

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th November 2014

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

Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

1260. Apologies.

Were received from Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Fancett (WCC)

1261. Minutes of the Meeting of October 13th 2014

Were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman JG.

FJ asked the whereabouts of the footpaths that are being swept, BL responded.

1262. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report – We did note that on the last report the Police did not mention the arson at Whiteshute Ridge which is concerning as to how accurate the reports actually area.

b) Open Space

(i) The branch is still at the bottom of Swift Close – **BL** will ask if it can be removed.

c) Planning

(i) The 2 last applications: - retrospective Silverwood Close – the officers are recommending approval however local residents can complain to enforcement to investigate business usage and high hedges.

119 Maytree Close – a new dwelling is proposed – Emails were exchanged and Officers recommended refusal.

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	Replace	C

	top bar,		
Davis Kick about			
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Replace asap	C

The Clerk will book a room for a meeting (1st December) and will copy all the plans onto a USB, we will ask for use of the projector and move forward the play scheme plan.

Council **AGREED** that these defects should be monitored, and that a meeting will be held on 1st December.

e) Transport

i. On the trains, cheap advanced tickets are available on South West trains, but, unfortunately do not benefit Winchester passengers. In fact they mean trains are more crowded when they reach Winchester (at weekends). Also, engineering works continue throughout November at weekends, meaning that buses replace trains on part of the route to Winchester a trip that now takes about two hours and possibly without a seat.

ii. On the buses, there are no published diversions, but the number 5 Stagecoach service continues to be affected by the road works in Romsey Road. Also, as we approach Christmas, services are likely to be affected by extra traffic in the town centre, particularly on Sundays. Thanks to Keith Taylor for the report.

iii **BL** reported that HCC have cut all subsidies to local buses, number 2 will run a three day twice a day service, number 5 will cease at 7pm. Hursley has better services that run from Romsey every half hour paid for by the Abbotswood development (106 money) for two years.

iv Parking is a problem up at Elder Close with parking (a resident was in attendance) private signs had been erected and the resident has CCTV proof of them being taken down and disposed of could council assist with more official signs? We have no powers that effect private parking at all but it may be possible to have some advisory signs erected asking for consideration. In particular a resident is parking and blocking the path ways.

The council further discussed planning issues on the rest of the estate; it's a problem with houses that have more than 1 car per household and houses in multiple occupation.

BL will ask WCC to delineate parking bays with painted lines to assist with further parking control,

f) Communications

(i) Clerk cleared emails today.

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. Other items to the Clerk by the end of the month please.
- i) Community Centre Lease Compliance
- (i) **BL** no problems.
- j) Whiteshute Ridge
- (i) We are having difficulty with a second quotation however the Clerk will copy the A1 plan that we have and forward it on, **BL** will also have a work with WCC tree officers on our behalf.
 - (ii) We have been paid by the insurers for the picnic bench and we have managed to get the installation undertaken by Vita Play for £150 that will also be met by the insurers, we will still be required to pay the £250 excess on the policy. We have some broken glass on site and the Clerk will get it cleared as soon as possible but we do note other glass around the estate that is worrying.
 - (iii) **BL** reported that there will be an informal meeting by WCC to discuss the ridge to see what WCC think of the idea and how to move forward...
- k) County Council Rep – Cllr Bailey
- (i) NTR
- l) City Council Reps
- (**BL**) We have covered quite a bit already **FJ** asked about road repairs that were quite poorly done and concerns that we will still have problems in the future. **JL** asked why paths were not swept earlier. **BL** said that the cost the contractor requested an additional £20K to sweep the paths earlier.
- (**BL**) Operations Resilience are also suggesting that parish councils have an emergency contingency plan in case of a natural disaster or pandemic. Whilst we will not get flooded could we work with Oliver Battery to get a plan up and running – the Clerk volunteered.
- m) Notice Board Rep.
- (i) NTR – (**JG**) Hampshire Fire & rescue posters will be added to the Notice Boards.
- n). Newsletter Rep
- (i) **HN** had finished her report and it is with the printers.

1263 Play Areas – to form a sub committee
Meeting on 1st December to be confirmed

1264. Correspondence

1. Wybone acknowledgement of order, we have had the claim agreed and banked; we have managed to get installation costs in the payment.
2. National Westminster Bank - forms for on-line banking
3. Letter re telephone mast and our response – I did offer to recall my response but I was advised to leave it.
4. Various emails trying to get another quotation for tree works.
5. Emails between Clerk & Cllr. Lacey with regard to HALC course.
6. Email Cllr Fancett unable to attend this evening.
7. Copy of the newsletter insert from Cllr. Nicholson for winter 2014.
8. PACT meeting poster
9. Emails between Noelle Bates-Hodgetts, Clerk & Cllr. Lamming re parking problems.
10. Emails between WCC, Clerk re the decision of WCC to refuse under delegated powers the application at 119 Maytree Close.
11. Council Tax reduction – email from WCC
12. Local Plan stage 2 – full copy.

1265. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

		£
001729	Vita Play Ltd (safety Report)	79.80
001730	V A Brooks (salary/Exp)	450.78
001731	WCC dog bins April – June	455.00
001732	WCC dog bins July – September	455.00
Bank Statement reconciled: -	Cfwd	45,207.06
	Income	33,121.72
	Expenditure	18,424.63
	Balance in hand	£59,904.15

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

a) Budget considerations 2015/16

The Clerk requested guidance and after the meeting on December 1st we will be more able to know where we are going.

1266. Councillors Questions.

JL – had attended the training course with **RD** and some of the advice was really good in particular the need to have our redacted interests on our web site. The issue of being filmed or recording council meetings.

It was considered good that we allow a meaningful public participation, the Clerk responded what her other council's do.

Is it possible to get a questionnaire out more often to gauge what residents feel are their priorities?

BL is doing one on the buses using both a paper format and survey monkey, council will be interested to see which has the better response.

FJ asked what is happening with the hospital meetings – it would appear that the government has moved the goal posts and all discussions will take place after the next general election.

Telephone masts – a vibrant discussion took place on the recent correspondence regarding a new mast on the ridge. We await the actual application with interest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed

Date