

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th February 2014

PRESENT:

Will Hawthorne (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Dean Upton
Julie Lacey
Heather Nicholson
Chrissie Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Phil Bailey (HCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
1 Member of the Public (Helen White)

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
PC Gareth McGaw
PCSO Gavin Cooper

1207. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2014 were **AGREED** to be an accurate record and were signed by **WH**.

1208. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

- (i) A written report had been received for the period 10 January to 10 February 2014. The following crime has been reported:

Elder Close Burglary to shed – lock broken

Lowden Close Criminal damage – fence broken

The following report was made by **JL** at the last meeting but the detail was not recorded in the minutes. She had attended the PACT meeting on 7 January and the following had been discussed:

- (ii) Police monitoring of known Drug Dealers.
- (iii) Crime statistics: Burglary, breaking and entering, bike and car theft all down. Rise in criminal damage and theft from motor cars.
- (iv) Other issues: Distraction tactics for credit card theft, charity bag con tricks and theft. Trading standards issues.

b) Open Space

FJ reported that:

- (i) Garden waste had been deposited by residents off the footpath behind Wren Close and had now been blown onto the footpath. This clearance job will be added to the list for the next Lengthsman's visit in March.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

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

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 8 February 2014. 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
Central Kickabout			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Monitor /Replace	C
Davis Kickabout			
Multi Play	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Monitor /Replace	C
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Monitor /Replace	C

There is more and more 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.

Council **AGREED** that these defects should be monitored and the way ahead for the swings will be discussed at the next meeting.

e) Transport

KT had forwarded a written report:

- (i) Rail. The line between Eastleigh to Fareham will be closed for over a month after a landslip at Botley. Portsmouth services are being diverted via St Denys and a shuttle bus service runs to Hedge End and Botley from Southampton Airport Parkway.

Routine engineering works are affecting services to Bournemouth and Weymouth at weekends.

There will be no services through Winchester on 23 February.

- (ii) Buses. The 69 to Fareham is still affected by road works at Colden Common.

The Stagecoach Spring service is affected by flooding and is not serving the Church lane area.

Bluestar are withdrawing almost all Nightstar services after Feb 22nd, and re-timing some rush hour services slightly.

f) Communications

Nothing to report

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) Income and Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared balance on 31 January 2014 was £50,054.63. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for January 2014 were signed by **WH**.
- (iii) The additional form required to add **HN** as an authorised signatory to the mandate was delivered to NatWest on 23 January 2014.

h) Parish Lengthsman

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i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) D Denby, the tree surgeon, had dealt with three fallen trees on the Ridge in the last month and had also completed the post-survey work.

k) County Council Rep

PB reported on:

- (i) Footpaths. HCC are aware of fallen branches etc. Routine work has been delayed by higher priorities tasks on roads, fallen trees and flooding.
- (ii) The following HCC Budget Cuts (among others) are under discussion:
 - (a) Review concessionary bus fares to find savings

- (b) Find savings in child care budget
- (c) Reduce mobile library services

Final decisions will be made on 20 February.

- (iii) Bad Weather. The HCC website “road closed list” is being kept up to date.

l) City Council Reps

LB reported on:

- (i) Dog Bins. WCC have backed down and their plan to alter the collection arrangements for dog bins will not be implemented.
- (ii) Low Carbon Route Map. The issue will be discussed at a Cabinet Meeting. See <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/files/19389/PHD541.pdf>
- (iii) Leisure Centre. An Informal Scrutiny Group will now examine all options for the proposed new centre.

BL reported that:

- (iv) There will be a meeting in Oliver’s Battery Village Hall on Monday 24 February to discuss Part II of WCC Strategic Plan. **JG** and **HN** will attend.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o) WDALC

NTR

1209. Request for Donation

Council have received two requests for donations:

- a) BF & OB RCA have sought a donation towards the production costs of the Community News. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £400 was appropriate and accepted that this would cause a £200 overspend on the budget.
- b) Ark Cancer Centre Charity seek a donation to assist with building a Cancer Treatment Centre in North Hampshire. Council **AGREED** that a donation was not affordable this year.

1210. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Frequency of City Council Elections – Public Consultation. WCC have offered two options for the future:
- (i) Continue with current system (One Third) – One Third of City Councillors elected for four year term one third at a time. County Council Election held in the blank year every fourth year.
 - (ii) Adopt Whole Council (All Out) option – Whole Council election held every four years.

After discussion of these options Council **AGREED** to support the All Out system. **MM** will respond to the consultation.

- b) An invitation to an HCC sponsored workshop to explain the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme in the Ashburton Hall, The Castle from 1700 to 1900 on Tuesday 1 April. **FJ** may attend.

1211. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1684	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses (Dec)	£	330.00		-
1685	Vita Play	Play Inspections (Jan)	£	76.80	£	12.80
1686	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£	455,00		-
1687	D Denby	WSR – Tree Work	£	2,790.00		-
1688	BF & OB RCA	Donation	£	400.00		-
1689	BT	Clerk Telephone	£	63.28	£	10.55
1690	D Denby	WSR – Tree Work	£	160.00		-

1212. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2040.

Signed

Date