

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2011

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis (Vice Chair)
Ian Tait
Nicola Blencowe
Dean Upton
Will Hawthorne
Heather Nicholson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
PC Earnshaw
PCSO Richard Nolan
1 Member of the public

APOLOGIES:

Chrissie Sanders
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)

1018. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2011 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

1019. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

PCSO RN reported on the last three months. There had been:

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| (i) | Anti-social behavior | 4 separate cases of juveniles behaving irresponsibly in Elder Close and 1 case in Broad Chalke Down. |
| | Anti-social behavior | 3 cases of mini-motos being ridden on public footpaths |
| | Anti-social behavior | 1 case of youths riding a motorcycle on footpaths |

The police reported that that they had subsequently seized a mini-moto and a motor cycle.

Criminal Damage
Burglary

Bricks removed from Elder Close garages
Items stolen from a garage in St Annes Close

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) WCC have agreed to site a dog bin in Mead Road close to the bottom of the footpath. It is to be hoped that dog walkers on Whiteshute Ridge will use this facility rather than leaving dog bags around Ivy Close.
- (ii) He had received a complaint from a resident of Ashbarn Crescent on 17 August that laurel bushes and trees on the open space outside her property

(no. 35) were very overgrown and required cutting back. He had forwarded it to **BL** for action.

- (iii) The dog bin at the northern end of the Central Kickabout was vandalised on or about 8 August. The bin remains intact but the mounting bracket requires replacing. SERCO were contracted to effect a repair on 21 August.
- (iv) There was a low branch overhanging the Rooks Down Road to Stanmore footpath. **BL** will take up with WCC.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) The following 4 new applications had been received and await a decision:

Ivy Close	Replacement shed in rear garden
Harrow Down	Conservatory to rear
Lowden Close	Conservatory to rear and side
Barley Down Drive	Demolition of existing conservatory and detached garage and erection of a two storey side extension to include an integral single garage and a single storey extension to the rear (Resubmission)

Before this item was discussed **IT** declared an interest and left the meeting.

After hearing a representation from 1 member of the public and general discussion of the Barley Down Drive resubmission Council **AGREED** to object on the grounds of:

- (a) Size of the footprint
- (b) Loss of amenity
- (c) Lack of parking

IT returned to the meeting on completion of this item.

- (ii) The following 3 old applications had been approved:

Kestrel Close	Side Conservatory
Falcon View	2 Storey side extension
Sainsburys	Store Front extension

- (iii) The following 3 new applications had been received and subsequently approved since the last meeting:

Ashbarn Crescent	Single storey and two storey rear extensions; porch alterations and part garage conversion
Rances Way	Conservatory to rear.
Ivy Close	Conversion of integral garage to habitable space

f) Communications

MM reported that:

- (i) At the last meeting Council had **AGREED** to revamp the website with a dot gov dot uk address with a maximum spend of £40 per annum.
- (ii) Sarah Munns the present website manager had resigned on 2 August
- (iii) Hampshire CC had set up a free website service about two years ago but on 24 August announced that the unused Parish Council sites (including Badger Farm's) will be taken down on 31 October unless individual Councils bid for their retention.

JG undertook to inform HCC that BFPC would require their free site to be maintained. BFPC will post links to our new website on the HCC site. **DU** demonstrated his initial work on our new site and will now tidy up the interface and complete the development work.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) At the end of the first quarter of the financial year (30 June 2011) actual income & expenditure compared with budgeted income & expenditure was:

Income				
Category	Budget to date	Actual to date	Shortfall	Surplus
Precept	13,950	13,950		
Other Income		955		
Total Income	13,950	14,904		955
Expenditure				
Category	Budget to date	Actual to date	Overspend	Underspend
Business	1,100	3,066	1,966	
Clerk Salary	1,676	1,948	272	
Donations	525	0		525
Litter	514	1430	905	
Open Space	335	0		335
Play Equipment	660	567		93
Whiteshute Ridge	1,767	955		812
Total	6,577	7,966		

Income is £955 higher than predicted caused by the payment of an unbudgeted sum of £955 from S & SE. Expenditure is £1,389 over budget mainly caused by paying the insurance premium up front in May.

Council **AGREED** that this situation is entirely satisfactory.

- (ii) Since the end of the first quarter Expenditure has remained within budget.
- (iii) The cleared bank balance on 1 July 2011 was £45,697.27. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for June 2011 were signed by **JG**.
- (iv) The cleared bank balance on 1 August 2011 was £ 44,780.95. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for July 2011 were signed by **JG**.
- (v) The cleared bank balance on 1 September 2011 was £ 43,537.62. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for August 2011 were signed by **JG**.
- (vi) The VAT claim for £641.00 for the period 1 April to 31 August 2011 was forwarded to HM R & C on 8 September 2011.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

JG reported that:

- (i) He had had a meeting with Dave Brockway (SERCO) on 14 June on Whiteshute Ridge and had since received a quote of £772 + VAT to carry out the work on moving the old bench and siting the new wooden picnic table and bench. Council had previously approved a total spend of £1,500 on this project and it was now **AGREED** that **MM** should order the table and accept SERCO's quote. **JG** will investigate the provision of a commemorative plaque.
- (ii) Richard Butler, the Chair of the Badger Farm Social Club, had not presented the Parish Council with a costed proposal for the provision of free Wi-Fi in the Community Centre as requested. Minute 1012 h) (ii) Page 761 refers. **JG** asked **WH** to try and hasten this action as the Parish Council are keen to provide this facility to residents as soon as possible. **DU** will liaise if required.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) A resident in Honeysuckle Close had reported to WCC that a large piece of tree had fallen from a crab apple tree to the rear of No 47. WCC had

engaged a contractor to remove it without contacting BFPC and only informed the Clerk after the Contractor had arrived on site. BFPC have therefore been landed with the bill for work that was not authorised. **MM** has taken the matter up with WCC (Ivan Gurdler) who is now aware of the correct procedure.

The Resident had subsequently contacted **MM** about damage caused to his fence. **MM** had told him on 6 July to produce three quotes for the repair and undertook to present them to Council at the next meeting for authorisation. To date no quotes have been received.

BL reported that:

- (ii) He had been in touch with Sparsholt College about advice on replanting the hawthorn hedge on the Ridge who are interested in his proposal. **MM** now expects the College to arrange a visit in the autumn.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on the following:

- (i) Grit Bins. The provision of a grit bin for Wren Close had been approved by HCC.
- (ii) May Tree Close. HCC had been made aware of the very poor state of the road surface.
- (iii) HCC were still looking for a Crossing Person for Badger Farm Road
- (iv) Street Lights. Concern was expressed about the overgrown trees obscuring the lights on the footpath from the Community Centre to Plough Way.
- (v) Street Lights. Changes will be made to some lights in Silverwood and other locations before Christmas to make them “dimable”.

l) City Council Reps

BL had nothing to add to the issues already recorded and discussed elsewhere in these minutes.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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1020. Access to Oliver's Battery School via Whiteshute Ridge

A resident of Harrow Down and mother of young children, had written to the Chairman about push chair access to Whiteshute Ridge. She made the following points:

- a) There is currently no useable push chair access to the Ridge from the Sainsbury's end.
- b) It is therefore impossible to take young children to Oliver's Battery school via the Ridge and footbridge over Badger Farm Road thus forcing parents and children onto the public highway to get to school.

She proposed that a barked or stoned path onto the Ridge from Harrow Down would solve this problem. Council discussed the issues surrounding this proposal but **AGREED** not to take the matter further on the grounds that:

- a) Push chair access to the ridge already exists at the Ivy Close End of the Ridge
- b) The terms of the Lease require the Parish Council to maintain the Ridge as "an undeveloped strip of chalk downland" and the construction of further non-essential permanent footpaths could contravene this condition.

JG will inform the resident of the Council's decision.

1021. Donation

At the last meeting (Minute 1014 page 763) **MM** had been tasked to establish whether Winchester Youth Counselling who sought a donation are involved with local schools and whether they provide services for Badger Farm children. WYC have now confirmed that "approx 10 young people from Badger Farm have used our service some of whom attend Kings School". Council **AGREED** to a donation of £100.00.

1022. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) DigitalUK have announced that the changeover date for Badger Farm will be 8 February for BBC2 analogue and 22 February for the remaining analogue channels.
- b) WCC is about to review and update its "Vision for Winchester" document for launch in October 2011. Views on the content should be submitted to cveal@winchester.gov.uk
- c) The next meeting of the Parish Policing Partnership Forum will take place in the Beeston Room, North Walls Police Station at 7.00pm on Wednesday 28 September.
- d) The HALC AGM will take place on Saturday 29 October from 1000 until 1300 at The Hilt, Hiltingbury Recreation Ground, Chandlers Ford.
- e) The April 2012 Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday April 16th because Monday 9th is a Bank Holiday.

1023. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed during July 2011.

1531	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (June)	£ 427.80	-
1532	HM R & C	1 st Quarter PAYE	£ 320.80	-
1533	Sutcliffe Play	New Cradle Swing Seat	£ 147.84	£ 24.64

The following payments were approved and signed during August 2011.

1534	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (July)	£ 427.80	-
1535	SERCO	Whiteshute Ridge (Trees)	£ 123.65	£ 20.61
1536	Hamptons	Whiteshute Ridge (Trees)	£ 672.00	£ 112.00

The following payments were approved and signed at this meeting:

1537	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (August)	£ 492.93	£ 8.49
1538	SERCO	Play Inspections	£ 200.34	£ 33.39
1539	Winchester Youth Counselling	Donation	£ 100.00	-

1024. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2125.

Signed

Date