

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2014

PRESENT: Cllr John Godbold (Chair) Cllr Heather Nicholson Cllr Julie Lacey
 Cllr Fenella Jarvis. Cllr Rhian Dolby Cllr Dean Upton

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

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks
3 members of the public

1240. Apologies.

Were received from Cllr Fletcher, Cllr Mrs. Sanders

1241. To Co-opt Councillors to fill current vacancies.

JG explained that we have two vacancies and three applicants. Two of whom live in the same road. Therefore Council coopted Rhian Dolby proposed **JG** seconded **DU** and agreed. **JG** further asked the other two applicants to write a few lines to the Council as to why they want to become Councillors and what contribution they could make. This will allow used to Co-opt at the October meeting as both applicants are unable to attend in September. This was agreed. **RD** signed the Declaration of acceptance of office as was duly co-opted.

1242. Minutes of the Meeting of June 9th 2014

Were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman **JG**.
The Clerk is instructed to get name plates for the Councillors and to look at a format for id badges.

1243. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

- a) Police
The Clerk had emailed PC McGaw asking for a crime report or a visit this evening to no reply the Clerk is instructed to approach the local inspector and ask him to ensure that we get a report. Cllr Lamming commented that Oliver's Battery is in the same position as us.
- b) Open Space
 - (i) Grass Cutting is again to the fore with clippings not being removed from the main footpath. A local resident has fallen over on the footpath from the Community Centre to Plough Way due to the electricity works breaking up. The Lengthsman did not leave the debris in Swifts Close he was not working in that area. There was some conflict with WCC and Lengthsman cutting the same part so in future we will email Cllr Lamming our schedule. Council gave the Clerk a few areas which will be emailed to the Clerk and agreed with **JG** before being sent. We need a list by 1st September at the latest.

c) Planning

(i) 2 new applications returned:

W23736 Honeysuckle Close
Single storey rear extension No Objection

W23835 11 Plough Way
Conservatory to rear No Objection.

Pitt Vale – 4/500 houses form part of a pre application by the developers and WCC strategic Planners are taking a dim view of it. There was concern over the 200 already granted due to services and traffic. There is an exhibition tomorrow that Councillors are encouraged to attend.

Silverwood Close – enforcement has not been able to gain access but hasn't got in however enforcement is proceeding and it is noted that there is an active business running there as well.

A Section 215 has been served on 46 Harrowdale with an (EMO) to be served on the building. Plus 5, Broadchalk Down will have a section 215 on the garden shortly.

d) Play Equipment

(i) "In-house" fortnightly play equipment inspections are up to date.

(ii) the most recent Vita Play inspection took place on July 1st 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
Central Kick about			
Trim Trail	Two traverse ropes worn to core	Replace	C
Davis Kick about			
Multi Play	Rope on Incline ladder worn	Replace	C
Swings	Wobbly base legs. See note below	Replace asap	C

There is continued movement occurring at ground level to the legs for both the flat and cradle swings. The swings need replacing in the next few months and this will form part of the remit of the Play Equipment Sub-Committee members will be **DU, HN, RD & JG**. The initial meeting will be on 11th August at **JG** house as it overlooks the site.

The ropes will be removed as soon as they become a hazard.

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

e) Transport

The report was received after the Clerk had left her office so it will be forwarded to all Councillors.

f) Communications

(i) Facebook page has a link JL will edit the link. The next newsletter is at the end of August (**HN**) we will add the play area works, DU pointed out a problem with the Wi-Fi at the Community Centre Cllr Lamming will investigate. Each Councillor will get an email on the web page that will point to their personal ip address but they reply from them will have their personal email address not the PC one.

g) Finance

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

001711	HALC Planning Course	72.00
001712	Green Smile Ltd (Whiteshute)	660.00
001713	Vita Play (2 inspections)	76.80
001714	V A Brooks Salary/Exp	448.36
001715	WCC (dog Bins)	455.00
001716	J Godbold (Keys)	28.00

Cfwd 45207.06

Inc 16256.73

Exp 9097.01 Balance £52,366.78

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

h) Parish Lengthsman

(i) The visit is due on September 15th so we need a list by 1st September please email the Clerk. There is some confusion regarding waste disposal the Clerk advised that we can get an HCC waste licence dedicated to each Council and that should allow us to "dump" free of charge. The Clerk will advise Crawley PC. So far we are encouraged by the service and professional approach to the works by the new Lengthsman Rob Cox.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

(i) NTR

j) Whiteshute Ridge

(i) We have had one cut and weed killing done by Green Smile Ltd and the account was presented this evening. They cannot, however do the big cut

so we will ask Scandor to do that or find someone who can. The next cuts will be cheaper as there will be no weed killing, **JG** was happy with the standard.

JG, Cllr Lamming & Sue Brag the replacement Officer for Damien Offer had meet to discuss and further the plans for cattle on the Ridgeway. It will be necessary to part fence the area but maintain full access through gates. Hampshire Wildlife Trust will be involved to assist it will a similar scheme to Twyford down and St Catherine's Hill. The area was a chalk grass land and it is losing the biodiversity that was there it needs bringing back whilst we can still do it.

Local schools will be asked to become involved and it is hoped to add the land by the community centre as well. Its early stages but a Working Party will be set up (**RD, JL, HN, FJ** & Cllr Lamming) and we will ask Sue Brag to attend, this will be established as and when we get dates from WCC on availability of the Officer.

A survey will be made to compare to the last recorded surveys and we will see what needs to be done to restore the Ridge to what it was. Council felt that this was an exciting option to what it is now.

HCC own the bridleway up there so they will also be asked for their input. (Newsletter piece please)

k) County Council Rep – Cllr Bailey

- (i) Had joined the meeting late and asked for feedback on the Lengthsman – positive.
- (ii) Railings by Oliver's Battery? – whilst wanting parents to oversee their children whilst walking an additional 4 to 5 meters would be appreciated and that would not obscure the site lines from the junction (JL) will contact the school for their views.

l) City Council Reps

- (i) Cllr Lamming commented on a new dog warden that will monitor the situation in Badger Farm. The Council discussed dog bins of which we have a few.

The Clerk will get some free stickers for Councillors that want them.

m) Notice Board Rep.

- (i) NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

- (i) **HN** could we add play areas, Whiteshute Ridge and dog poo please.

1244 Play Areas – to form a sub committee

Dealt with above their was some discussion about doing one play area or two and it was decided to do both areas and also try to incorporate some adult equipment. DU had looked at the census figures and felt that whilst we have our own views we should try to

represent all residents. We do not have anything for teenagers and JG commented for older residents either.

1245. Correspondence

1. HALC – Leaflets – passed to Councillors.
2. Email via Cllr Laming regarding Enforcement issue to Silverwood Close case record number is 14/00131/WKS.
3. Complaint with regard to overgrown footpath and Honeysuckle Close – this is a private footpath the responsibility of each householder in that area.
4. Email HALC – update circulated to all Councillors, I have been informed that the course The Knowledge is a two part course so Councillors have to go to both days on Sept17th & again on Oct 1st – can any Councillor make both dates – Rhian booked already.
5. Notice & Digital Key instructions for the Community Hall.
6. Information that our hirer's fees will increase by 5% (Community Centre) from 1st July 2014.
7. Agenda for the Next Community Association Meeting on 23rd July 2014
8. Emailed (Copied to all) on the Pitt Manor Road Development, Romsey Road that will commence on 24th July 2014.
9. Email – resignation by Will Hawthorne – Cllr Godbold responded to thank Will for his work to the parish and the residents association.
10. Email re the way we interview candidates – I have responded.
11. Pensions & gratuity's it would appear that the gratuity offered to me is now illegal.
12. Copy letter to Simon Eden – WCC, re grass cutting to which I have had no reply or acknowledgement.

1246. Councillors Questions.

JL –Will forward to the Clerk a response made re van parking.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:16pm .

Signed

Date