

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2014

PRESENT: John Godbold (Chairman) Dean Upton Simon Fletcher Rhian Dolby
Fenella Jarvis Julie Lacey Monica Pelling Heather Nicholson

Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
Cllr Patrick Fancett (WCC)
Cllr Phil Bailey (HCC)

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

Transport Representative: - Keith Taylor

1267. Apologies.

None

1268. Minutes of the Meeting of November 10th 2014

Were agreed as a true record a few spelling amendments were made and signed by the Chairman (**JG.**)

12629 Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report – The Clerk is to write again to complain, we are still concerned that the arson was not reported at Whiteshute Ridge. (**JL**) had attended a PACT meeting and reported that Burglaries appear to be down slightly but they will only be reported every three months in the future. We seem to have a good relationship between the police and residents and we hope that this will continue. (**RD**) reported a single lady with a disabled son becoming aware that on two occasions someone had been looking into her bedroom window, should this reoccur she will be advised to telephone 999.

b) Open Space

(i) The branch is still at the bottom of Swift Close – we will add it to the Lengthsman's list. Plus the brambles at the Rooks Down Road junction. Complaints were also voiced over the poor standard of road re tarmacking.

c) Planning

(i) The 2 last applications: - W23987 9, Silverwood Close
Single storey rear extension, 1st floor extension over the garage.

Residents appear to support this application and we will raise no objections.

W1191/03 60, Falcon View
 Single storey rear extension.
 The property will be visited shortly.

(BL) Pitt Vale exhibition showed 350 houses being proposed and it is understood that they have put in a pre-plan application. Siting Part 2 of the Local Plan as justification. WCC is against the application but it may go to appeal and be granted.

At the bottom of Oliver's Battery there will be a plan submitted for 400 houses we have asked for a traffic survey now and another after Pitt is completed to give us historical data.

The belief is that people will use the park and ride to access Winchester, but what will happen if the park and ride is full? Council discussed the implications of the planning, lack of infrastructure and highway implications.

d) Play Equipment

(i) "In-house" fortnightly play equipment inspections

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kick about			
Trim Trail	Timber uprights are showing signs of rot and need replacing shortly, we need ropes replaced on the metal top bar,	Replace	C
Davis Kick about			
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Replace asap	C

The report has not changed this month.

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

e) Transport

Mr Taylor was in attendance and we notice with regret that he has decided to stand down – (RD) will take over as transport representative, council thanked Mr Taylor for his work on our behalf.

i) The Silver Hill plan to remove the bus station and replace it with bus stands on the Broadway and Friarsgate was debated with concern raised on passenger convenience and information. Also at the meeting was a talk by PC Rob Heard on Older driver safety, and the voluntary evaluation and workshops available to drivers over 60. They have a web site www.olderdriversforum.com which is well worth a look for more mature drivers.

- ii) On the buses, all Stagecoach buses are being fitted with positioning devices based on ticket machines: this should give better information on bus stop indicators. The County funding for the Blue Star E1 & E2 services is being withdrawn, but the service may be picked up on a commercial basis by another operator. As usual, over Christmas there are no buses Christmas Day and a limited service on Boxing Day and New Year's Day (Blue Star only)
 - iii) On the trains there is no service on Christmas day or Boxing Day. However, the main line to London seems to be free from engineering works until Christmas.
- f) Communications
- (i) **(DU)** has issued all Councillors with a parish council email address that will be directed to their personal address but will not make that personal address visible.
 - ii) We need a, list of meetings added to the website – Clerk.
- g) Parish Lengthsman
- (i) Ridgeway from St Anne's Close low branches still needs clearing. The laurels from Sainsbury's need trimming back. Footpath from Meadow Way – Rooks Down needs cutting back of foliage that has made it very narrow. Branch at Swifts Close and brambles at Rooks Down Road.
- i) Community Centre Lease Compliance
- (i) **(BL)** the boilers have broken down and are due to be repaired shortly, there is a problem with roof and the two gable ends, Refurbishment works are progressing to include the toilet for the Disabled. Council asked that if the committee are to approach the council for grants that we get sufficient notice.
- j) Whiteshute Ridge
- (i) The bench will be in by Christmas it is larger than the wooden one and the base will be central to the new table and the legs extended to be concerted in.
- k) County Council Rep – Cllr Bailey
- (i) Council reported to Cllr Bailey their dissatisfaction with road repairs, noting the pot holes and the lack of white lining, plus the cuts to the transport subsidies.
- l) City Council Reps – Cllr Brian Lamming

(BL) Whiteshute Ridge – had been the subject of a recent meeting and the City Council Solicitors are looking at the legalities of their taking the lease back. It is understood that any transfer will not take place until after the next financial year.

46, Harrow Down – they owners are in breach of the Section 215 notice.

5, Broadchalke Down – still trying to find the owners to service the Section 215.

Oliver's Battery junction with Badger Farm Road we are still trying to find a solution but there have been incidents of bad driving to add to the problems.

Ivy Close – the fence that fell down, the hedge was to be tidied contractors obliterated it and the City Council will replace and maintain a new hedge.

We need bollards reinstalled to restrict access to the Clarendon Way – WCC to arrange.

m) Notice Board Rep.

(i) NTR – (JG), (HN) will arrange a short report before Christmas.

n). Newsletter Rep

(i) NTR

1270 Play Areas – Meeting of the 1st December 2014

A successful meeting – minutes have been circulated and we are to meet again on January 5th at 22 Larkhill Rise.

We are pleased to be able to say that we have made progress.

1271. Correspondence

Correspondence list

1. Nat West requires all signatories to allow telephone banking not just three.
2. Email Brian Lamming – WCC had a reasonable meeting with regard to Whiteshute Ridge and they are looking at the project in both legal and financial terms.
3. Emails re the tree work proposed at Whiteshute Ridge and full purchase order to Mr Denby for itemised works.
4. HALC – Courses and e-update - does any Councillor wish to attend courses – (MP)
5. Countryside Service – Priority Cutting Lists for 2015 – do we have any rights of way to priorities'.

1272. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

		£
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		£
001733	Vita Play – Safety Check	76.80
001734	V A Brooks (salary/Exp Nov/Dec)	454.34
001735	Inland Revenue – 3 months tax	286.80
001736	Wybone Ltd – replacement picnic table	749.41

Carry forward	£45,207.06	
Income	£33,549.91	
Expenditure	£19,991.98	Cash I hand £58,764.99

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

1273. To set the Precept for 2015/16.

The Clerk had handed out draft budgets to all Councillors. It is not made any easier to set a precept when we do not have the correct Band D equivalents available so we can only use 2014/15 figures.

Council discussed in depth the implications of some years of a static budget which has not allowed council to fully fund a new play area. This leaves us with the options to seek grants or get a PWLB loan that would not be the first option. However we do need to add to reserves, whilst the Clerk recommended reducing reserves.

“That we set the 2015/16 Precept at £35,750.00 an increase of 10% on last year’s figures” proposed Cllr Godbold Seconded Cllr Jarvis and agreed unanimously.

1274. Councillors Questions.

80% of residents in Elder Close would welcome parking signs erected by the council (DU) will Google to see if there is any recommended wording.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm

Signed

Date