

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2015

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

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

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

1275. Apologies.

Julie Lacey

1276. Minutes of the Meeting of 9th December 2014

Were agreed as a true record a few spelling amendments were made and signed by the Chairman (**JG.**)

1277 Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report – The Clerk has written and is asked to contact Simon Haynes for assistance.

b) Open Space

(i) The branch has been removed from the bottom of Swift Close.

ii) (BL) had a long meeting with the contractors and we are hoping that there will be an improvement in the services in 2015. There will be 2 scheduled walkabouts at 6 monthly intervals of the estate and this is hopefully to identify problem areas and improve the service. The school access routes will be swept and leaf buds will be picked up.

There is a possibility of areas being identified for ecological [planting of native wildflowers, the Council is asked to arrange a date in March that we can meet with the contractors and Winchester City Council to identify sites. Council will set a date but trust that this will not be the “thin end of the wedge” which means the areas will become unkempt and the contractor uses the wildflower planting to further excuse poor performance.

lii) Ivy Close a new rowan hedge will be planted in the spring.

(MP) Suggested that we also have posters put up to inform residents what we are doing, if, we do agree to leave areas for native wildlife planting; this was supported as a good idea.

(FJ) asked a question with regard to a house with untidy scaffolding and electric cars parked on its driveway; she was advised that this is not a problem that we can solve or the City Council.

c) Planning

- (i) The 2 last applications: - W23987 9, Silverwood Close
Single storey rear extension, 1st floor extension over the garage. PERMITTED.
- : - 11 Ashbarn Crescent
Remove hedge and install fence.

We note that the application for the mast was rejected by the City Council.

d) Play Equipment

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

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

The report has not changed this month.

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

e) Transport

(RD) Has been in touch with Rachel Webb (HCC) she will forward invitations to the Winchester Passenger Forum to (RD)

Email contact has been made to South West Trains, Solent Blue Line and Stagecoach a slight technical hitch has prevented full contact but this will be resolved. The link for the new time tables is:-

http://ww.stagecoachbus.com/changes.aspx?utm_source=scweb&utm_medium+service+update&utm_campaign=hccchanges&utm_term=undef&utm_content=none#winchestera rea

There was a discussion on the other services and a general feeling that the consultation was sketchy and it would have been helpful if it had been on specific services.

f) Communications

(DU) will send out an email to each councillor with their address.

He will assist (RD) with the problem specified above.

- (g) Parish Lengthsman – the Clerk will issue each Councillor with a map so that we can identify areas of works to send to the Lengthsman who is not conversant with the estate yet. (BL) will send the Clerk a new map. We continue to be very pleased with the standard of work. (HN) will act as a contact should (JG) be unable to do so – Noted.

- (h) Community Centre Lease Compliance.
(BL) we have a quotation in for £7-£10,000 for roof works but another quotation will be sought. Discussion took place on the rental fees charged and the contingency amount that the Centre needs. HCC (PB) has supported a grant application for works on the toilet for the disabled. The rental increases are done in June annually.

- (i) Whiteshute Ridge – Picnic bench is in situ but it has been scratched already.

(BL) has a meeting scheduled in February with Hampshire Wildlife and the City Council Officers regarding the transfer of the Ridge back to the City Council, they are still waiting for their legal department to advise the ramification of this. We need to see what could be possible for the Ridge before any decisions are taken.

There is concern at the amount of dog mess in the area and the Newsletter will remind residents and visitors of the legal requirements to clear up dog mess. We will seek costs for additional legal signage.

We further understand that dog bins may be bar coded to ensure that they are emptied regularly.

- (j) County Council Report.
(PB) Re the police attendance some parishes are better served than others and we are not alone in wanting more information.

There is still a vacancy for a lollipop person for the Badger Farm roundabout it does need to be better advertised.

Adverse weather conditions – there is a web site where you can check where the gritting lorry is as it is fitted with GPS a link will be supplied.

(PB) will walk parts of the estate with a HCC Highways Officer would Councillors email him with areas of concern. This will include white lines but he has been advised that all the budgets have been spent for the 2014/15 financial year.

Buses, (PB) agreed that the consultation was poor it should have been parish bus service specific and he will check with Peter Shelly (HCC) as to what literature was sent to whom.

(BL) left the meeting.

- (k) City Council – already noted

- (l) Notice Board rep – all is going well.

m). Newsletter Rep

- (i) Items will be Dog poo on the Ridge, Play Equipment Questionnaire, and Wildflowers? Path Maintenance in particular what the Lengthsman is and what he does Busses and the web site address reminder.

1278. Play Areas – Meeting of the 5th January 2015

Minutes have been circulated and questions generated there will be a meeting on the 26th January at (JG) house to discuss the final questions that will be sent out in the Community News. The Clerk gave her apologies she will be away – Noted.

1279. Correspondence

Correspondence list

1. Nat West – I have online access.
2. Emails between Clerk & Cllr Fletcher re precept calculations.
3. Winchester Community Partnership – neighborhood Services Officer Rebecca Hallet – A5 hand out –passed to (JG) for Notice Boards.
4. Email between Clerk & insurance company taking the Street furniture (picnic bench wooden) off and adding the new metal one on. We will get a £2.95 amount off next year.
5. Notification of the cross country race from Whiteshute Ridge on the 11th.
6. Copy application for the precept. - The Band D will be £37.05 per house per annum.
7. Notification of the abolition of the PWLB it will be replaced to another body.
8. Email between Clerk re proposals for Whiteshute Ridge – copied to Chairman before reply.
9. HALC – e-update circulated previously.
10. Email from resident in Lowden Close re residents leaving their litter bin out, whilst we appreciate the problem this city council does not have a fine system. But we do sympathies as this happens in other areas of the estate.

1280. Finance/Accounts to be paid as Listed.

Accounts to be paid as Listed

		£
001737	Vita Play (install the picnic bench)	150.00
001738	V Brooks Salary/Exp	453.96
001739	Vita Play safety check	76.80
001740	Vita Play safety check (Jan)	76.80
Carry forward	£45,207.06	
Income	£33555.10	
Expenditure	£20792.12	Balance:- £57,970.04

This amount is after we have paid the accounts above.

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

1281. Councillors Questions.

(JG) parking signs? (DU) the wording that is mostly used is: - No Parking by order of Badger Farm Parish Council black on white. This was agreed noting that it is also clear that Parish Council's do not have any parking "powers" the Clerk will arrange 1 A3 sign that (JG) will erect.

(JG) ID cards – photographs will be taken at the next full council and the ID cards will carry a picture, logo and name only.

(DU) discussed Twitter and Facebook best practice to direct users to a static site.

(SF) advised that a waste bin had been set on fire at the Central Play Area WCC have been advised.

It has been noted that contacts and the dates of meetings is on the site but minutes are in the wrong place – Noted.

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

Signed

Date