



BADGER FARM
Parish  Council

Minutes of the virtual monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 June 2020 at 7.30pm

Members Present: Cllr Mrs Rhian Dolby – Chairman
Cllr Mrs Julie Lacey - Vice chairman
Cllr Miss Sarah McColl
Cllr John Godbold
Cllr Mrs Fenella Jarvis
Cllr John Parsons

In Attendance: Mrs Howe, Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

By invitation: Cllr Warwick (HCC) Cllrs Bell and Laming (WCC)

98/20 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Harvey Skinner (another appointment) and Cllr Hannah Williams (unwell).

99/20 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Godbold declared an interest in 31 Larkhill Rise but it was not discussed.

100/20 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2020

Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting by Council with an amendment to 91/20 No objection to be substituted with no comments made as it was brought to the attention of council but not discussed.

They will be signed by the Chairman at the commencement of the next meeting when all members of Council are physically present.

101/20 Public participation - the public were invited to put any questions to Council pertaining to this agenda or the parish

No questions were received.

102/20 Chairman's report

The Chairman had a meeting with Cllrs Lacey and McColl last week to discuss the wildflower project that Cllr McColl initiated.

A resident emailed BFPC questioning why WCC chose Sainsbury roundabout to attract wildlife and plant wildflowers given the problem wildlife would have negotiating the traffic to access the roundabout. Cllr Laming replied that WCC asked BFPC for their preferred locations but BFPC did not respond. The Chairman asked Cllr Laming when this was put to BFPC but he did not remember exactly when he asked BFPC, just that it was last year sometime. Only one cllr recalls this being mentioned and cited the back of Stanmore School. BFPC did not receive any formal request from WCC on this matter.

Signed by Chairman.....

Date: 8 June 2020

On the advice of Ivan Gurdler, WCC Tree Officer, the Chairman has cut back branches of WCC trees overhanging her property and deposited the branches back on WCC land for them to collect. This was several weeks ago, and the branches are still there. As they had not been collected, Cllr Laming offered to arrange for this to be done.

103/20 To receive report from HCC Member Cllr Jan Warwick

The monthly report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Cllr Warwick reported that the Government was providing extra funding to enable more walking and cycling routes to be established. Her suggestion was for a dedicated cycle way along Badger Farm Road from the Sainsbury roundabout to the St Cross roundabout and to combine it with a dedicated footpath.

Cllr Warwick was very pleased with the feedback she had received about this initiative and would welcome further suggestions on possible additional routes.

Cllr Warwick also reported that the first week of re-cycling centres opening had been extremely busy so a booking system was to be put in place and assured council this would not be the first step to HCC charging for the service. They had no intention of bringing in charges as it could lead to more illegal fly-tipping and secondly, there was no legislation to set charges in place.

104/20 To receive report from WCC Members Cllrs Bell, Williams and Laming

WCC member's report was circulation to council prior to the meeting.

Cllr Bell reported that new initiatives on tree planting were to be publicised in the near future and there would be forums held on the environment, the improvements to the Central Winchester area and the leisure centre which is scheduled to re-open in the spring of 2021.

Cllr Laming reported that a tenant has been moved into 46 Harrow Down and that there is also a forum on the Winchester Depot site.

105/20 To receive reports from Members

Cllrs Godbold and McColl have put some of BFPC's assets onto a layer on the parish online map and will continue to map the remaining assets.

106/20 Clerk's report

- 1 The room hire rates for the community centre are increasing by 3%.
- 2 I have requested all bins on Badger Farm to be changed to green dual-purpose bins, this has been agreed and we will no longer be charged for emptying them. I am investigating whether we can claim a refund from WCC for overcharging BFPC for dog bin emptying.

107/20 To consider planning applications received from WCC

Application no 20/00808 - 12 Ashbarn Crescent, SO22 4LW

2 storey front extension to allow front lobby and extend craft room on 1st floor.

Comment: No objection to be entered on WCC planning page.

108/20 To discuss Badger Farm Parish Council playgrounds

Cllr Jarvis reported that some weeds had sprung up again on the playground surfaces since the area was sprayed with weed killer. Although some cllrs were willing to clear away the debris which resulted from the weed control spraying, the Chairman thought it would be better to employ a contractor to do the work and asked the Clerk to arrange a handyman to complete the task.

Clerk to arrange a handyman to clear the playgrounds.

109/20 To discuss Badger Farm estates management

Cllr Lacey requested that any area needing attention be reported to her so that she can schedule future work.

110/20 To discuss any Highways and Transport issues

Nothing to report.

111/20 To approve and adopt the Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan was deferred until the July meeting as not all the cllrs had seen the finished plan.

112/20 To agree a proposal for trial areas for wildflowers

A meeting of the environment working party (Cllrs Dolby, Lacey and McColl) was held on 4 June to discuss the wildflower project Cllr McColl has initiated.

Cllr McColl has proposed a three-phase plan to introduce the wildflower project to Badger Farm. This project is a part of the overall plan to look at improving the ecology and environment for the residents.

The first phase is a meeting of the environment working party on 15 June with 6 key residents who have displayed an interest in the wildflowers on Badger Farm.

Possible locations for preserving and encouraging wildflowers on the estate will be discussed and identified. The locations of some of the wildflowers have already been plotted on a layer on the parish online map.

The second phase will be to seek the advice of the Environment and Ecology team in WCC and invite them to a meeting which is anticipated will be held in July.

The third step after assembling all the information is to consult the opinion of the residents by holding a meeting, possibly in October. In order to reach as many residents as possible to gain their opinions the meeting will be posted on FB, the website, notice boards and, depending on their agreement, in Sainsbury's.

BFPC anticipate the project will be completed for Spring 2021.

Cllr Laming was concerned that BFPC look at all the implications and is concerned at the cost and the deficit that WCC now have.

113/20 Finance

- 1 To approve the payments for May 2020
Council approved the payments for May.

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL				
Payments for MAY 2020				
Date Paid	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Gross
08/06/2020	Mrs C Howe	May Salary + exp	26648293	780.33
08/06/2020	HMRC	PAYE	817547051	66.00
08/06/2020	HMRC	NI	842851804	14.61
08/06/2020	HCC	Pension	667397076	187.68
08/06/2020	3 G	Mobile phone	D/D	10.46
08/06/2020	TLC	Website maint	474428064	30.00
08/06/2020	Prem Gdns	Green waste	294521820	65.00
08/06/2020	AVA	Playground repairs	166903346	1,790.40
08/06/2020	BHIB	Insurance		856.20
08/06/2020	CCPC	Lengthsman	526224012	56.00
08/06/2020	H.A.L.C.	Subscription	576027898	615.76
TOTAL				£ 4,472.44

- 2 To agree the monthly bank balances with the bank reconciliation
The Chairman and Cllr Godbold verified the May 2020 bank statement and reconciliation agreed at £116,708.41

114/20 Items for inclusion on the July 2020 agenda

- 1 To approve and adopt the emergency plan.
- 2 To receive an update on the wildflower project.
- 3 To discuss the purchase of a projector for use with parish online maps.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the virtual meeting and closed it at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: 13 July 2020. Time and venue to be advised due to lockdown restrictions. Council anticipate virtual meetings (using Zoom) will need to be conducted for the next few months.

The meeting ID number and password is on BFPC's website www.badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk and Facebook page www.facebook.com/badgerfarmpc

Signed by Chairman.....

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