

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th MAY 2014

PRESENT: Dean Upton (Vice Chair)
Will Hawthorne

Heather Nicholson
Julie Lacey

Chrissie Sanders
Fenella Jarvis

Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

1228. Apologies.

Were received from Cllr Godbold, HCC – Cllr Bailey

1229. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2014 were **AGREED** and signed by **DU** as an accurate record.

1230. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report had been forwarded; the Clerk is instructed to ask for an officer to be present at the next meeting.

b) Open Space

- (i) We are concerned that whilst the grass is cut 9 times a season we do not know when. Part of the Ridgeway was cut the other part left. The footpath between Stanmore and Wren Close is in a poor condition. Cllr Laming reported that the contractors are not performing to standard and the contract is being re-negotiated however that does not assist the Council.

Footpaths at Honeysuckle Close to Kestrel Close is in a poor condition it is understood from Cllr Mrs Bannister that a large map was given to Cllr Godbold and a copy made for Cllr Hawthorne and it will be made available to the Clerk so that she can chase works in this area or use the Lengthsman.

- (ii) Fences down are becoming a real issue to residents especially when the fences do not appear on residents deeds, they were erected when the estate was built and with a lack of detailed ownership are falling down and causing obstructions to paths or access to garage roofs. The Clerk will contact WCC to see if she can attend the Council Offices to see if the planning authority can shed some light on who owns what where there is disputed ownership or total lack of ownership, this will remain an ongoing problem.

c) Planning

(i) 2 new applications had been received:

14/00908/FUL 4, Falcon View
Conversion of garage to living accommodation incorporating 1 no roof light

14/00950/FUL 27, Elder Close
Single storey rear extension.

(ii) Approved applications:-

14/00531/FUL 5 Rooks Down
Single storey rear extension

14/00591/FUL 26, Honeysuckle Close
Single Storey rear extension.

(iii) The Clerk is instructed to report an extension appearing that has not gone through the planning process.

d) Play Equipment

(i) "In-house" fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date.

(ii) The most recent Vita Play inspection took place on 5 May 2014
The following defects were identified with higher levels of risk (e.g. A - potential for death, B - severe or C - minor injury):

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kick about			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Monitor /Replace	C
Davis Kick about			
Multi Play	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Monitor /Replace	C
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Monitor /Replace	C

There is continued movement occurring at ground level to the legs for both the flat and cradle swings. This is a likely indication that the timber is decaying. They may well need replacing at some point during 2014, prices for the replacement will be made plus we need a new end cap on the Wick steed play equipment the Clerk will arrange a site visit with Vita Play and order the cap should it prove a high risk.

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

e) Transport

- (i) Buses. Mr Taylor has submitted our views with regard to the late night service including the 5A service which also serves Stanmore recent increased means that a single trip to Winchester is £2.

Bluestar services E1 & E2 are no longer on diversion due to the road works at the top of Stanmore Lane.

- (ii) Rail. Engineering works will affect some trains beyond Bournemouth on coming weekends, and Southampton & Fareham.

A new two-together railcard (£30 or £27 online) offers couples who regularly travel together a third off fares outside of peak times. This card is trying to encourage couples to use the train rather than drive but it has to be names persons.

f) Communications

- (i) Facebook page is up and running and it will have two administrators and the main object is to attract the younger residents and point them to the web site for information. - Noted.

g) Finance

- (i) Insurance: - Aon is the current insurer and has quoted £2,398.77 which the Clerk feels is excessive for a council of this size. The NALC/HALC recommended insurers are Came & Co underwritten by Hiscox and the premium for 12 months is £1060.98 for a 3 year period £1007.93. Furthermore it states that a binding agreement (3 years) will be maintained at the same level, it may increase slightly, but if the insurers increase the premium a lot we are free to seek alternative insurance.

The council **AGREED** to accept the three year term and ring fence any savings, after insurance excesses apply for play equipment.

h) Parish Lengthsman

- (i) The Lengthsman Co-ordinator (Sally Holloway at Crawley Parish Council) had informed Council that Rob Cox of Littleton Landscaping is the new Lengthsman and our next visit is on 23rd June. Cllr Bailey – HCC informed the Clerk by email that he had attended the interviews and is supportive of the new arrangements. – Noted.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

- (i) The Clerk did assure Cllr Lamming that whilst we have the Community Centre listed as an asset it is not being insured by the Council.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

- (i) The Clerk has copied a plan of the Ridge when Cllr Godbold has returned from holiday she will walk the Ridge with him and a possible new contractor so that we can better control the work in that area to a better standard as it is a cost to the Council that should be value for money.
 - (ii) There are overhanging trees from the farmers land that are causing concern, when the ownership of the trees is settled the Clerk will write and ask that the trees are cut back to prevent them becoming an obstruction.
- k) County Council Rep
- (i) NTR.
- l) City Council Reps
- (i) Cllr Mrs Bannister reported that she is not standing for re-election and she would like to thank Council for its support over the past 4 years. Cllr Upton thanked her for her works for this council during this period.
 - (ii) Parking – both City Councillors had been in receipt of parking complaints from residents unable to get their cars out of their garages in Elder Close and Ash Barn Close.
Cllr Lacey had returned from a PAC meeting and endorsed the problem and included the Ridgeway parking by parents taking children to school. The police can be called on 101 and be asked to get the cars moved. However Cllr Upton was concerned that the parish council had few complaints and it was only for half an hour to drop off and collect children.

Council felt that we should wait and see what the new development at Pitt Manor causes and improvement or worse, plus St Peters has expanded pupil numbers.
 - (iii) Cllr Lamming informed council that action is being taken by both enforcement and environmental health at the City Council against the owners of the Harrow Down house that was mentioned at last full council, Council await the developments with interest! He has also had parking complaints from residents in Elder Way, and Broadchalk Down.
- m) Notice Board Rep.
- (i) Cllr Sanders reported a problem with the notice board outside of the Community Centre – Cllr Upton will try to assist. The Clerk passed the audit notices to be to be put up.
- n). Newsletter Rep
- (i) Cllr Nicholson- The next edition will be in September in this edition the new Clerk has been welcomed and a précis will be made for the notice boards -
Noted
- o) WDALC

- (i) This will only appear on an agenda when there is something to report -
Noted

1231. Correspondence

1. Email between Clerk & Chairman re public participation & AOB, the Clerk explained that AOB was illegal and she has replaced it with Councillors Questions.
2. Email from Sandra Frewin re Lengthsman scheme out to tender – advising that Rob Cox at Littleton Landscapes has the contract our next visit is June 23rd. Noted above (1230 (h))
3. Email with change of address for Otterbourne PC and new email account clerk.otterbourne@parish.hants.gov.uk
4. Email from Nigel Smith land manager and conservationist advertising for work – may be of future use – Noted.
5. Insurance quotation from Came & Co – it's substantially lower than Aon, £1060.98 which can drop to £1007.93 if we undertake to stay with them 3 years. AON is £2398.77 but they have offered to reconsider premiums if you wish? I had informed them of the claims history in the past three years – Noted (1230 (g))
6. Aon – letter to Martin asking if we have taken any preventative methods to prevent any more vandalism occurring – as we have not renewed this is not relevant.
7. Wessex Cancer trust – poster which can be put on notice boards – regretfully no.

1232. To accept the 2013/14 Accounts as internally audited.

Full printed copies were issued to all councillors and the council **AGREED** to accept the accounts as distributed and the regulations as included.

The accounts are as distributed and the following cheques are for payment.

(i)	Accounts to be paid as listed.	£
001702	M D Macpherson Final salary/gratuity	2,979.82
001703	Vita Play – Play inspection	76.80
001704	V A Brooks salary/Exp	450.10
001705	Inland revenue final Martin/VAB	315.60
001706	BT Final	61.80

Balances/Bank reconciliation.

Cfwd 45207.06

Inc 16250.01

Exp 5097.94 Balance £56,359.13

Statement 1st May 2014 applies, reconciliation was signed by Cllr Upton.

1233. Councillors Questions.

The Clerk asked for information on the play areas as she understands that council do not replace vandalised equipment but make safe the areas? This was decision was taken with regret due to the vandalism problems in the parish. The Clerk asked if we have any ideas for a new play area, bearing in mind the likely cost, which this council does not have.

We haven't yet because of the lack of funding, some discussion took place on the precept, Public Works Loan Board – loans, possible charity funding in particular Veolia Environmental that is supportive of groups in this area. This will be a future agenda item for further discussions; the Davis area would be council's priority.

Flanders Poppies – The Clerk has them for use in Badger Farm but council could not decide what to do with them. Possibly into the local schools?

Cllr Lacey – PAC meeting –We had reports on the crime figures that are less than last year. There are car burglaries taking place at Farley Mount, St Catherine's Hill and Cheeseport Head so please do not leave anything in your car.

Parking for all blocked drives call 101 and an officer will be despatched to assist you with the removal of the offending car.

Youths loitering by local shops – no complaints at all.

Friary Gardens area by the allotments kids do go down there and residents are asked to be vigilant.

The next meeting will be in 3 months.

There being no further business the meeting close at 9:35pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2113. .

Signed

Date