

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2016

PRESENT: John Godbold (Chairman) Phil Hodgetts Rhian Dolby Kia Pope
Fenella Jarvis Heather Nicholson Simon Fletcher Julie Lacey
Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

WCC – Cllr Laming, Cllr Warwick, HCC – Cllr Bailey

1382. Apologies- none

1383. To accept Declarations of Acceptance of Office from all Councillors & list of Declared Interests.

The Clerk has obtained all 8 Declarations of Acceptance of Office & 7 Register of Interests (KP) to follow.

1384. Appointment of Chairman.

Proposal to suspend Standing orders to allow Cllr J Godbold to do a 5th term of office as Chairman. Proposed (JL) Seconded (FJ)

That Cllr John Godbold is elected Chairman Seconded (FJ) there being no other nominations duly elected. Cllr Godbold signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It would be nice to have a lady Chairman next year (RD)

**1385 Appointment of Vice Chairman
Standing Orders replaced.**

Proposed (JG) That Cllr Heather Nicholson be elected as Vice Chairman Seconded (PH) there being no other nominations Cllr Heather Nicholson was duly elected.

1386 Minutes of the Meeting of 11th April 2016

The minutes were signed by the Chairman (JG)

It was noted that the recent bus survey took place on line it is hoped that the Community Newsletter will carry a hard copied for those residents that do not have access to a computer.

1387. Appointment of members to Working Parties.

PACT (police) - (JL) (PH)

Open Spaces – all Councillors

Planning – (FJ) & (HN)

Play Equipment – subcommittee – (HN) (SF) (JG) (RD)

Transport – (RD)

Communications – (PH)

Lengthsman – Clerk (JG)

Newsletter – (HN)

Notice Boards – (JG)

Winchester District Association of Parish Councils – (RD) if other Councillors cannot attend,

1388 To review any changes to the existing Standing Orders & risk Assessments.

Circulated previously and accepted.

1389 To accept and place the order for the replacement play area (pass to the end of this meeting).

1390. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

k). WCC – report

In future the Clerk will be emailed with a report prior to this meeting to allow the report to be circulated. Due to the Boundary Review we now have three Councillors covering the ward boundary. Cllr Warwick continued to assure Council that all three Councillors are happy to work together in a nonpolitical way to support BFPC.

Work is continuing with English Nature with regard to Whiteshute Ridge and it looks encouraging.

Dog fouling is becoming a problem and the Clerk is requested to ask the Dog Warden to attend the next Full Council meeting to discuss recommendations to include spraying pooh different colours to map offenders and hopefully instigate a prosecution.

Olivers Battery are concerned with speeding traffic at the junction of Badger Farm Road and this council is concerned with the prospect of Pitt Vale housing application that is due in June or July this year.

There will be more information when Council has settled membership of committees and working parties.

We further note that 11 Rooksdown Way had their appeal dismissed and enforcement being in place since February means that they have 6 months to return the dwelling to its original condition.

Vodafone Mast – was approved and it will be painted brown the ground work will be extended in their existing position.

(FJ) 19 Honeysuckle Close at the time of the meeting had not received an orange sign?
(BL) it is not mandatory to display a sign but he is looking into this adjoining properties do get a letter from WCC on applications that directly affect them.

(JL) Dog pooh spraying may be a good idea? It will be discussed if the dog warden can attend the next meeting of the council.

(BL) has been photographing pot holes and we note (JL) that the pathway to Ridgeway has still not been cleared in 6 months will investigate this.

Winchester Village Park & Ride is not advertised on the WCC web site and a recent visitor noted that it was 70% full; there are only 12 dedicated places for parents to drop off children.

a) Police – PACT meeting

There has been an increase in thefts from cars, but could we add a piece in the newsletter that 30% of cars checked by the police had their doors unlocked!

Information on homeless people not actually being homeless was advised.

b) Open Spaces.

Grass cutting was better at Larkhill Rise area but worse at Swift Close and Ashbarn Crescent.

No move on the BT box yet.

c) Planning

11 Rooksdown Way – Noted that they have had the appeal dismissed and the enforcement notice remains in action.

There were no objections to the following applications.

19 Honeysuckle – rear conservatory

2, Broad Chalke Down – rear extension.

2, Wheatland Close – rear extension and part garage conversion (still leaves adequate parking)

29, Wheatland Close – side extension of existing porch.

(RD) had looked and the short listed designs for Station Approach applications and they looked quite dominant in the landscape and all Councillors are advised to have a look at the plans.

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j. HCC – Report

Cllr Bailey, Barton Farm will eventually have a Park & ride that may assist with parking lost and Station Approach.

General talk at the County has been dominated by the proposed shortfall in local government spending by George Osbourne and the general feeling is that things will get worse. We have not seen the end of austerity measures.

“Fix my Street” is being well used but council is still concerned and the poor repairs by County approved contractors. Please email Cllr Bailey for any local problems that you wish him to assist with.

d) Play Equipment

- (i) “In-house” fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date this month.

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kick about			
Trim Trail	Timber uprights are showing signs of rot and need replacing shortly, we need ropes replaced on the metal top bar,	Replace	C
Davis Kick about			
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Replace asap	C

No changes from last month.

Council **AGREED** that these defects should be monitored.

- e. Transport – full report on web site.
- f. Communications.
(PH) will liaise with Dean Upton who will continue to host our web site.
- g. Lengthsman
Please email the Clerk with a full list of works we will be due a visit in June.
- h. Community Centre Compliance.
The quotations are coming into refurbish the toilets circa £55K grant assistance will be sought. The community centre has approached Sainsburys for assistance.
- i) Whiteshute Ridge
Is progressing we will ask a question with regard to ownership of seats and benches when we do transfer the site in the future. We note a sign re illegal coursing that was erected previously.
The Clerk will email (KP) with background information to the Ridge.
- l) Notice Board rep.
(JG) & (PH) will replace the existing sign at the Community Centre next week. The Clerk passed the right of inspection of the accounts note to (JG) to get up by June 3rd.
- m) Newsletter rep
Is out for printing.

1391. Correspondence

- 1. Invitation to Mayor's Sunday service
- 2. Updates electoral registration
- 3. Emails between Came & Co and tree damage residents
- 4. HALC E-update circulated to all.
- 5. Dinner in honour of the Retiring Mayor
- 6. Letter with regard to HARAH affordable housing development partner.
- 7. Sandy Vining – alerts sent direct

1392. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

		£
1803	Vita Play Ltd (Play area cleaned)	390.00 Cleared April
1804	Greensmile (Whiteshute)	150.00
1805	Do The Numbers Ltd (audit)	235.00
1806	Vita Play Ltd (Play area 2)	390.00
1807	Came & Company (Insurance)	1080.00
1808	Biffa (new account)	269.96
1809	Inland Revenue	95.60
1810	V Brooks Salary/Exp	464.91235.00

1811 D Denby (tree cleared)

110.00

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed. The Clerk will request a new mandate from NatWest.

b) Applications for Grant assistance.

Cruse Bereavement service – With regret no.

Badger Farm Community Centre – newsletter.

The Clerk is instructed to get more information on the newsletter account.

1393. To accept the final accounts for 2014 to 2015 Financial Year as audited.

a) **To approve the statement of governance.**

Accepted unanimously.

b) To approve section 2 the statement of accounts as internally audited.

Accepted unanimously and all the returns signed by the Chairman (JG)

1394. Councillors Questions.

(PH) The lines installed at Elder Close have helped but we are still getting parking now on the verges. We will ask (BL) for more lines and may be make cards with regard to non-parking to be put on cars parking on the verges.

1389. To accept and place the order for the replacement playarea.

Three quotes with 4 options.

Lapsett - £49,969.00

Sovereign Option 1. £50,763.43 Option 2. £53,716.14

Vita Play - £50,410.00

The council wish to place an order with Vita Play subject to a satisfactory site visit with regard to the swings being on a hill, the slide (graphics) looking to close to the fence and the need for the wet pour to extend out of the gates to abut the footpath. This was supported unanimously. A letter of intent will be sent with the request for a site visit with Cllrs (JG) & (HN)

The meeting closed at 9:38pm

Signed

Date