

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th October 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait
Ray Stannard
Anne Church

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr Barry Lipscomb
Fiona Tebutt
PC Joe Zubaidi
3 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
Fiona Davidson

641. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

642. Councillor Lipscombe – Planning & Transport

Councillor Barry Lipscomb (WCC Planning & Transport Portfolio Holder) and Fiona Tebutt (Head of Planning) responded to the following issues:

- a) Park and Ride. The Parish Council's concern about the lack of parity between the Park and Ride Bus Scheme and the Stagecoach service was raised. **BL** noted that the PC would of course like the lower fare to be applied but observed that fares on the service buses were the responsibility of the operator. He undertook to raise the issue with WCC and through them with HCC.
- b) Badger Farm Road. Traffic back-up at peak times from the Bushfield roundabout to the Sainsburys roundabout makes egress from Sainsbury's or Badger Farm extremely difficult. **BL** accepted that better lane markings at the lower end of Badger Farm Road plus directional markings on the roundabout might improve flow.
- c) Off Road Parking. **BL** accepted that on and off road parking was becoming an increasingly severe problem. He wondered if the conversion of garages into living accommodation could be made conditional to a ban on subsequent parking on the plot although he doubted if this could be extended as far as the Highway.

643. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

- a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The broken fence beside the railway line behind Ivy Close was repaired by Dever Contracts, Winchester on 12 September at a cost of £120 + VAT.

KT reported that:

- (ii) The footpath in Wren Close had significant moss growth and the Silverwood Close footpath was very overgrown. **DS** undertook to pursue.

RS reported that:

- (iii) HCC had yet to take the agreed action on the verges in Elder Close and Broad Chalke Down. Action **DS**.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:

Royden Close	Single Storey Front/Side Extension
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- (ii) 4 applications had been approved:

Harrow Down	Rear Conservatory
MayTree Close	Two Storey Side Extension
Sainsbury	Use part of warehouse extension as retail space
Falcon View	Rear Conservatory

- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) A meeting will take place in the Conference Room, Ashburton Court East, The Castle from 1000 to 1230 on Friday 13 October to undertake a Winchester District Passenger Transport Area Review. **KT** will attend.

e) Community Project

KT reported that:

- (i) BF & OB RCA were seeking volunteers to help with the fireworks party on 11 November.
- (ii) He expected to receive a request for a donation in support of the fireworks party shortly.

f) Parish Website

NTR

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliation for September were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The 2007/08 Budget and Precept bid would require setting at the next meeting.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had another complaint from a Honeysuckle Close Resident about trees on the Ridge blocking his light. He had responded outlining the situation and no further action is required.

j) Police

PC **JZ** reported that:

- (i) Crime levels remained low and the offences were relatively trivial. In the last month the following have been reported:
 - 1 Assault
 - 1 Theft from a Vehicle
 - 1 Public Order Offence
 - 1 Criminal Damage
 - 2 Disturbances (Youths)
 - 2 Disturbances (Motor Bikes)
- (ii) In response to a question about parking on the pavement he pointed out that the police were powerless to intervene if the vehicle did not cause a "consistent obstruction".

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Visit to the Re-cycling Plant. Another will be arranged in the Spring.

- (ii) Park & Ride. The next HCC decision point is 14 Nov. They are thought likely to favour the Tarmac site.
- (iii) Extra Parking in Falcon Close. One new slot had been created.
- (iv) Speeding. One new transportable flashing speed limit warning sign was now available and could be deployed for use on the Ridgeway.
- (v) Ragwort. HCC were addressing the problem of ragwort growth on verges and roundabouts.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported that:

- (i) Winchester Local Plan. The Plan has been adopted confirming (among other things) “countryside status” on BF and earmarking Pitt Manor for building if Government targets aren’t met elsewhere.
- (ii) Police and Drugs. Update
- (iii) City Offices. WCC are consolidating office holdings which will mean some may be let.

DS reported on:

- (iv) Bus Shelters. Refurbishment of damaged shelters will be carried out and a test will also be conducted aimed at resolving the graffiti on perspex problem.
- (v) Parking on the Ridgeway. A survey of temporary parking had been conducted during school drop off hours. It concluded that there wasn’t a problem and Council **AGREED**.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

KT reported that he had attended the HAPTC AGM.

644. Detached Youth Project

RS reported that:

- a) Work was underway, he would accompany the outreach workers on the streets in October and would report at the next meeting.

- b) Contracts to conduct the Outreach work had now been signed and exchanged.

645. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Carroll Youth Centre - Request for Donation. This year the request suggests that BFPC might wish to donate £2,700 and an additional £2,700 to provide outreach youth workers in Badger Farm one night a week for a year. In view of the fact that we are already funding our own outreach programme Council **AGREED** to donate a total of £2,500.
- b) An invitation to the Chairman to attend an informal meeting with the Leader of the Council, Councillor George Beckett in the Saxon Suite, Winchester Guildhall at 6.00pm on Wednesday 25 October has been passed to **KT**.

646. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1268	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 365.37	-
1269	WCC	New Dog Bin	£ 145.25	£ 21.63
1270	HM Revenue & C	PAYE & NIC	£ 354.95	-
1271	Dever Contracts	Fence Repair	£ 141.00	£ 21.00
1272	SERCO	Litter Collection	£ 101.73	£ 15.15
1273	Carroll Youth Centre	Donation	£ 2500.00	-

647. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2210.

648. Closed Session - Clerks Annual Review

Council **AGREED** a new contract and salary for the Clerk. The annual appraisal has also been conducted.

Signed

Date