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials).

Comment: No objection. Submitted prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Jarvis asked if the term 'Clerk' could be added to the 'comments' form to enable the Clerk to report the comment was submitted by the Clerk.

Cllr. Laming to request this from the planning department.

BL

1 Broad Chalk Down appeared to be having the kerb lowered. This house was the subject of enforcement as they had not submitted a planning application for works being done. Clerk to telephone enforcement and request an update.

CH

179/20 Badger Farm playgrounds

Cllr. Skinner inspected the playground as a resident reported a piece of the climbing frame had been broken off leaving some exposed screws. Cllr. Skinner inspected the playgrounds on two separate days and could find nothing. Clerk to send Cllr. Skinner the photos of the broken section of the climbing frame.

CH

180/20 Estates management

The Lengthsman had attended the parish and did 12 hrs. work tidying up.
The ash tree behind 15 Swift Close still has not been attended to. Clerk to email Mr. Gurdler and ask when it is scheduled for an inspection.
Cllr. Lacey is concerned that a firm of builders are placing advertising boards on public land (owned by W.C.C.) which is not allowed. Cllr. Lacey to send Clerk the contact details and photos of the advertising boards. Clerk to contact the builders.

CH

JL/CH

181/20 Highways and transport

Cllr. Skinner has passed the locations of the Speed signs to the H.C.C. and we now Await their approval.
HCC plan occasional work at the top of the Ridgeway junction with Badger Farm Road between 2nd November, 2020 and 20th November, 2021. Orange road signs will be present to give notice of the work as required.

182/20 Finance**1. To approve the payments for running the parish during October, 2020**

Council approved the payments for October, 2020.

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL				
Payments made for October 2020				
Date Paid	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Gross
2nd Nov. '20	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	739129866	85.00
2nd Nov. '20	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	654980029	16.40
2nd Nov. '20	T.L.C.	Web.maint	77063191	30.00
2nd Nov. '20	Mrs. C. Howe	October Salary	504127855	780.22
2nd Nov. '20	Mrs. C. Howe	October expenses	330560388	79.16
2nd Nov. '20	H.C.C.	Pension	844769938	204.43
2nd Nov. '20	3 Mobile Network	Mobile phone	D/D	10.13
TOTAL				£ 1,205.34

Finance**2. To agree the monthly bank statement for October with the bank reconciliation**

The Chairman verified October 2020 bank statement and the bank reconciliation agreed at: £126,630.34.

183/20 To approve the draft Wildflower proposal prior to it being presented to residents

Council unanimously approved the draft wildflower proposal. It will now be presented to residents who are adjacent to the proposed areas.

184/20 To discuss awarding an £18,000 grant to the community centre

Commuted to the next meeting.

185/20 To approve the financial risk assessment document

Resolved: to accept and approve the risk assessment document.

186/20 To discuss B.F.P.C. paying for the trees at Stanmore School to be cut back/pruned to enable the residents of Charfield Close more access to natural light.
It was felt that more discussion was required on this subject with particular Emphasis on whether this would set a precedent. This decision has been commuted to the next meeting. Cllr. Lacey to contact the residents and enquire if they would be willing to fund half of the cost. Clerk to contact the resident who initially contacted her and request all the residents contact details.

JL
CH

187/20 To discuss awarding a salary increase for the Clerk
Committed to the December meeting.

188/20 Items for inclusion on the December 2020 agenda

1. To award an £18,000 grant to the Community Centre.
2. To consider awarding the Clerk a salary increase.
3. To consider B.F.P.C. funding half of the cost of pruning trees at Stanmore School for the benefit of the Charfield Close residents.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the virtual meeting and closed it at 9.15 p.m.

Date and venue of next meeting: 14th December 2020, venue to be advised due to Covid-19 restriction. Council anticipate virtual meetings (using Zoom) will need to be conducted for the next few months.

The meeting ID number and password is on BFPC's website www.badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk and Facebook page www.facebook.com/badgerfarmpc

1 (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 allows for remote meetings through 'electronic, digital, virtual locations and telephone conferencing')