



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room at the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr Julie Lacey – Chairman,  
Cllr Ali Cochrane, Cllr John Godbold,  
Cllr Fenella Jarvis, Cllr Jackie Johnston

By invitation: Cllr Jan Warwick, Cllrs Laming and Williams (WCC)  
Ms. Coral Rogers and Ms. Zoe Keeble (WCC)

**Public question time - the public are invited to speak for 3 mins each on a topic relevant to this parish or agenda – total time allowed is 15 mins.**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.  
10 members of the public attended the meeting.

- 25/21 To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
Cllr McColl on holiday, Cllr Warwick on holiday, Cllr Barlass on holiday, Cllr Dolby self-isolating
- 26/21 Declaration of Interests - To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**  
None declared.
- 27/21 Minutes - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**  
BFPC agreed the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 were a true record of the meeting.

### Item 43/21 grass cutting on Badger Farm.

Residents are displeased with the new grass cutting schedule on Badger Farm (BF). The 'No Mow May' is part of a pilot scheme to encourage and increase biodiversity which WCC take very seriously. BF were one of two parishes chosen as they have a successful wildflower project in place. WCC were present to answer the many questions from residents regarding the new grass cutting schedule, some residents were against and some were in favour. WCC agreed the new schedule was not communicated to the residents before it started and apologised. They agreed to communicate better in the future. WCC told the residents that errors had occurred in the cutting schedule and the grass left to grow longer than was intended. This was due to contractor misunderstanding and the inclement weather. A public meeting will be arranged when WCC had something to report back to the residents.

**28/21 Chairman's report**  
The Chairman attended a Chairman's skills course and found it informative and interesting. The Chairman will be attending other Parish Council's meetings in the future.

**29/21 To receive the monthly report from HCC Member, Cllr Jan Warwick**  
The report was circulated prior to meeting.

**30/21 To receive the monthly report from WCC Members**  
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**31/21 Finance**

- To approve the payments for running the parish during May & June, 2021**  
Council approved the payments for May & June, 2021 at £6,050.99
- To agree the monthly bank statement for May/June with the bank reconciliation**  
The Chairman verified the June, 2021 bank statement reconciled at £ 113,320.04

**32/21 To receive the Clerk's report**

- There were 19 bidders for Lot 23 – land at Badger Farm. The winning bid was £110,000. We do not yet know who the new owner is as the land has not yet been registered.
- The Community Centre has increased the fee for hiring the room to £30.00 this is a 26% increase.
- Council received a complaint from a resident about refuse bins being left permanently on the pavements after they have been emptied by refuse collectors. I wrote asking the residents

responsible to return their bins to their gardens after being emptied. One resident has replied, they returned their bin to their garden on return from work.

4. As the Samsung tablets are proving difficult, I wrote to Currys requesting they exchange them for iPads. Unfortunately, they have refused but I will keep trying.
5. As we are returning to face to face meetings, I have circulated to all councillors a Return to meetings Risk Assessment. This is to follow government guidelines and to protect Council in the unlikely event of someone contracting Covid as a result of attending a Council meeting then holding BFPC responsible and possible financial resolution.

**33/21 To receive reports from members who attended outside meetings**

Cllrs Barlass and Cochrane attended a 'Carbon Footprint' virtual meeting.

The slides were distributed to the Councillors.

Voluntary surveys were completed by PCs and a Carbon Footprint Report produced for each parish. These reports while tailored to the Parishes are dependent upon the national statistics which inform them and can't give the fine grade information of our exact consumption/output. Air quality for us sandwiched between the M3, Railway line and a main access route into Winchester is a concern and may warrant investigation of a mentioned system of air monitoring (est. cost £200) which another attendee at the Seminar mentioned. This information may be of limited use as we have little means of control over the air quality and WCC already have their own monitoring project underway.

A sustainability fair maybe an option to organise for later in the year and this is being investigated.

**34/21 To consider planning applications received from WCC**

No planning applications have been received.

**35/21 To assign Portfolios to Councillors**

Biodiversity and Environment	-	Cllr McColl
Communications	-	Cllr Dolby
Community Engagement	-	Cllr Cochrane
Estate Management	-	Cllr Dolby
Events and Competitions	-	Cllr Barlass
Highways & Recreation	-	Cllr Godbold
Planning	-	Cllrs Jarvis and Johnston
Sustainability	-	Cllr Cochrane

**36/21 To appoint Councillors to outside bodies**

PACT	-	Cllr Lacey
Transport Forum	-	Cllr Godbold
WDALC	-	Cllr Lacey

**37/21 Playgrounds**

AVA Recreation were contacted and asked to oil the swing bearings and spray the playground surface to eradicate weeds. When settled weather is forecast AVA will spray the playgrounds.

**38/21 Estate Management**

Four areas in particular needed immediate attention and an email was sent to Mr. Knight (WCC) who agreed to send out his 'Hit' team to take the necessary action.

**39/21 Highways and transport**

A complaint had been received about residents leaving their refuse bins on the pavement. Clerk wrote to all the residents responsible and requested they keep their bins in their gardens.

**40/21 To discuss purchasing a new laptop and a monitor**

The Council's current laptop needs to be replaced and the Council agreed to budget of £1,000.

**Resolved:** Clerk to purchase a new laptop up to the sum of £1,000.

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**41/21 To set a budget for the Annual Parish Meeting 2022**

To attract more residents to the Annual Parish Meeting, Council will provide drinks and finger food At the meeting which will require a separate budget.

**Resolved:** Council resolved to set aside £500 for the Annual Parish Meeting budget. Clerk to action.

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**42/21 To approve the purchase of benches for the parish**

Councillors were asked to consider appropriate locations and forward them to Cllr Cochrane.

ALL

**43/21 To discuss the grass cutting on Badger Farm**

Item moved to the front of the meeting so the public could ask questions of WCC representatives, Ms. Coral Rogers and Ms. Zoe Keeble.

**44/21 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

1. Parish benches.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 10.20 p.m.

**Date of next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.**

Signed by Chairman.....

12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021