



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 9th, 2025 at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. Rhian Dolby
Cllr. Alex Skinner
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Helen Barlass

By invitation: Cllr. Warwick (H.C.C. and W.C.C.) Cllrs. Laming and Brophy (W.C.C.)

The Chairman opened the meeting

The Chairman, Cllr. Godbold was absent so the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Dolby took the Chair.

89/25 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. Godbold, Cllr. Cochrane.

90/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

91/25 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2025

Minutes were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting of Badger Farm Parish Council (B.F.P.C.) and signed by the Chairman. To be uploaded to the website. Commuted until the next meeting.

92/25 Chairman's report

The Chairman was unable to attend this month's meeting.

93/25 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

94/25 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming

No report was received.

Cllr. Laming explained that the Public Inspector held the meeting to discuss Bushfield Camp regeneration (amongst other consideration in the Local Plan) and now we just have to wait for the report to be publicised.

Cllr. Brophy pointed out that, although he is entirely neutral about Bushfield Camp, at some point planning application would be granted so it would be sensible to consider and assess which type of development would be better for the area to ensure that B.F. don't end up with development of a totally inappropriate type.

95/25 To receive Clerk's report

1. Government have issued the council tax statistics for Town and Parish Councils in England for 2025-26. In 2025–26, the average council tax per dwelling will be £1,770 an increase of 6.1% over 2024-25.
2. AVA have mended the aerial cable runway guides.
3. A resident complained the equipment in the Elder Close playground was installed incorrectly. The slide steps are too high because the installers did not level the site prior to installation and the slide steps are on the lower section of the playground. Similarly, the springy piece of equipment is also too high off the ground for smaller children to access it. The resident has also complained that there are not enough pieces of play equipment for the children and she would like to see another springy piece of equipment installed. This is being considered.

96/25 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, May 2025

Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

Council approved the payments for May at £26,413.94

2. To agree May 2025 bank statement with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £146,211.56

97/25 To receive reports from Members

N.T.R.

98/25 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council

25/00933 – 17 Kestrel Close, SO22 4QF – Side extension with covered parking.

Resolved: To accept the planning officer's decision with the caveat that Council are concerned about the provision of enough parking spaces if the number of bedrooms is increased.

Clerk to inform W.C.C.

CH

25/01201 – 57 Harrow Down, SO22 4LZ – Erect boundary wall and raise garden level.

Resolved: To accept the planning officer's decision.

Clerk to inform W.C.C.

CH

Cllr. Jarvis is still having a problem accessing the WCC Planning page and asked Cllr. Laming to investigate this. Cllr. Jarvis asked for this to be minuted.

99/25 To discuss Badger Farm estates management

The Lengthsman was given a very long list of areas which need cutting back so they might have to return on another day to finished off the work which will be paid for separately.

Clerk reminded Council that due to the nesting season the Lengthsman might not be able to trim back the hedges in which case it will have to wait until later in the year. Other areas which might need to be looked at will be assessed and if necessary, added to the list.

100/25 Highways

N.T.R.

101/25 Playgrounds

Covered under the Clerk's report. The Chairman to give an update in his next Chairman's report.

102/25 To discuss moving the monthly meetings to bi-monthly meetings.

Council decided after due consideration that a move to bi-monthly meetings would not impact negatively on the running of the Parish.

Proposed by Cllr. Barlass and seconded by Cllr. Dolby.

Clerk to investigate how planning matters would be dealt with to ensure residents were not adversely affected. Chairman and Clerk to work out which months Council will meet.

Resolved: to change over to a system of bi-monthly meetings.

103/25 To review and approve the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Resolved: Council approved the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for this year.

Next review will be in May 2026.

104/25 Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Residents' survey
2. Bugle

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.39 p.m.