



BADGER FARM
Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Assembly Meeting 11th May, 2026, held in the Warren Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman Cllr. John Godbold gave his welcome address.

Good evening everyone and welcome to the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting.

Yet again, the PC has had a very busy year, although a lot of this work was in the background and not obvious to the residents.

Following on from last year's bench project the final rainbow bench was finally procured and is now installed on Ashbarn Crescent.

The final phase of the Bus Stop project has been completed with the addition of lighting to all shelters. We have looked at further electronic screens showing anticipated arrivals, but this has met with resistance from the County.

The Central Kick Around improvements have been completed with the further addition of the wooden trail. These improvements have had a lot of positive feedback from residents. We were approached by a resident to install a multi-use games area on the central kick about. The KA is owned by WCC so we asked their thoughts on this project before we went any further. WCC came back to us saying that due to the size and proximity to houses that they could not approve this project. We are now in the middle of replacing the existing small goal with a similar larger one that already exists at the other end.

This year we will need to replace the climbing unit on the Davis KA as it is coming to the end of its life, the swing units are also requiring some remedial work. The slide, damaged and broken has already been removed for safety reasons.

By far our biggest success this year is being excluded from the proposed City PC. This means we will remain as we are and not lose our individual identity as a PC. A great deal of work has been done in the background to ensure our independence and I would like to thank Cllr Brian Laming and Cllr Jan Warwick for their support with this. Further thanks go to the large number of residents that made their feelings known in the Stage One survey.

Unfortunately, the Bushfield battle still drags on with both WCC and the developers continually moving the goal posts. This development along with the proposed housing development on the golf course, will seriously change the character of southern Winchester as well as making access very difficult especially at busy times. The PC has contributed to the cost of this campaign as we feel our residents will support this expenditure.



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Finally, the Parish Councils financial position continues to be strong and well managed by our RFO Christine Howe.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their efforts and support over the last year.

The Chairman invited questions from the floor.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m. and was followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Signed by Cllr. John Godbold

Dated: 11th May, 2026.