

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2014

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)

### APOLOGIES:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)  
Cllr Phil Bailey (HCC)  
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)  
PCSO Gavin Cooper  
PC Gareth McGaw

### 1202. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were **AGREED** to be an accurate record and were signed by **JG**.

### 1203. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Police

- (i) There was no report either written or verbal from the police
- (ii) **JL** had attended the recent PACT meeting and a report on matters arising will be passed to **HN** for inclusion in the next newsletter.

#### b) Open Space

- (i) Councillors voiced their concern about the state of many of the footpaths on the estate. Details will be passed to **BL** and **LB** for action with WCC.
- (ii) WCC have recently completed a clean up of the path alongside the Ridgeway.

#### c) Planning

**JG** reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received.
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:  
Honeysuckle Close                      Conservatory to rear
- (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 7 January 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
<b>Central Kickabout</b>			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Monitor /Replace	C
<b>Davis Kickabout</b>			
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) Buses. The 69 service to Fareham currently terminates at Colden Common, due to road works, with a temporary timetable in operation. The 64 service to Alton will be diverted in Alresford from 27 January due to road works
- (ii) Trains. Services to the West Country are being affected by the need for First Great Western to also use the line during tunnel repairs. This will disrupt the timetable considerably. Services to London on 19 January will run via Staines and on 25/26 January and at weekends in February services to Brockenhurst will be replaced by buses.

**JG** reported that:

- (iii) Following the last meeting (Minute 1200 Page 913 refers) **MM** had written to Councillor Hutchinson on 24 December explaining that Badger Farm PC had **AGREED** that they would not join the Winchester Town Forum in subsidising the Night Bus.

f) Communications

Nothing to report

g) Finance

**JG** reported that:

- (i) Income and Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared balance on 31 December 2013 was £51,219.52. There was one un-cleared cheque to the value of £76.80. The bank statements and reconciliation for December 2013 were signed by **JG**.
- (iii) **HN** had now provided the necessary evidence for the bank to add her name to the list of authorised signatures on the Natwest mandate. It is now necessary for **HN** to sign a further form authorised by **MM** (Clerk & RFO) and **JG** (Chairman) certifying that Council had passed a Resolution authorising this change. Council **RESOLVED** that the change should be made and the relevant signatures were added.
- (iv) The precept demand for 2014/15 was forwarded to WCC on 24 December.

Parish total Budget Requirement	£32,500.00
Less Council Tax Support Grant allocation	£ 860.25
Parish Precept requirement	£31,639.75

h) Parish Lengthsman

**JG** reported that:

The Lengthsman was supposed to work on 15, 16 & 17 December but despite the worksheet being transmitted in a timely manner it subsequently transpired that he had changed his email address without informing us and had therefore not received it. The co-ordinator had tried to re-arrange his visit for 6 January but this had proved inconvenient and **MM** had therefore cancelled the winter visit. He will next be in the parish on 24, 25 & 26 March.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

j) Whiteshute Ridge

No report

k) County Council Rep

**PB** was again not present and no written report had been received.

l) City Council Reps

**LB** reported on:

(i) Dog Bins. WCC's review aimed at saving money by collecting dog mess with the regular collection continues. They now want the red dog bins removed. This is unacceptable to the Parish Council on the grounds that:

(a) The bins are owned by the Parish Council not WCC

(b) The bins are sited where they are needed by dog owners – the normal rubbish bins are not.

**LB** undertook to write to WCC seeking resolution of this problem.

(ii) The re-launch of the government's "new boiler" scheme will take place shortly with a flier campaign.

m). Notice Board Rep

NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o) WDALC

NTR

#### **1204. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

#### **1205. Payment of Accounts**

The following payments were approved and signed:

1681	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses (Dec)	£	330.00		-
1682	Vita Play	Play Inspections (Jan)	£	76.80	£	12.80
1683	HM R & C	PAYE (3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter)	£	660.00	£	-

#### **1206. Any other business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2040.

Signed

Date