

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th December 2015

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

Clerk: - Vivienne A Brooks

WCC – Brian Laming, Patrick Fancett, Phil Bailey

1348. Apologies- None

1350. Play Equipment Safety Checks

Badger Farm Preschool attended to complain about the poor standard of the play areas. They had returned the questionnaire but it has not been published. They now understand that only Davis play area is to be renewed and they want both done. Oliver's Battery Parish Council took a loan to put in a new playarea loan why can't we? The recent email written to a resident from the Clerk stating that the only way we can get funds are through the rates was considered to be threat.

Council explained that the only funding we can get is through the rates if we were to get a loan that would be paid through the rates as well. The questionnaire will be on the website and we are proceeding with Davis playarea in 2016/17 Financial year. We will debate the issue of a loan and we totally agree that Central is poor. The preschool, also brought to our attention possible dangerous equipment (JG) will take photographs for the Clerk tomorrow and she will arrange to have all broken equipment removed. They left the meeting.

We are disappointed that none of the safety issues raised have been picked up o inspection and we have not had Decembers check in yet. If the equipment is faulty it will be removed but not replaced.

The questionnaire was in favor of the Davis play area being replaced first and this is the Council's priority. A tender document will be prepared in January.

1349. Minutes of the Meeting of November 9th 2015

The minutes were signed by the Chairman (**JG**)

1343. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

Reports have been circulated regularly by Sandy Vining.

b). Open Spaces

The grass cutting is a little odd but the grass is often very wet. Paths still need sweeping but as paths are a County responsibility it is unlikely to get them done quickly. We note two new bollards on the entrance to the ridge from Ivy Close. The order will be given for two forsythia bushes with stakes to go on the land that resident appears to feel is his car park.

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- c) Planning
 W24360 CTIL Ltd & Vodaphone
 Replacement mast with a higher one and other ancillary works.
 After a lengthy discussion this council voted in favour of the replacement when the application comes to council in the New Year.

W24272/02
 28 Maytree Close, side and rear extension.
 Cllr Jarvis will try to contact the neighbour shortly but it does not look as if an objection will be required.

11, Rooksdown Road – enforcement should serve notice this week for the roof extensions removal.

The recent feedback on the leaflet we issued on no permitted development on Badger Farm seems to have been welcomed.

- d) Play Equipment

Equip	Defect	Action	Risk
Central Kick about			
No report this month			
Davis Kick about			
No report this month			

- e) Transport
 A report was circulated and will be put on the web site.
- f) Communications
 No report.
- (g) Parish Lengthsman – due next on March 14th a list will be compiled with maps on the webpage. The current situation is not a good way of using this service.
- (h) Community Center Lease Compliance
 (BL) Nothing really to report there may be an additional stream of funding available for the roofs solar panels so the schemes demise was premature last month.
- i) Whiteshute Ridge.
 (JG) had looked at the grass left on site and felt that it was not a significant problem. We do note some path trimming was taking place but the Clerk was unaware of by whom. We also note that the trampoline should be removed shortly.
- (j) County Council Report
 Move to later on the agenda.
- (k) City Council Report – Patrick Fancett

Park & ride will open after Christmas. The bus service is currently very poor and (PF) has written to complain.

(l) Notice Board rep – (JG)
Nothing to report

(m) Newsletter Rep – (JG)
Nothing to report.

(j) County Council Report – Cllr Bailey
Distributed Street Reach leaflets that advise of football and other activities available at Henry Beaufort for local children at a nominal cost (£1) plus free pizza and meetings on drug abuse.
These will be put on our notice boards by (JG)

(FJ) complained about the appalling bus service and that any recent surfacing work cracks in the middle it really is poor. It recently took 50 minutes to get from Badger Farm to town. (PB) Highways are monitoring the situation but when Winchester Village went to planning the roads were considered adequate.

Councillors are encouraged to write to the Head of Planning at WCC in the light of the Pitt Vale application due after Christmas.

1351. To set the 2016/17 Precept requirement.

Both the Clerk and (SF) had circulated budgets and the council was pleased to accept a precept requirement of £41,969.83 minus the WCC grant will equate to a 10% increase on current figures. This was agreed unanimously.

1352. Correspondence.

Correspondence list

1. HALC – introduction of a sector –LED body for external audit
2. Confidential – list of enforcements action –pass to Cllr Jarvis
3. Pre tender letter to suppliers of play equipment, after precept is sent a full document can go out in January.
4. HALC – review of Local Council tax support scheme.
5. HALC – CIL – does not really apply in Badger Farm
6. Letters re Police Scams – from PC Simon Wright
7. Letter to Mr Tellett re trampoline, his wife informs us he is working away it will be removed in due course but it will be turned upside down so no one can use it in the meantime.
8. Site meeting Clerk & SSE re tree trimming adjacent to field to clear power lines in 2016
9. Emails Sandy Vining re Neighborhood Watch

10. Copy letter to NALC from HALC re affiliation levy having been increased.
11. Local Government Boundary Commission – copies available from Clerk
12. WCC Public Notice Re Local Plan Part 2.
13. Sandy Vining – Chief Constables Response to Budget Announcement basically no cuts this year.
14. Emails between Clerk & Cllr Fletcher re budget recommendations.

1353. Finance Report.

a) That the Accounts be paid as listed.

		£	
001782	V Brooks Salary/Exp		454.14
001783	Vita Play Ltd		76.80
Balances	Carry Forward	51484.10	
	Income	37453.23	
	Expenditure	15181.48	
			Balance £ 73,755.85 statement 274

Includes both cheques above.

The accounts were agreed and the cheques signed.

1354. Councillors Questions.

Letter to go to the Preschool lady thanking her for her support – the Clerk will ask the Centres manager for a name and address.

The Next meeting will be on January 11th 2015

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed

Date