

# New facilities provided by Badger Farm Parish Council

## Bus shelters



BFPC has recently taken over responsibility for maintenance of the bus shelters on Badger Farm.

They have all been renovated with clear panels for better security.

We have also provided lighting and are now looking into updating the departure information screens.



## New play equipment at Central

New toddler play equipment has been installed at Central Kickabout together with a trim trail and improved safety service.

We hope our youngest residents enjoy using the new facilities!



## New benches

We have installed new benches around the parish for residents to rest a while and enjoy the views in our lovely parish.



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# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter of Badger Farm Parish Council

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – *your views matter!*

As you may be aware, the Government's English Devolution White Paper (issued in December 2024) requires the re-organisation of local government (LGR), taking away our current two-tier system in Hampshire (Hampshire County Council as the upper tier and Winchester City Council as our district council). Winchester City Council has launched a Community Governance Review (CGR) asking residents their opinion on the formation of a new parish council to cover the area currently covered by Winchester Town Forum. **Part of this review is looking at the future of parish councils on the edges of Winchester Town Forum area, like Badger Farm Parish Council, Olivers Battery Parish Council and Compton and Shawford Parish Council. It is very important that residents take part in this Community Governance Review.**

Badger Farm Parish Councillors recently attended a public consultation meeting with our district councillors and officers from Winchester City Council. Having asked various questions, we are worried that we came away with unanswered questions.

- What level of representation would Badger Farm get on a new body? (We can currently elect 8 councillors)
- What advantages (if any) will this bring to residents of Badger Farm?
- What will happen to Badger Farm Parish Council's current assets?

There is an **online survey** to complete, and the **closing date is 22 December**.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/elections/community-governance-reviews/cgr-winchester-town-area>

# Update on your councillors

Badger Farm Parish Council consists of a maximum of 8 councillors elected to represent views of parishioners. Since our last publication Cllr Sarah McColl (formerly Vice Chairman) and Cllr Catherine Craven have stepped down for personal reasons. Badger Farm Parish Council thanks them both for all their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.

We currently have six councillors, with two empty spaces for anyone interested in becoming involved in the lowest tier of local government. The parish council has recently taken the decision to reduce the number of meetings it holds annually from 11 to 5. This has been done to give councillors a better work life balance and encourage more people to think about volunteering their time for this important role. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk on 07463 760 801 or email [clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk)

## Our current councillors



Cllr John Godbold  
Chairman



Cllr Rhian Dolby  
Vice Chairman and  
editor of The Badger Bugle



Cllr Helen Barlass



Cllr Ali Cochrane



Cllr Fenella Jarvis



Cllr Alex Skinner

# Bushfield Camp update

Cllr Godbold and Cllr Dolby recently attended a meeting of the Save Bushfield Campaign at Badger Farm Community Centre. Highways England are yet to respond with their list of concerns about access to the site.

<https://savebushfieldcamp.com/>

Colleagues from Compton and Shawford Parish Council who attended the meeting told us of their concerns that Bushfield will be removed from the jurisdiction of their parish council through the Community Governance Review. **PLEASE make sure you give your views in the consultation by 22 December.**

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## Website!

<https://badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk>

Badger Farm Parish Council has a new website. It has taken a lot of time and energy to develop and has meant that publishing The Badger Bugle has had to take a back seat. With the new website up and running it is hoped that we can now get back to our regular schedule of two editions of The Bugle a year.

The website has an archive of past minutes and agendas, together with current agendas and draft minutes, meeting dates, planning information and publication of our external audit documents. Alongside these official functions of the website, we have also provided links to local services, a photo gallery and history of the parish. Relevant topical articles are posted too.

Parishioners can sign up to alerts from the website. You will get an email each time a new article is posted or minutes uploaded to the site. There is also a 'contact us' button to use.

The site is under development. Please let Cllr Dolby know (via the Clerk or the contact us button) if you have any ideas or suggestions about what you would find useful and engaging on our new site.

We are still happy to receive any photographs of the parish that you are willing to allow us to share on the website.