



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 8th, 2025 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

105/25 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. R. Dolby, Cllr. B. Laming, Cllr. J. Warwick.

106/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received.

107/25 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2025 & 9th June, 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.

108/25 Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked Council for their support during a truly dreadful time for him and his family due to the untimely death of a close family member.

The King's tree marker stone is to be installed next Monday, 15th September, 2025, the Chairman will meet with the installation team prior to that date to ensure it will be located in the correct position enabling people walking on the path to be able to read the inscription.

Installation of the coloured bench is now complete, it is located by the electricity sub-station on Ashbarn Crescent.

The refurbishment of Elder Close (Central) playground is nearly complete. The safety surface is all that remains to finish it. This will take place on 12th September, 2025.

The gates which were fitted incorrectly and could not open have now been corrected and open freely.

109/25 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

Report sent to Council prior to the meeting.

110/25 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming

The report was received from Cllr. Brophy prior to the meeting and forwarded to

Council prior to the meeting.

Councillor Brophy informed Council his understanding so far of how Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) affect Badger Farm Parish Council.

Council had a great number of questions to put to Cllr. Brophy but as nothing has yet been decided or finalised everything is just speculation.

111/25 To receive Clerk's report

1. BFPC have passed the external audit with no recommendations. It took longer to approve as we were used as a benchmark for similar sized Parish Councils.
2. We received the 2nd half of the precept on 3rd September, 2025.
3. AVA have installed the coloured bench beside the electricity substation on Ashbarn Crescent. The Chairman's photo of the bench was emailed to all Councillors.
4. We received a complaint about cyclists riding too fast along BFPC pathways. The resident is concerned that cyclists ring their bell to tell pedestrians to move out of their way so they can continue unhindered. In this instance, the residents were able to jump out of the way but are concerned that elderly residents and small children may not be so nimble. I thanked the resident for highlighting this problem and informed them BFPC would put an article in the next Parish magazine if Council were all in agreement.
5. A resident reported that 5 full industrial BIFFA bins had appeared at the bottom of Ivy Close. We eventually persuaded W.C.C. to get the bins returned to Stanmore School.
6. So far, from the Clerk's perspective, no problems have arisen as a result of re-scheduling Parish Council meetings to bi-monthly. The one area which might have been problematic was planning. However, this has been managed very well.

The Chairman asked if Councillors were happy with the new system, all Councillors are happy with the new bi-monthly system and have not had any problems. The Chairman did point out that as LGR starts to take shape, more meetings will be needed in order for Council to make preparations for any changes which might be necessary.

7. Due to vandalism, two panes of glass on the bus shelter at Meadow Way were smashed. They have been replaced at a cost of £418.58.

Council decided it would not be a good idea to claim this back on insurance as it might be counterproductive, insurance premiums could then be increased beyond the cost of repair. It was decided to highlight the cost of vandalism in the next issue of the Parish magazine.

Clerk to inform Cllr. Dolby.

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8. The final two bus shelters have had the lighting installed and are now waiting for the safety certificates.
9. The annual pay rise was set at 3.2% and backdated to 1st April, 2025. The hourly rate for Scale Pt. 31 (Clerk's Scale Pt), has risen from £20.37p to £21.65p. This backpay was included in the September salary.

112/25 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, June, July & August 2025

Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

Council approved the payments for June at £9,267.05, July at £25,953.77 and August at £3,530.51 totaling, £38,751.33

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

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £91,084.86

3. To consider awarding a grant for C.A.B.

After consideration, Council resolved to award a grant of £500 to C.A.B.

Resolved: To award a grant of £500 to C.A.B.

Clerk to arrange payment.

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113/25 To receive reports from Members

N.T.R.

114/25 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council

No planning applications have been received.

49 St. Anne's Close has been permitted but Cllr. Jarvis does not understand all the Conditions attached to the permission. Clerk to look at the Conditions for Cllr. Jarvis.

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Cllr. Jarvis also asked Clerk to contact the planning department to request they design a system so parishes type in their parish name to access all their planning applications.

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115/25 To discuss Badger Farm estates management

Cllr. Barlas emailed Clerk with a list of areas/things which need to be done by the Lengthsman team on their next visit. It was noted that some of the areas which need attention are the responsibility of W.C.C.

Clerk to inform the Lengthsman/W.C.C. as appropriate.

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116/25 Highways

Nothing to report.

117/25 Playgrounds

See Item 108/25 – Chairman's report. A new 5 A Side goal post is to be ordered to replace the micro goal.

118/25 Agenda items for the next meeting

1. Discuss and approve the budget in preparation for setting the precept for 2026/27

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on November 10th at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room at the Badger Farm Community Centre.

