

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 2009

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender (WCC)
Cllr Brian Collin (WCC)

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Dean Upton
Ian Tait
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)

The meeting was held at the house of the Chairman after the unexpected closure of the Community Centre. The change of venue was advertised on the Community Centre notice board for six hours prior to the meeting in order to inform the public.

838. Appointment of Chair

JG proposed **Keith Taylor** as Chairman and this was seconded by **FJ** and unanimously agreed by those present. **KT** completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file.

839. Appointment of Vice Chair

KT proposed **John Godbold** as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by **WH** and unanimously agreed by those present. **JG** completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file.

840. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2009 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

841. Appointment of Members to Working Parties

Members agreed the following appointments to Working Parties:

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| a) | Open Space | Ray Stannard |
| b) | Play Equipment | Daniel Phelps, Will Hawthorne, John Godbold |
| c) | Planning | John Godbold, Fenella Jarvis |
| d) | Transport | Keith Taylor |
| e) | Community Projects | as required |
| f) | Finance | Keith Taylor and the RFO (Clerk) |

- g) Community Centre Lease Compliance
Keith Taylor
- h) Whiteshute Ridge Martin Macpherson
- i) Police Dean Upton
- j) Noticeboard Rep Keith Taylor

842. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

- (i) No PCSO was available to attend but the following incidents have been reported since the last meeting:

2 Criminal Damage	May Tree Close – garden fence
1 Public Order	May Tree Close – damage to car – 1 arrest
1 Burglary	Sainsburys – verbal altercation – no offences
	Community Centre – under investigation

b) Open Space

JG reported that:

- (i) He had obtained a quote of £30 for each of the seven benches to be pressure washed and treated. The work will be completed within the next 10 days.

DP reported that:

- (ii) After the removal of shrubs from the left of the Ridgeway, damaged brickwork on the Elder Close garages had been exposed. **DS** undertook to get WCC Building Control to inspect the damage and define whether it was dangerous to the public. **DP** will define the relevant garage numbers and **MM** will write to the owners.
- (iii) The planting conducted last year on the Central Kickabout had taken well but there were a couple of gaps. He undertook to investigate infill planting.

JG reported that:

- (iv) The Ashbarn Crescent salt bin had been moved as arranged.

FJ reported that:

- (v) A number of the beds recently sown in Swift Close had not been properly prepared and were already looking scruffy. **DS** undertook to get the Contractors to rectify.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) No new applications had been received:

(ii) 1 application had been approved:

Ivy Close Conservatory to rear

(iii) No applications had been refused.

DS reported that:

(iv) The re-cycling centre was expected to be re-sited near the car wash. This remained the subject of enforcement action and no new planning application had yet been submitted.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

(i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date although a recent report indicated that one of the swings had been damaged. **JG** will investigate.

e) Transport

MM reported that:

(i) The next Southampton Airport Community Stakeholders Conference will take place on Friday 26 June at 9.00am in the Concorde Club, Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh. **KT** will try to attend.

f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

(i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.

(ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for April 2009 were signed by **KT**.

(iii) The end of the year tax return for 2008/09 was forwarded to HM R & C on 24 April.

(iv) He had received a tax-free incentive payment of £100 from HM R & C for filing the annual tax return online.

h) Community Project

JG reported that:

- (i) He continued to investigate the provision of a fitness trail but there were significant issues with location, health and safety, liability insurance and inspection regimes yet to be resolved.

DP reported that:

- (ii) He had drafted a “parish survey” for distribution by both Councillors and in the Community Newsletter. A number of suggestions were made and he will email an updated version for comment before distribution.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

JG reported that:

- (i) Contractors were making good progress on the removal of new growth and saplings.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend or provide a report.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Sycamore growth in the Falcon View footpath to the Central Kickabout. SERCO will be instructed to remove.
- (ii) The Subway to Sainsburys, and Rances Way footpaths will be swept and cleaned up.
- (iii) LDF. At the WCC LDF meeting the proposal to zone Barton Farm for building development was approved, however an amendment provided that all other land in the City already zoned should be used first.
- (iv) LDF. At the same meeting WCC agreed that a Knowledge Park should be developed on Bushfield. Only the site of the old army camp will be used for this – the remainder of the land would be retained for public access.

m). Notice Board Rep

KT reported that:

- (i) During the burglary at the Community Centre the single key to two of the Parish notice boards had been stolen. The Community Centre are aware of this and the issue will have to be addressed in the insurance claim.

n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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843. Parish Computer

MM reported that:

- a) He had purchased a Dell “Studio 1537” Laptop together with associated software (Vista, Office 2007 etc) in line with Council agreement (minute 834 b) at the last meeting.
- b) He had also had to buy a new Financial Management Package to run the parish accounts because the old “Quicken” package has not been supported since 2002 and is now incompatible with modern Operating systems including Vista. He had bought a MoneyDance package.
- c) The total cost of the upgrade was £545.02 ex VAT.

844. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Winchester City Council will hold an exhibition to inform the community of the content and role of the Core Strategy in the Community Centre on Tuesday 16th June from 2.30pm until 5.00pm. WCC officers will be available to answer questions about the Core Strategy or the LDF in general.
- b) WCC recently announced free swimming at River Park Leisure Centre for people aged over 60 and under 17.
- c) Lists of candidates for the European Parliamentary election and Local government elections on 4 June had been passed to **KT** for display on parish notice boards.
- d) A letter from a resident seeking Council support for additional safety railings on Badger Farm Road. **MM** will write explaining that such concerns should be addressed to HCC.

845. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1418	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£1,060.15	£ 81.76
1419	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 223.20	-

1420	SERCO	Litter Collection	£ 188.37	£ 24.57
1421	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 45.04	£ 4.50
1422	Daniel Phelps	Football Project	£ 10.49	-

846. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2140.

Signed

Date