

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2015

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

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

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

1289. Apologies-None

1290. Minutes of the Meeting of 9th February 2015

The amended minutes from January and the minutes from the 9th February were signed by the Chairman (**JG**)

1291. A presentation to Badger Farm Councillors from Winchester City Council Officer re Whiteshute Ridge & open Spaces in the Parish. – Sue Croker – Head of Landscape and Open Spaces.

We were given a brief history and the new proposals for the Ridge with a copy plan (held with these minutes) there was a survey done in 2014 which identified many native wildflowers and also some quite rare birds. It is however under stress and the works that the parish Council have undertaken are not sufficient to keep the land as it should be kept. The first question is if the site can be handed back to the City Council. Then the likely cost of fencing.

The proposal is to have 3 to 5 British White cows and a reduction of the scrubland to 20% of the site.

The parish Council was happy to agree to move forward bearing in mind that we have to have a full public consultation and we would like an open event with a (sample cow) and Winchester City Council to set residents minds at rest with regard to dogs and cows.

Wildflower areas – Sue Croker explained the thought behind the scheme and issued a map of two proposed sites (held with these minutes) Councillors did not approve site 1 it forms part of the play area, the second site will be given consideration. Further negotiation will be given to other sites. It also transpires that the site would look good for approximately 2 weeks so what would it look like the rest of the time. Further thought will be given to the practicality of this scheme. It would only be cut in October annually.
(Grass Cutting Officer for calls and complaints is Keith Cox)

1292. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

- a) Police – No report.
- b) Open Space
Covered in full already

c) Planning

- (i) The 2 applications were: - W224099
14 Stanmore Lane
Single Storey Rear Extension
We do not believe that this application is in our parish.

4, Lowden Close
Single Storey side extension.

The Council is not minded to object to either application.

There have been further complaints with regard to Sainsburys illuminated signs-
(JG) reported

d) Play Equipment

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

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

We are still trying to find someone to clear the algae off the play areas

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

e) Transport

(RD) Circulated a report to all Councillors and she will be attending a meeting on March 26th to monitor bus time tables and any other issues that Council advises her of.

f) Communications

(DU) informed council that the server was out for two days but it is rectified now. Responses from the play area questionnaire have been received and we will use Survey Monkey to quantify the responses from all the residents in due course.

- (g) Parish Lengthsman – Is not due.

(h) Community Centre Lease Compliance.

The centre management are saving for various outlays in the next financial year.

- (i) Whiteshute Ridge.
The general opinion is in favour of the proposed scheme; **(BL)** informed council that there could be additional funds required for up to 5 years. This will be considered at a future meeting
- (j) County Council Report – Cllr Phil Bailey
(PB) uses Shawford Down with his dog and does not have a problem with them. 3 small reports first, the Transport Meeting use the time to grill them on changes to bus timetables they say that they have consulted widely but many parishes do not recall when.
Secondly, Pot holes walk around will be rescheduled could councillors advise on areas of concern. **(FJ)** reported a ridge in the tarmac to by Rooks Down Road. Finally , A useful app for reporting problems is “YourappWinchester” – Noted.
(DU) reported that they had de-commisioned all the electric car charges at the park and ride, but the new two were not live before the others were decommissioned this is rather lie running out of petrol – Noted. The Sainsbury’s chargers are only for Tesslar cars.
- (k) City Council – Brian Laming, Patrick Fancett.
There was an accident at the Ridgeway and it is caused by poor parking of a commercial van. The area is opposite the bus stop and this causes problems for the bus. **(BL)** will be meeting with the transport officer and walking various sites to include Elder Close, Broadchalke Down, Maytree Close and others if advised that there is a problem area.

Grass cutting Contractor –there will be walk around between 1 – 4pm on either 17/18 March or the 25th March. **(JL) & (HN)** will be able to attend on March 25th.

There was a dog mauled to death by a “staffie” type dog recently whilst someone was interviewed they were not charged and has an alibi. This will be put on the Web Page and Facebook page to warn residents to be aware of a black and tan dog off lead with a young man.

(PF) Maytree Garage Block, has some structural problems there is to be a public meeting and hopefully pressure put on the owners to improve the area.

(BL) Boundary review – please comment on the proposals as we are going to find ourselves in with Stanmore whilst Oliver’s Battery move towards Hursley and Otterbourne. The Clerk will circulate the web page link for comments both as individuals and Council.
- (l) Notice Board rep – all is going well.
- m). Newsletter Rep
Jan Dawkins is happy with the responses on the play area questionnaire.

1293. Correspondence

1. HALC – protocol for public and press reporting Council Meetings – suggest we add this to our standing orders.
2. Winchester City Council – How to report a person rough sleeping.
3. Action Hampshire – booklet on providing affordable housing.
4. HALC – e-update circulated previously

1294. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

Accounts to be paid as Listed

	£	
001744	Greensmile Ltd (Whiteshute paths)	150.00
001745	Inland Revenue (3 months Tax)	286.80
001746	M3Signs (no parking Elder Close)	30.00
001747	Biffa Waste Services (bins)	763.77
001748	Vita Play Ltd (Safety Checks)	76.80
001749	V A Brooks Salary/Exp	450.98
	Total	1,758.35

Statement: - Cfwd	£45,207.06		
Income	£33,559.66		
Expenditure	£24,955.28	Balance	£53,811.44
Less Cheques listed above			£1,758.35
Cash in hand			£52,053.09

a) Section 137 Applications.

- (i) Badger Farm Community Centre would like a grant towards the Community Newsletter that is supplied free to every resident.

Proposed £450.00 be granted towards the Community Newsletter proposed **(JG)** Seconded **(MP)** and agreed unanimously.
Cheque 001750 issued.

- (ii) Winchester Youth Counselling requested grant assistance they do service this area and council are pleased to assist.

Proposed £100.00 be granted towards the youth counselling service proposed **(JG)** seconded **(RD)** and agreed unanimously Cheque 001751 issued.

1295. Councillors Questions.

(JL) PACT meeting will be held on 23rd March.

(HN) will arrange a play group meeting when the deadline for responses is over.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:45pm

Signed

Date