

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th March 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Anne Church
Fenella Jarvis
Ray Stanard
George Marits

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Brian Collin
Detached Youth Project (2)

APOLOGIES:

Ian Tait
Fiona Davidson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
PC Zubaidi

606. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2006 were **AGREED** with one minor amendment and signed as an accurate record.

607. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) He had contracted Hillier on 1 March to extend the hedge planting behind 22 and 23 MayTree Close when they conducted their annual maintenance in early April as **AGREED** at the last meeting.

RS reported that:

- (ii) The wall on the footpath between Elder Close and the Central Kickabout Area was in a very poor state. **BC** undertook to get it inspected by WCC to establish whether it was a Health & Safety issue requiring urgent attention. Ownership of the wall will require clarification.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The ropes on the "Burma Bridge" on the Central Kickabout have now been replaced.

JG reported that:

- (iii) The bolts for the swing seats on the Davis Kickabout had now arrived and the new seats will be fitted very shortly.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 2 new applications had been received:

Harvest Close	New Front Porch
Lowden Close	Rear Conservatory

- (ii) No applications had been approved or refused in the last month.

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) Despite writing to Network Rail on 9 February about the Ivy Close path footbridge he had yet to receive a reply.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had been in contact with Rick Clayton of HCC about informal discussions about the site selection process for the park and ride. Currently he was proposing a meeting on 5 April (1230 – 2pm) between HCC, WCC and Chairman BFPC. **KT** will attend. The Consultation Period “proper” will start in late May.

e) Community Project

Donna and **Tanya Noyce** of the Detached Youth Project presented proposals for a research project lasting 24 weeks (one night a week). This would consist of:

- (i) 4 weeks carrying out Non-Participant Observations aimed at establishing young people’s social behaviour
- (ii) A further 8 weeks formulating and distributing questionnaires aimed at establishing the need for youth work provision and the nature of the need.
- (iii) A further 12 weeks building stronger foundations and establishing trust with the youth by holding contact sessions.

Council discussed the proposals and expressed the following views:

- (iv) The project would probably identify youngster’s aspirations but the provision of solutions would remain a problem for the Council.
- (v) The youngsters must not expect that the Council will be able to satisfy all the aspirations identified by the Project.

Council **AGREED** that they would employ the Detached Youth Project to run a scheme for 24 weeks starting in the week beginning 17 April (immediately after Easter) at a cost of approximately £600. **RS** will liaise with the DYP team.

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 return had been forwarded to the Excise on 6 March claiming a rebate of £2,822.53 for the year 1 March 2005 to 28 February 2006.

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 will serve a “Notice to Quit” hopefully persuading them to move on voluntarily. If they don’t leave (highly likely) it will be necessary to file a “Claim for Possession”. Aicha Larouissi of WCC Legal Department will represent BFPC. Total costs are likely to be about £500.
- (iv) 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

MM reported that:

- (i) From 1 April the Parish Policing requirement will be the remit of the Winchester District Policing Team as part of a centrally located Operational Command Unit based in Fareham.

- (ii) An invitation to a Presentation and demonstrations by the Hampshire Constabulary about the larger territorial Operational Command Units to be held at Netley on Monday 30 March at 1500 was passed to **KT**.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend but provided a written report:

- (i) Park and Ride. See para 607 d (ii) above.
- (ii) HCC 2006/07 Budget. The total increase will be 4.7%. Band D Council tax will be £113.13 in WCC. Schools have had a substantial increase in funding from Central Government. Adult Care Services will bear the brunt of the savings necessary.
- (iii) Hampshire County Youth Council. Main areas of concern are Fair Trade, Green Issues, Bullying and Personal Safety.

l) City Council Reps

DS was unable to attend but provided a written report:

- (i) Budget and Council Tax. The City had had to dip into reserves this year to balance the budget. 20% of residents will benefit from free bus passes.
- (ii) Foliage and Street Cleaning. The SERCO tidy-up continues – Elder Close was recently completed. **DS** and **BC** have a meeting with Sainsbury planned – they will raise the cleaning of their steps.

BC reported on:

- (iii) The Community Safety Strategy.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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608. Motor Bike Noise

JG reported that:

- a). The problem continues

BC reported that:

- b). He had asked Louise Tester (Winchester Police) to produce a plan that shows how the police intend to tackle this ongoing problem.

609. Correspondence

The following correspondence was circulated:

- a) An invitation to a Parish Council training session on the Development Control Process in The Guildhall on Monday 10 April was passed to **KT**.

610. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1240	M D Macpherson	Salary & Expenses	£ 475.85	-
1241	Playworld Systems	Play Equipment Repair	£ 450.03	£ 67.03
1242	Open Space Society	Membership	£ 30.00	-
1243	HCC	Travellers Welfare Report	£ 120.81	£ 17.99

611. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115.

Signed

Date