

# BADGER FARM PARI SH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November

### PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)  
Will Hawthorne (Vice Chair)  
Fenella Jarvis  
Heather Nicholson  
Julie Lacey

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)  
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)  
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)

### APOLOGIES:

Cllr Phil Bailey (HCC)  
PCSO Gavin Cooper  
PC Gareth McGaw  
Chrissie Sanders  
Dean Upton

### 1180. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were **AGREED** and signed by **JG** as an accurate record.

### 1181. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Police

A crime report for the period 4 September to 4 November 2013 had been forwarded by **PCSO GC**:

1 case of Criminal Damage

Broad Chalke Down

Parked car was “keyed”

2 cases of Burglary

Charfield Close

Mountain Bike and alcohol stolen from garage –  
1 male arrested and charged

Ashbarn Crescent

Entry to property – items stolen

1 case of Theft

Plough Way

Bicycle stolen from outside house.

#### b) Open Space

**MM** reported that:

- (i) WCC is about to undertake a strategic overview of its Open Space Strategy to analyse provision of facilities when new housing is built and to inform future expenditure of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

**FJ** reported that:

- (ii) The orange spotted tree very close to the Ashbarn Crescent garages opposite Kestrel Close had still not been felled. **BL** action.

- (iii) The stumps of previously felled trees had not been treated with poison and as a result were now sprouting new growth. **BL** action.

c) Planning

**MM** reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) No applications had been approved:
- (iii) No applications had been refused

**JG** reported that there had recently been a proliferation of illegal estate agents advertising boards. **BL** to action with Planning Dept and demand enforcement.

d) Play Equipment

**MM** reported that:

- (i) “In-house” fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date.
- (ii) The most recent Vita Play inspection took place on 9 November. The following defects were identified with higher levels of risk (eg A - potential for death, B - severe or C - minor injury):

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
<b>Central Kickabout</b>			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Monitor /Replace	C
<b>Davis Kickabout</b>			
Multi Play	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Monitor /Replace	C

Council **AGREED** that these defects should be monitored.

e) Transport

**KT** had forwarded a written report:

- (i) Rail. Sunday work continues in the Surbiton area. Waterloo trains are being re-routed via Staines.
- (ii) Bus services have been disrupted by the recent very wet weather, with some services being severely delayed or cancelled. Blue Star continue to promote their card “The Key” which saves money on regular journeys.
- (iii) Roads earmarked for resurfacing within the next year in Badger Farm have now been identified and promulgated.

f) Communications

Nothing to report

g) Finance

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Income and Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared balance on 1 November 2013 was £61,337.59. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for October 2013 were signed by **JG**.

h) Parish Lengthsman

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The next Lengthsman's visit will take place on 15,16 & 17 December.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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j) Whiteshute Ridge

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The autumn cut of Whiteshute Ridge was recently completed and was done very well this year. Whilst the Scandor contractors were on site the gatepost at the lane entrance to the Ridge from Badger Farm Road was bent over and damaged by a vehicle. Scandor have since repaired the damage.
- (ii) D Denby was called on 2 November to sort out a tree that had fallen from Whiteshute Ridge into the garden of a house in Honeysuckle Close.
- (iii) D Denby has now completed the tree survey. All trees were assessed as being in "good" condition except the following:

Number	Species	State	Notes
186	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Poor	Inonthus hispidus brackets – unsafe crown
190	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	Rot pocket – needs felling
193	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Poor	Tree has been hulked – no further action required
206	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	Included bark at base - monitor
213	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	Rot pocket at base - monitor

218	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Poor	Inonthus hispidus brackets – unsafe crown
238	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	Cavity - monitor
271	Field Maple (Acer Compestre)	Fair	
285	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	Left side missing
313	Field Maple (Acer Compestre)	Fair	
315	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	Needs 40% reduction
316	Ash (Fraxinus Excelsior)	Fair	
317	Field Maple (Acer Compestre)	Fair	Needs 40% reduction
338	HawthornCrategus Monogyna	Fair	

Council **AGREED** that trees in a “Fair” condition should be monitored for further detonation. Trees 190 should be felled and 186 and 218 should be made safe. Trees 315 and 317 should be reduced.

The following 18 trees have excessive ivy growth and should be “ringed”: 197, 201, 209, 210, 212, 239, 243, 244, 249, 253, 290, 314, 325, 333, 341, 52, 353 and 355. Council **AGREED**.

k) County Council Rep

**PB** was unable to attend but had nothing formal to report.

l) City Council Reps

**LB** reported on:

- (i) Proposed 20 mph speed limits in Winchester City Centre. A public exhibition will run until 15 November at: The Tourist Information Centre at the Guildhall, BID offices in Parchment Street, the Discovery Centre and the Brooks Shopping Centre. The proposal is for a 20mph speed limit around the inner core of the city centre and some outlying roads. Staff from HCC and WCC will be on hand on Tuesday 12 November (4pm-7pm) at the Discovery Centre.
- (ii) River Park Leisure Centre. A public exhibition will be held between 18 November and 2 December at the Leisure Centre and the Guildhall outlining the four options for a new build which are:
  - (a) New build at Bar End
  - (b) New build at North Walls using the tennis courts, artificial turf pitch and a strip of land alongside
  - (c) New build at North Walls using the tennis courts, artificial turf pitch and a significant part of the existing leisure centre site
  - (d) Refurbish the existing centre.
- (iii) Warm Up Winchester – see Minute 1185 d) below

m). Notice Board Rep

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The two new notice-boards from Greenbarnes Ltd for Meadow Way and the junction of Honeysuckle Close and Ivy Close, which were ordered on 13 September were delivered to **MM** on 25 October. They were erected by **JG** and **MM** on 2 November.

n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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### **1182. Financial Risk Assessment**

As part of the continuous internal financial risk assessment process **JG** checked the following:

- a) Arithmetic on invoices

and then signed the Financial Risk Assessment and Management form.

### **1183. Badger Farm Surgery**

Concern had been expressed by residents that it had become:

- a) Increasingly difficult to get an appointment at the Community Centre surgery
- b) Routine treatments were being transferred to the Friarsgate surgery forcing residents to travel for treatment that used to be available locally.

LB undertook to take the matter up with the Friarsgate Practice Manager.

### **1184. Winchester Night Bus**

It has been agreed by the Winchester Town Forum that the 5A bus between Winchester City Centre and Badger Farm, Stanmore, Weeke and Harestock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights will continue to be subsidised until at least September 2014. During the first year Winchester's County Council members provided financial support but have declined to do so for the second year's operation. The Forum are now seeking funding from the Parish Councils to defray their costs. When this issue was last discussed in February 2012 (Minute 1053 page 802 refers) Council decided not to support the Town Forum on the grounds that the proposed service would terminate at Stanmore however this is no longer relevant since the present service runs to Sainsbury's car park.

Council **AGREED** that there was insufficient evidence available about whether Badger Farm residents were using the service to enable them to make a decision. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## 1185. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A request for a donation from Winchester CAB. In the last year residents of Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery have sought advice from the Winchester office on 121 occasions. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £600 was appropriate.
- b) An invitation from The Leader of WCC to discuss the City Council's 2014/15 Budget in the Walton Suite, Guildhall on Monday 16 December at 6.00pm. **JG** will attend.
- c) The annual Winchester & District Athletics Club cross country race will start on Whiteshute Ridge at 9.30am on Sunday 1 December.
- d) An invitation for a Councillor to attend a meeting of the Warm Up Winchester (Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery) project on 20 November at 6.45pm in the Community Centre.
- e) The next PACT (Partners & Communities Together) meeting will be held at Hundred Men's Hall, St Cross Hospital on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 7.15pm. **JL** will attend.

## 1186. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1669	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses (Oct)	£ 330.00	-
1670	Vita Play	Play Inspections (November)	£ 76.80	£ 12.80
1671	Greenbarnes	New Notice Boards	£ 2,143.76	£ 357.30
1672	Winchester CC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 455.00	£ -
1673	Scandor	WSR – annual maintenance	£ 3,546.00	£ 591.00
1674	D Denby	WSR – Tree Survey & Maint.	£ 2,100.00	-
1675	Winchester CAB	Donation	£ 600.00	-
1676	BT Payment	Clerk Telephone	£ 55.45	£ 9.24
1677	CommuniCorp	MagazineSub	£ 12.00	-

## 1187. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2050.

Signed

Date