

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th April 2015

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

Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
Cllr Patrick Fancett (WCC)
1 member of the public

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

1296. Apologies- Cllr Lacey & Cllr Bailey - HCC

1297. Minutes of the Meeting of 9th March 2015
The minutes were signed by the Chairman (**JG**)

1298. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police – No report.

b) Open Space

Contractors cutting the grass appear to have made a better cut than last year (so far) however they are still not coordinating cuts.

The Clerk had spoken to the resident in Harrow Down regarding an overhanging tree, the tree may be in his property and the Clerk will advise him to check his deeds before progressing with this query.

There are still brambles near the entrance to Wheatland Close this will be taken up with the contractors. Plus why do they not spread chippings as mulch? Instead of leaving them in a heap (Larkhill Rise)

c) Planning

(i) The 2 applications were: - W06837/01 4 Rooksdown Road
Demolish conservatory and replace with a single storey extension.

56, Lowden Close
Extension

The council was not minded to object to these applications.

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

No changes from last month we have had an algae wash done.

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

- e) Transport
(RD) Concessionary bus passes will not begin until after 9:30am, noted.
The last bus from The Brooks (Wednesday) left 8 minutes early and (RD) will complain it's bad enough having a last bus 7:40pm without it leaving without passengers.
There will a residents association bus survey in the next Community Newsletter (BL) informed council.
- f) Communications
(DU) complimented The Community Centre on its new web page.
- (g) Parish Lengthsman – Is not due until June 22nd.
- (h) Community Centre Lease Compliance.
There are no problems to note there is a small leak in the club room but that is coming through the ventilation system. We have had new LED lighting in the foyer.
Security will be tightened as we did find a drunk in the toilet for the disabled.
- (i) Whiteshute Ridge.
There is a broken bench up the ridge the Clerk will either get it repaired or seek a cost for a replacement. (JG) raised a query re the ownership of equipment in the ridge if it is ever transferred back to the City Council. (BL) reported that legally it would appear that the land will be able to return to the City Council.
- (j) County Council Report – No report.
The Councillors did discuss further the issues that may be raised by the Boundary Review we do not wish to be put in with Stanmore which is not parished.
- (k) City Council – Brian Laming, Patrick Fancett.
Silver Hill is rattling on and the Council discussed the sad state of affairs in regard to the application and proposed development, parking issues will still need to be addressed there and (BL) will send Council the name of an officer to write to with regard to the parking issues in Winchester.
- (l) Notice Board rep – The audit notice will be posted shortly.

- m). Newsletter Rep – (HN)
 The newsletter will contain an editorial with regard to proposals at Whiteshute Ridge, items on dog poo, parking, park and ride and ask if parishioners have any issues that they wish Council to consider in the next financial year.

1299. Playground Survey – feedback from the results, date of the next meeting.

The final numbers have yet to be collated and put into the survey monkey; the meeting will be at (JG) Larkhill Rise on the 21st April.

1300 Highway Lighting – comments to HCC

The county propose to further reduce the lighting from 25%, 50%, 25% (dimming) to 35%, 60%, and 35% and in some areas switch of lighting at midnight.

At a recent meeting a proposal for keeping the status quo was not considered. The Clerk is to write to HCC deploring the reductions proposed with a request that we remain as we are. Whilst we appreciate cuts need to be made, we feel that the County over the last 6 years have not increased their base line of council tax and perhaps they should have done to maintain services. Especially in a built up area that has many elderly residents that do not like to venture out if the lighting service is reduced. Sainsbury's work on 24 hour shifts and residents employed there may have to walk home in the pitch black, there are safety implications that we wish the County to consider.

1301. Correspondence

1. HALC e-update circulated 2/4/15
2. Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents Association – thank you letter for the grant.
3. Vita Play 2 safety checks as per last month.
4. Winchester Youth Counselling – thank you letter for the donation.
5. Email re draft boundary response from Oliver's Batter – Cllr Bailey sent a link.
6. Biffa Waste Transfer notices returned 17/3/15
7. Copy of Oliver's Battery primary school newsletter re playground survey.

1302. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

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a)	Accounts to be paid as Listed	
001750	BFCC/Community Newsletter	450.00
001751	Winchester Youth Counselling	100.00
		(issued last month)
2015/16 Financial Year		£
001752	Vita Play Ltd Safety Check	76.80
001753	WCC/Dog bins	910.00
001754	HALC/Subscription & Course	607.00
001755	Littleton Landscapes algae clear	25.00
001766	V A Brooks salary/Expenses	452.59
Carry forward 2014/15		£51,484.10
Cheques issued above		£ 2,0711.39 Cash in hand £49,332.71

1302. Councillors Questions.

(JG) Is it possible to have speed limits painted on the roads? (BL) will ask WCC highways.

(DU) reported an assault as Ashbarn Close, no further details are known, if the Clerk does not get a report next month she is instructed to again ask the Police Commissioner to intervene.

Elder Close - parking bay white lining is taking place and (JG) will install the sign shortly.

There being no further business the meeting close at 8:42pm.

Signed

Date