



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 12th, 2026 at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. John Godbold - Chairman
Cllr. Alex Skinner
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Helen Barlass
Cllr. Alison Cochrane

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

001/26 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr. Dolby due to a family crisis.

002/26 Declaration of Interests
No declarations of interest were received.

003/26 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2025
Minutes were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting of Badger Farm Parish Council (B.F.P.C.).
Minutes to be uploaded onto the website.

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004/26 Chairman's report
The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to a peaceful and productive year. Both the Chairman and Cllr. Dolby attended the meeting arranged by W.C.C. and held at the B.F.&O.B.R.C.A. community centre on 18th November, 2025, which was primarily about planning. W.C.C. sought residents' opinions on Local Govt. Reorganisation (L.G.R.). The W.C.C. representatives provided no conclusion. The Chairman wished to thank Cllr. Dolby for producing the recent issue of the Badger Farm Bugle so quickly. It was delivered to all properties on Badger Farm and the Chairman suggested to Council that the same method of delivery to properties would be used for any future publications. The results for the response to the L.G.R. survey were disappointingly poor. The Chairman responded on behalf of B.F.P.C. Other Councillors also responded individually.

005/26 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick
December and January reports sent to Council prior to the meeting.
Cllr. Warwick sent her apologies as she had to attend another meeting. Clerk passed on Cllr. Warwick's message to Council that, should they have any questions, please email them to Clerk who would then forward them to Cllr. Warwick.

- 006/26 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming**
 Report sent to Council prior to the meeting Cllr. Dolby to upload onto the website. RD
 After Cllr. Brophy explained Christmas and New Year was understandably quiet and there was nothing further to add to his written report.
 Council asked Cllr. Brophy if there is any further information on L.G.R. but no further information was available yet. Council also queried why W.C.C. were so very keen to acquire Bushfield but Cllr. Brophy was unable to provide an answer.
- 007/26 To receive Clerk's report**
 Emailed to Council prior to the meeting. No questions were received from Council.
- 008/26 Finance**
- 1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, December 2025**
 Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.
 Council approved the payments for December at £3,317.82
 - 2. To agree December 2025 bank statement with the bank reconciliation**
 The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £97,620.59
 - 3. To consider and set the budget for 2026/27**
 Council reviewed and approved the budget for 2026/27.
Resolved: Council approved the 2026/27 budget.
 - 4. To consider and set the precept for 2026/27**
 Despite Council completing many projects for the Parish this year, the Council determined there is no need to increase the annual precept. Clerk informed Council that Cllr. Dolby was not opposed to an increase in line with inflation, 3.2% . This would mean a £19,329.60 increase, taking the precept to £79,734.60. Council discussed the need to increase the precept but decided there was no need.
Resolved: The precept will remain at £60,405.00 for the current year 2026/27.
 Clerk to inform W.C.C. CH
- 009/26 To receive reports from Members**
 The defibrillator cabinet which is housed outside Sainsburys store is dirty and requires cleaning. Council asked Clerk to write to Sainsburys and request they arrange for it to be cleaned and kept in good order. CH
 Three complaints have been received about the dangerous steps to the Carroll Centre. They are considered by Council and residents alike to be dangerously steep and additionally, the steps themselves slope downwards and neither side has a handrail which compounds the danger. Cllr. Brophy is to contact W.C.C. to see if there is anything which can be done to make them safer for people. AB
 Clerk asked Council to pass any further complaints so they can be forwarded on to the appropriate authority.
- 010/26 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council**
 25/02456 – 15 Ivy Close, SO22 4QR – Garden room to be used as gym or office.
 Council are happy to accept the Planning Officer's decision.
 25/02584 – 20 Harrow Down, SO22 4LZ – Demolish existing single storey extension and replace with similar and raised patio to rear.
 Council are happy to accept the Planning Officer's decision.
 Clerk to inform W.C.C. of Council's decision. CH

Council are very concerned that the alleged unauthorised conservatory at 12 Honeysuckle Close which was reported to Enforcement at W.C.C. is still without a resolution.

Cllr. Brophy is to query this with W.C.C.

Clerk to write to the Enforcement team and ask why there has been no resolution.

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CH

011/26 To discuss Badger Farm estates management

The Lengthsman team visited the Parish on 18th December and carried out all the jobs we requested.

012/26 Highways

Council were a bit concerned about the closure of part of Ridgeway on Monday 19th January. This could cause serious disruption as no cars will be allowed through and presumably no buses either. However, it is just for the one day.

013/26 Playgrounds

N.T.R.

014/26 To review and approve the Council's Asset Register for 2026/27

Council reviewed the Asset Register agreed that all assets were included. Chairman asked if the micro goal which is old now could be removed from the assets. Clerk verified that it could and would be deleted for the 2025/2026 Audit.

Resolved: Council approved the Asset Register.

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015/26 To review and approve the Council's Risk Assessment for 2026/27

Council reviewed the Risk Assessment and considered all necessary precautions were covered.

Resolved: Council approved the Risk Assessment for the period of 2026/27

016/26 To discuss a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA)

Whilst Council acknowledges the benefit that a MUGA would provide for the youth of Badger Farm, it is mindful of the correct procedures before making any decision. As the land where the proposed MUGA would be located does not belong to B.F.P.C. the Chairman asked Clerk to write to the landowner, W.C.C. to ask if they would be willing to give up the land for the MUGA. We await a reply. If they do agree to forfeit the land, a survey of neighbouring residents will have to be undertaken to gauge an overall positive or negative reaction to the MUGA. A planning application will then have to be put forward if the residents of neighbouring properties are in support of the MUGA.

The proposed MUGA was submitted by a resident who has also applied to be co-opted onto Council and has submitted his resumé. Clerk forward his resumé to Council and will write to the resident outlining the procedure which has to be followed in order for him to be formally considered for a seat on the Council.

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017/26 To discuss the Local Governance Review

Discussed under Item 006/26. Until more information is made available to the Parish Council no in-depth discussion or resolutions can take place. No more information is expected until around the month of June.

018/26 To discuss Local Government Re-organisation

Discussed under Item 006/26.

019/26 Items for the March 2026 meeting

Clerk asked the Cllrs. to email any items for the March '26 agenda.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.47 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on March 9th 2026 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room at the Badger Farm Community Centre.