

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th April 2006

### PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)  
John Godbold  
Anne Church  
Fenella Jarvis  
Ian Tait  
Fiona Davidson

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson  
Cllr Brian Collin  
Cllr Charlotte Bailey  
Cllr David Spender  
1 member of the public

### APOLOGIES:

Ray Stanard

### 612. Council Resignation

**KT** announced that **GM** had had to resign as a member of the Council because he had recently moved out of the Parish. **KT** thanked him for his support and valuable contribution.

### 613. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

### 614. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Open Space

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The hedge planting behind 22 and 23 MayTree Close had been completed on 13 March.

**BC** reported that:

- (ii) He had asked the Estates Department of WCC to survey the wall on the footpath between Elder Close and the Central Kickabout Area. The deterioration continues but they had now stated (verbally) that the wall did not present a Health and Safety issue.
- (iii) He would now obtain a written statement from WCC that the wall is safe and will talk to residents about whether they are prepared to pay for a permanent solution.

#### b) Play Equipment

**MM** reported that:

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

- (ii) Two new faults had been identified on play equipment on the Davis Kickabout. The shackles on the Chain Walk need replacing and there is a bolt missing from the Rope Climb crossbar. SERCO have been contracted to repair.
- (iii) The Annual Safety Inspection had been completed.

Equipment	Site	Risk	Comment/Action
Central Site		Low/Medium	
Multi-Unit Obstacle Course	Central	Low	
Davis Site	Davis	Medium	Raised Edges – No deterioration since last year
Wickstead Slide Unit	Davis	Medium	Poor Condition
Swing Cradle Seats	Davis	Low	
Swing Flat seats	Davis	Medium	Replace

The definition of a Low Risk is “monitor and take reasonable practical action if required.” The definition of a Medium Risk is “take action to reduce if possible”. Council **AGREED** that no work in addition to that already in hand was required. The report was passed to **JG**.

**JG** reported that:

- (iv) Options for the replacement play equipment were nearly finalised and “down-selection” of the successful tender could take place shortly. The cost was likely to be in the order of £16K.

c) Planning

**KT** reported that:

- (i) 2 new applications had been received:
  - Lowden Close                      Rear Conservatory
  - Rooks Down Road                Rear Conservatory
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
  - Harvest Close                      New Front Porch
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

**KT** reported that:

- (i) He had attended a meeting with Rick Clayton of HCC about the site selection process for the park and ride on 5 April. Issues about the site and the resultant effect on traffic flow were discussed. There are two prime contenders for the site which are at the St Cross roundabout between the

Compton Road and Badger Farm Road (The City preferred site) and at the St Cross roundabout between Compton Road and the M3 spur road (the Compton preferred site). There were two options for bus traffic from the Park to the City. These were via St Cross or via Badger Farm Road; both would probably require bus lanes. The Consultation Period “proper” will start in late May.

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

NTR

g) Finance

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The monthly bank statements and reconciliation were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The Annual VAT rebate of £2,822.53 for the year 1 March 2005 to 28 February 2006 had been received on 20 March.
- (iii) The annual Play Equipment insurance policy had been renewed at a price of £1,813.12. This represented an increase of 2%.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

**MM** reported that:

- (i) He had contacted the Hampshire County Council (Gypsy & Travellers Liaison Officer), signed a Service Level Agreement on 17 February and requested a Welfare Report as a precursor to evicting the travellers from the Ridge.
- (ii) He had received the HCC Welfare report on 9 March which suggested that there were no welfare considerations and recommending that BFPC should now “serve direction to leave”. This will involve engaging a solicitor to prepare a “Claim for Possession” to send to the County Court.
- (iii) Brays Ltd served a “Notice to Quit” on March 20 requiring them to vacate by 0900 on Wednesday 22 March. They had not vacated voluntarily.
- (iv) Aicha Larouissi of WCC Legal Department filed a “Claim for Possession” on 10 April and the case is likely to be heard within two weeks.

- (v) Council **AGREED** that **MM** should obtain a quote from SERCO to fit bollards off the Ivy Close footpath to prevent future incursions by “travellers”.

j) Police

**KT** reported that:

- (i) He had attended the 3 monthly regular meeting with Inspector Kevin Baxman. There had been no unusual levels of crime reported and the situation within the Parish remained “normal”.

k) County Council Rep

**CB** reported on the following topics:

- (i) The Park and Ride. HCC will set up a Stakeholders Advisory Panel.
- (ii) Democratic Review at the County Council. Changes aimed at improving scrutiny of committee meetings and making decision taking more local are being introduced. Winchester District will join with East Hants and Havant. **CB** expressed doubts about the wisdom of this.
- (iii) Adult Care. The budget is overspent by £11.5M and savings will have to be made. Shedding responsibility for “substantial needs” clients is one option and no decisions have yet been taken.

l) City Council Reps

**BC** reported on:

- (i) A successful meeting with Richard Morris of Sainsbury that covered cleanliness of the car park and surrounding areas, increased security patrols at night, alcohol sales to underage customers and possible reviews of opening hours. He said that he was encouraged by the Manager’s responsible attitude and improved recognition of the community’s concerns.

DS reported on:

- (ii) Winchester as a Fair Trade City
- (iii) The Theatre Royal report to WCC and its impact on the local economy and cultural environment.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

**MM** reported that:

- (i) A general meeting will be held in The Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham at 1930 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006. No Councillors are available to attend.

## 615. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated:

- a) Details of the new powers available to Parish Councils were passed to **KT**. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 allows Parish Councils to issue fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and flyposting as well as issuing "dog control orders" from 6 April 2006. There are limitations which may prevent these regulations providing much practical assistance to Parishes like BF. **BC** undertook to get WCC to advise **KT** on the implications.
- b) An invitation for two Councillors to attend the Mayor (Elect)'s Sunday Service and Reception on 21 May was passed to **KT**.

## 616. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1244	Hillier	Hedge Planting	£ 264.85	£ 39.45
1245	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 494.41	£ 1.15
1246	Brays	Serving Vacation Notice	£ 117.50	£ 17.50
1247	Inland Revenue	PAYE & NIC	£ 161.32	-
1248	WCC	Play Area Inspections	£ 79.90	£ 11.90
1249	SERCO	Litter Collection	£ 101.73	£ 15.15
1250	WDAPC	Membership	£ 25.00	-
1251	Allianz Cornhill	Play Equipment Insurance	£1,813.12	-

## 617. Any other business

The resignation of GM will create a vacancy on the Council that will have to be advertised within the Parish. **MM** to action with **KT**.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130.

Signed .....

Date .....