

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2014

**PRESENT:** John Godbold (Chair)      Heather Nicholson      Julie Lacey  
Fenella Jarvis

Cllr Patrick Fancett (WCC)  
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)

**Clerk:** - Vivienne A Brooks  
3 members of the public

### 1234. Apologies.

Were received from Cllr Upton, Cllr Mrs. Sanders, HCC – Cllr Bailey

### 1235. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were **AGREED** and signed by **JG** as an accurate record.

### 1236. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

The Clerk had emailed PC McGaw asking for a crime report or a visit this evening. The Clerk is instructed to reiterate our request, for at least a report.

b) Open Space

- (i) Grass Cutting is to a new low this year paths are becoming encroached upon by foliage and overhanging trees. Whilst it would appear that most Winchester Parishes have similar problems we should nevertheless write to Simon Eden at WCC and complain vociferously. The Clerk does acknowledge the support of Cllr Laming in this problem. We will schedule the Lengthsman to undertake some path clearing on his next visit.

Cllr Laming reported 4 meeting with the WCC Officer concerned on grass cutting, residents have to step into the road to pass some trees and we are inundated with complaints, the post box by Meadow Way is particularly bad. Cllr Laming will get the officer on site again as soon as possible to meet with JG.

c) Planning

- (i) 2 new applications returned:

14/00908/FUL      4, Falcon View

Conversion of garage to living accommodation incorporating 1 no roof light  
No Objection.

14/00950/FUL      27, Elder Close

Single storey rear extension.  
No Objection.

JG advised FJ that if there are any applications that cause concern they should be discussed by members of the council before being returned.

d) Play Equipment

- (i) "In-house" fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date.
- (ii) the most recent Vita Play inspection took place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------|
| <b>Central Kick about</b> |                                  |                  |      |
| Trim Trail                | Two traverse ropes worn to core  | Monitor /Replace | C    |
| <b>Davis Kick about</b>   |                                  |                  |      |
| 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. See agenda Item 1237 for future plans to replace these play areas.

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

e) Transport

- (i) Rail. Mr Taylor reports that on June 15<sup>th</sup> the planned works between Southampton and Eastleigh will be extended to Winchester until late morning, services from the City to Winchester will be diverted earlier from Waterloo.
- (ii) Buses. The E1/E2 service is back running down Stanmore Lane following a diversion last week. The consultation on bus subsidy by HCC has now closed, but a new one on park and ride is being undertaken by the City Council.
- (iii) A resident of Fallow Field has been complaining about cars parking on bends and obscuring sight lines, the parish council have no jurisdiction on these matters; they should be reported to the police. However, if the

vehicles are taxed and parked legally there is little that can be done. JL will pass any comments that she receives to our local PC via PAC contacts. Cllr Lamming also is in receipt of complaints which were discussed at the last Full Council meeting.

In the future with the closure of the tax disc system the only check that can be made on vehicle legality will be via the DVLA site and Insurance Bureau. Links will be posted in due course on the web site.

f) Communications

- (i) Facebook page is up and running transport details will go on the page and the page address and details how to subscribe will go on the web site.

g) Finance

- (i) Accounts to be paid as listed. Accounts to be paid as listed.

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| 001707 | Came & Co (insurance)           | 1007.93 | * released last month |
| 001708 | Do The Numbers (Internal audit) | 235.00  |                       |
| 001709 | Vita Play (2 inspections)       | 76.80   |                       |
| 001710 | V A Brooks Salary/Exp           | 446.50  |                       |

Bank reconciliation.

Cfwd 45207.06

Inc 16250.01

Exp 7314.27      Balance £54,142.80

Statement 236 was signed by JG.

There is a recurring DD for hall hire monthly of £21.29

h) Parish Lengthsman

- (i) The Lengthsman list was compiled and will be sent to Crawley PC and copy to JG. 1 day will be at Whiteshute Ridge the other clearing badly overgrown paths.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

- (i) NTR

j) Whiteshute Ridge

- (i) The Clerk and JG walked the ridge with a possible new contractor who will be asked to firm up a quotation and undertake works to keep the paths clear: the Clerk to chase a quotation.

k) County Council Rep

- (i) NTR.

l) City Council Reps

- (i) Cllr Patrick Fancett the replacement Councillor for Lynda Bannister was introduced to Council. He had accompanied Cllr Lamming on a walk around the estate and should take up his duties shortly. JG asked Cllr Fancett to contact him or the Clerk if we could help at all.

m) Notice Board Rep.

- (i) NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

- (i) HN had a report for the notice boards but bearing in mind comments on grass cutting she will redraft the newsletter for the notice boards.

**1237 Play Areas – Future Plans and possible funding.**

The Clerk, bearing in mind Council's previous resolutions noted that it may be some time before we can afford new play areas. This is an unsatisfactory position so she suggested two alternatives. 1) Veolia funds or 2) Public Works Loan Board funding. To access Veolia we would need to work up a plan with the community supporting the design, a feasibility study. If we were not successful with a grant then PWLB funding would be the option. The agenda item was to discuss expectation of a play area, balanced against a possible need to borrow should the application to Veolia fail.

The Clerk is instructed to ask Oliver Battery Clerk for a site visit on their new scheme and costings. JG felt that his neighbours would wish for the same footprint to be used for equipment on that play area and Davis area would be better placed for a larger scheme as the ground is also flatter.

A sub-committee will be formed to take this forward.

**1238. Correspondence**

1. Email to PC McGaw asking them to send someone to this meeting.
2. Introduction of WCC CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) should this apply to us the main thing that we must do is advertise on our website information required under Section 62A which bluntly means what did you spend it on and where!
3. Email between Cllr Upton and a firm that wishes to advertise community care – details of the Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Community News was passed.
4. Emails regarding grass cutting culminating in a site visit between Clerk, Chairman and Mr S Postle of Green Smile Ltd. Offer to cut all paths and a new cutting regime – details to be discussed.
5. BIFFA – Martin did send a new Waste Description and Transfer Note, so did the Clerk copy available, are the bins being emptied? JG confirmed that the bins in his area are being emptied.
6. Parish e-contact newsletter copied to all Councillors.

7. Winchester District Association of Local Councils – minute's available if required.
8. HALC – e-update June – copied to all Councillors.
9. Email regarding HCC conference on Oil & Gas this meeting included fracking. This raised discussion on alternative energy and Cllr Lamming asked what council felt about the wind farm application at Bullington Cross. JG felt it was a blot on the landscape but other Councillors liked them better than fields of solar panels. The application will be a difficult one as three council's need to be in agreement to grant planning (Winchester, Basingstoke and Dean and Test Valley)

**1238. Councillors Questions.**

**Pizza Hut Sign** –attached to a post near the 30mph sign – Cllr Lamming will get it removed promptly.

**1239. Co-option of a councillor.**

Simon Fletcher was again in attendance and after asking a few questions was co-opted onto the council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

With the resignation of Will Hawthorne we will still have two vacancies and forms will be sent to Rhian Dooley & Helen White should they wish to be co-opted at July's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm .

Signed

Date