



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 9th April, 2018.

Members Present: Cllr. Mrs. Rhian Dolby - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. Julie Lacey – Vice Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Godbold
Cllr. Skinner

In Attendance: Mrs. C. Howe - Parish Clerk
Cllr. Laming (W.C.C.)
Cllr. Mrs. Warwick (W.C.C. & H.C.C.) joined the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

ACTION

29/18 To accept apologies

Cllr. Parsons, Cllr. Mrs. Heather Nicholson, Cllr. Mrs. Bell, (W.C.C.)

30/18 Declarations of Interests

None.

31/18 To approve and sign the Minutes of Meeting held on 19th March, 2018

Resolved: Minutes were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

32/18 Matters arising (urgent items not on the Agenda)

None.

33/18 Clerk’s Report

- Maintenance quote has been received from FLP.
- Ledon have been contacted regarding the multi play unit they manufactured and potential danger of entrapment of head/fingers which was highlighted in the Annual Playground Inspection Report.

34/18 To discuss monthly playground inspections and maintenance of playgrounds

Signs for the Playgrounds were discussed and the quotes received were reviewed. Council voted unanimously to accept VitaPlay’s quote for £520.20 (for 2 signs and posts) with the proviso that adding one more sign would increase the sum by another £260.10, bringing the total cost to £780.30p. Clerk to inform Vita Play their bid was successful.

CH

Council considered the playground maintenance being undertaken by a company other than Vita Play (who installed the equipment) as Vita Play did not highlight areas of concern in the playgrounds during their monthly inspections. Cllr. Godbold thought it might invalidate the guarantee of the equipment if another company did the maintenance. Clerk to establish validity.

CH

Clerk to arrange a site inspection of the Playgrounds with Vita Play, Cllr. Skinner and Cllr. Dolby.

CH

Cllr. Dolby to arrange for the locking/unlocking of the cable zip wire whilst she is on holiday.

RD

Weekly/monthly inspections to be placed onto the June agenda.

CH

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35/18 To receive Reports from H.C.C. and W.C.C. Members

W.C.C.

Circulated to members

H.C.C.

Circulated to members

36/18 To receive Member's reports

a. Planning –

18/00555/FUL Sainsburys – Change of use of 10 car parking spaces to car wash

Council object to the application on grounds of: migration of parking onto the estate, light pollution, noise pollution. If the planning officer is minded to approve this application then BFPC would like it to be referred to the Planning Committee.

18/00556/AVC Sainsburys – Advertising Car Wash

Council object to the application on grounds of: migration of parking onto the estate, light pollution, noise pollution. If the planning officer is minded to approve this application then BFPC would like it to be referred to the Planning Committee.

18/00406/HOU - 7 Ashbarn Crescent - Shed

A possible breach of planning regs. was discussed and Cllr. Laming asked to investigate.

BL

18/00648/HOU - 14 May Tree Close Single – Single storey rear extension

Clerk to ask W.C.C., for an extension of the date for comments from BFPC until 15th May, 2018 the day after the May meeting.

CH

b. Community Centre Lease compliance

Nothing to report.

c. Open spaces

Orange crosses have been painted onto trees by W.C.C., which are diseased and will be felled in due course.

d. Play equipment

See 34/18

e. Transport

Nothing to report.

f. Communications

The new website is operational though not yet finished. Clerk asked councillors to send any photographs which are suitable for the website on.

Social Media Policy template to be sent to the Clerk and Cllr. Lacey to ensure BFPC are compliant.

JG

P.O. Box – both the Chairman and the Clerk tried to open a P.O. Box. It was unsuccessful for two reasons, BFPC do not have a credit card. Secondly, the Clerk sent 3 forms of identity which the Post Office requested, they were not accepted and no reason was given. The cost of a P.O. Box would have cost in the region of £275 per annum. The amount of post averages out to 12 letters per year. The Clerk subsequently negotiated with the Community Centre to use their address as a c/o postal address with the proviso that stamped addressed envelopes were provided. This is working well.

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- g. Parish Lengthsman
Cllr. Lacey has two contacts which could potentially be used in the Parish as a handyman and will pass on the details to the Clerk. JL
 - h. Whiteshute Ridge
Mr. Colin Dean along with his trusty Labrador, received his award from the Mayor for services to the community. Photographs of the event will be sent to the Clerk for inclusion on the Website and Facebook. JL/JG/CH
Shingle is to be placed around the entrance/gate areas to mitigate the problem which the build up of mud is causing.
 - i. Notice board
The notice board in Meadow Way does not seem to be secure. Cllr. Godbold to investigate. JG
 - j. Newsletter rep
An article is to be written and placed in the quarterly newsletter on the subject of overgrown boundary hedges and the problems they could cause. It is hoped that this will encourage residents to keep their hedges trimmed. The name of a contractor will be supplied to any resident who is unsure, too elderly or too ill to arrange it for themselves. RD
Cllr. Laming to place an article in the quarterly newsletter explaining the benefits and reasoning behind placing British White cattle on Whiteshute Ridge. This may allay some of the fears which residents have regarding Whiteshute Ridge. BL
 - k. Police
Nothing to report.
- 37/18 **To discuss request for donation of £500 towards the night bus.**
Resolved: To grant a donation of £500 towards the night bus. Cllr. Godbold proposed and Cllr. Dolby seconded. Clerk to inform Cllr. Avery. CH

ACTION

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- 38/18 a) **To agree and sign the cheques for March payments.**
Resolved: Payments for March '18 were agreed and were signed.

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR MARCH '18			
Chq.No.	Name	Supplied	Amount
24	W.C.C.	Surrender payment (Wtshute)	3000.00
25	B.F.C.C.	Room Hire	23.13
26	Vita Play	Playground inspection	84.00
27	Mrs. C. Howe	March salary	632.47
28	3 Network	Mobile phone	10.20
29	H.M.R.C.	PAYE	158.00
30	W.C.C.	Annual Playground Inspection	89.90
TOTAL			£3,997.70

- b) **To agree the monthly bank balance with the bank statement.**
Resolved: Monthly bank balance and statement agreed and signed by chairman.
- c) **To discuss and approve quarterly budget report.**
 Quarterly budget report approved.
- d) **To note the Pay scale for the Clerk of BFPC**
 Scp. 26 (£12.161 p.h.) for the Proper Officer is noted and approved.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman thanked the members of the public and Council and closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

The date and location of the next meeting -
Monday 14th May, 2018, Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.