



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th September, 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr Julie Lacey (Chairman), Cllr Helen Barlass, Cllr John Godbold, Cllr Fenella Jarvis Cllr Jackie Johnston, Cllr Sarah McColl

In attendance: Mrs. Christine Howe (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

By invitation: Cllr Jan Warwick, (HCC & WCC) Cllrs Laming and Williams (WCC)

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

1 member of the public attended the meeting concerned at the standard of grass cutting on the estate.

The Chairman opened the meeting.

45/21 Chairman welcomed everyone and accepted apologies for absence

Cllr Cochrane and Cllr Rhian Dolby (BFPC) Cllr Jan Warwick Cllr Hannah Williams (WCC).

46/21 Declaration of Interests - To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

47/21 Minutes - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 12th July, 2021

BFPC agreed the minutes of 12th July, 2021 were a true record of the meeting subject to minute 32/21 19 interested parties and 4 bidders being inserted.

48/21 Chairman's report

Chairman attended an Otterborne P.C. meeting and would like to adopt some of their procedures, Council to discuss at a later date.

As a complaint had been received about the zip wire being used during the small hours of the night, the Chairman together with Cllr Barlass visited residents adjacent to the central playground to ask if they had any complaints about noise or anti-social behaviour. Only 4 residents were at home. None found the noise from the zip wire intrusive and none were aware of anti-social behaviour. See Minute 56/21 b.

49/21 To receive the monthly report from HCC Member, Cllr Jan Warwick

The report was circulated prior to meeting. No questions were asked.

50/21 To receive the monthly report from WCC Members

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. No questions were asked. Cllr Laming brought a separate issue up under Highways with the permission of the Chairman.

51/21 Finance

1. To approve the payments for running the parish during July and August, 2021

Council approved the payments for July and August, 2021 at £4,575.99

2. To agree the monthly bank statement for July and August with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the August, 2021 bank statement reconciled at £106,128.17

52/21 To receive the Clerk's report

1. Complaints received about the grass cutting are logged and re-directed to WCC.
2. A resident volunteered to lock/unlock the zip wire to prevent anti-social behaviour late into the early hours. Volunteers are covered under our insurance policy. If Council do decide to use the volunteer then a list of conditions should be drawn up for the resident to follow prior to receiving permission from Council.
3. The speed sign is now operational. We have 4 sets of keys, one set with Tony Nelson (contractor), two sets with Cllr Godbold and one set with the Clerk. As all associated costs were previously agreed under minute 1767/19, I engaged Mr. Tony Nelson (a self-employed handyman from another parish) to move the speed sign for BFPC.

Signed by Chairman.....

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It will be moved fortnightly at a cost of £50.00 per move. (£1,300 p.a.)

Mr. Nelson is also available to act as BFPC's handyman should this be required.

3. The second half of the precept was received on 10th September, 2021.
4. WCC have been emailed several times requesting the removal of the dog waste bin between Plough Way/Whiteshute Ridge and for a refund of the payments made for uplift of non-existent dog bins over several years but have not received a reply.

I am considering asking Cllr Warwick to assist with this.

53/21 To receive reports from members who attended outside meetings

PACT: Sandie Vining, the liaison officer for PA CT has retired and not yet been replaced.

An email security meeting on 9th September, 2021 which Parish Councillors were invited to attend was not a help to parish councils as it was aimed at City, not PC level.

Similarly the Landscape Character Assessment meeting was not relevant to parish councils.

Alresford Parish Council have re-negotiated a different grass cutting schedule during the pilot scheme to the one initially suggested which they felt was an improvement. Cllr McColl to speak with an Alresford Councillor to facilitate the same schedule for BF.

The Oliver's Battery Sustainability Fayre and was attended by a large number of people and the quality of the content on stalls was impressive. It was suggested BFPC should consider hosting a similar event in the future.

A planning meeting via Zoom was attended by the planning councillors but found unsuitable for new Councillors. It was presented by a consultant. A WCC planning officer presenting it would have been more relevant for parish councils. Clerk to request slides of the presentation and any additional supporting information.

54/21 To consider planning applications received from WCC

21/01969 – 8 Hazel Grove, SO22 4PQ – Conversion of loft space into living space.

Decision: No objection, Clerk to inform WCC

21/02079 - 20 Wren Close, SO22 4HX – Convert garage, 1 storey front ext. garden shed.

Decision: No objection, Clerk to inform WCC

21/02087 – 9 Charfield Close, SO22 4PZ – 2 storey front ext. 1 storey rear ext. Loft conversion

Decision: No decision was reached. Clerk to ask WCC for an extension.

55/21 Estate Management

Mr. Hewlett has completed some remedial work in the parish to remove overhanging branches.

56/21 Highways and Recreation

a. Cllr Godbold reported problems with both the speed camera and mounting. Cllr Godbold did not consider the solar panel necessary and was not using it to charge up the batteries.

He asked Clerk the cost of the solar panel so it could be sold i.e. on eBay.

b. Council received a complaint about anti-social and intimidating behaviour by youths using the zip wire late at night. Councillors visited the houses which were considered to be affected but no other resident reported feeling intimidated or had a problem with the noise. One resident commented 'it was lovely to hear the children playing'.

Resolved: Council voted unanimously to leave the zip wire unlocked.

57/21 To approve the locations and purchase of benches for the parish

Commuted to the October meeting as Cllr Cochrane was absent and a report was not available for the Councillors to discuss.

58/21 To consider grants for CAB, Victim Support and Chat Tea Café

Resolved: Council awarded the CAB £350, Victim Support £50 and Chat Tea Café £200. Clerk to inform the recipients. Chat Tea Café to be asked to fill in the application form correctly should they wish to apply for a grant next year, and they must provide their own dedicated bank account, not use the community Centre bank account. Chat Tea Café will also to be asked to consider the environment and not use disposable cutlery and tableware in line with BFPC's efforts to become more sustainable.

59/21 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the 11th October 2021 meeting

1. Wildflower Project
2. Sustainability
3. Benches
4. Councillors articles for the next edition of the Bugle

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 10.10 p.m.

Date of next meeting 11th October, 2021.