

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2009

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Fenella Jarvis
Daniel Phelps
Will Hawthorne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender (WCC)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
PC Joe Zubaidi
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Ian Tait
Cllr Brian Collin (WCC)

815. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2009 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

816. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

JZ reported:

(i) Monthly crime figures. There had been:

1 Burglary	Elder Close – Garage
1 Attempted Burglary	Ashbarn Crescent
2 RTA	Sainsbury's car park
Suspicious Persons	Honeysuckle Close
1 Theft	MayTree Close – newspaper trolley
Threatening behaviour	Elder Close – 4 Arrests – 2 charged
Vehicle Nuisance	Ivy Close – untaxed scramble bike seized

(ii) Operation Nemesis. A Hampshire wide police operation targeting burglary would run for the rest of the month

MM reported that:

(iii) The next Parish Policing Partnership Forum will be held on Wednesday 25 February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Study Centre, St John the Baptist Church, Church Road, Shedfield. The meeting will be chaired by Chief Inspector Rachel Farrell, the new Commander of Winchester District.

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) He had forwarded an application for HCC Councillor sponsored grant to **CB** on 27 January for the purchase of the following spring bulbs from Thompson & Morgan at a cost of £175.48 representing £201.80 less £26.32 reclaimable VAT:

150 Bluebell bulbs
120 Daffodil bulbs
100 Narcissus bulbs
90 Snowdrop bulbs
200 Crocus bulbs

Payment was received on 6 February.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:

- (ii) 1 application had been approved:

Sainsburys Illuminated canopy signs (garage)

- (iii) No applications had been refused.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.

- (ii) The Davis Kickabout safety surface has been pressure cleaned and all the algae/moss removed

e) Transport

KT reported that:

- (i) He was glad to see that the grit bins had been speedily refilled after the recent icy weather.

- (ii) Frost had accentuated the pot hole damage in Meadow Way. **CB** stated that these should be reported online on the HCC website.

f) Parish Website

KT asked members to check their contact details on the website and confirm that they were happy with what was displayed.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for January 2009 were signed by the Chairman.

h) Community Project

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i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

JG reported that:

- (i) There were now three damaged trees close to the millennium stone. **MM** stated that the annual tree survey was due to take place shortly and undertook to ensure SERCO recommended suitable action.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Council Tax for 2009/10 was likely to be set at 1.9%.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) WCC Budget. 2009/10 budget will be set on Wednesday 19 February.
- (ii) Council Waste Bags. A new (weighted) design will be trialled shortly in an attempt to reduce loss. Missing bags will be replaced free of charge on application.
- (iii) Insulation Grants. **DS** will place an article in the Community News reminding residents of what can be applied for.
- (iv) Local Development Framework. The following proposals will be tabled at the April LDF meeting:
 - a) Build 2000 homes on the Barton Farm site south of Well House Lane.

b) Develop part of Bushfield Camp as a “Knowledge Park”.

(v) If these proposals are approved by Council consultation will take place later in the year.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

DP tabled a proposed information sheet containing contact details and advice about rectifying common problems (graffiti etc) for inclusion in the next newsletter. Council **AGREED** that it was helpful.

o). WDALC

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817. Football Equipment

DP reported that:

a) He had now received a further invoice for £225.00 for the six-a-side soccer league. Council **AGREED** that this should be settled on behalf of the team from the HCC grant. The balance of the grant should now be returned to the Youth Opportunities Scheme.

MM reported that:

b) The present project financial situation is therefore:

HCC Grant	£ 926.00
Less	
Purchase of Goal and Net	£ 262.24
Subscription	£ 270.00
Erection costs	£ 23.27
Further Subscription	£ 225.00
Balance to be returned:	£ 145.49

c) A cheque to return the balance of £142.00 was signed (See para 821 below). A further £3.49 is therefore still owed to HCC.

818. Untaxed vehicles parked on public roads

KT reported that he was concerned about untaxed cars parked on public roads and in lay-bys. **JZ** confirmed that this was illegal and advised that the best way to deal with the problem was by reporting the vehicles to DVLA using their website.

819. Request for Donation

MM reported that he had received a request from the Carroll Centre for a donation of £2,526.90 to fund two part time youth workers to work on Friday evenings throughout the coming year. He pointed out that Council had made no donations this year and had budgeted a total of £2,000 for Section 137 payments. Council **AGREED** to a donation of £1,500.

820. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Letter from Chief Inspector Rachel Farrell introducing herself as the new Winchester District Commander. She intends to attend the Parish Policing Partnership Forum on 25 February.

821. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1397	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 632.88	£ 27.75
1398	Audit Commission	2007/08 External Audit	£ 327.75	£ 42.75
1399	SERCO	Play Ground Inspections	£ 419.65	£ 54.74
1400	SERCO	Replacement swing	£ 129.38	£ 16.88
1401	Luke Godbold	Clean Davis Kickabout	£ 120.00	-
1402	Carroll Centre	Donation	£ 1,500.00	-
1403	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 223.20	-
1404	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 40.00	£ 4.63
1405	SoccerclubUK	Subscription	£ 225.00	-
1406	HCC	Return balance of Grant	£ 142.00	-

822. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110.

Signed

Date