



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th May, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Badger Farm Community Centre

Members Present: Cllr John Godbold – Chairman

Cllr. Ali Cochrane, Cllr. Fenella Jarvis, Cllr. Jackie Johnston, Cllr. Sarah McColl, Cllr. Alex Skinner

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

Invited: Cllrs. Warwick (H.C.C. & W.C.C.) Laming and Williams (W.C.C.)

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.

66/22 To elect the Chairman of the Council

Resolved: Cllr. John Godbold was elected as Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Johnston

The Chairman opened the meeting

67/22 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. Barlass Cllr. Dolby, Cllr. Warwick

68/22 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of pecuniary interests were declared.

69/22 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 11th April, 2022

Council approved and adopted as a true record, the minutes of the meeting on 11th April, 2022.

70/22 To receive the Chairman's report

The report was read out in the Annual Parish Meeting previously. The Chairman wants the payment for the room hire paid on a quarterly basis to start from next month.

71/22 To receive the report from Cllr. Jan Warwick, H.C.C. Member

Report was not received in time to circulate it to the members.

72/22 To receive report from W.C.C. Members

The report was circulated at the meeting as it was not received before.

73/22 To receive Clerk's report

We have received the 2021/22 VAT refund of £2,748.62 and the first half of the precept £30,405.50.

74/22 Finance – 1. To approve the payments for running the parish during April 2022

Council approved the payments of £3,435.50

2. To agree the monthly bank statement for April 2022 with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman agreed the bank statement reconciled at £144,524.27.

75/22 To receive reports from B.F.P.C. Members

No meetings were attended by Members.

Signed by Chairman...

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Date: 9th May, 2022

76/22 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.

22/00598 – 31 Wheatland Close, SO22 4QL- Erection of a prefabricated garden office.

Comment: JG and FJ to decide and inform W.C.C.

77/22 Estate management

The trees on the estate are a very big problem which is getting worse due to W.C.C. not looking after them properly. Branches/trees which are hanging over residents' gardens, are too big and dangerous for the residents to remove themselves. The Chairman asked Cllr. Laming to put this to W.C.C.

Cllr. Laming was also asked about the grass cutting regime on Badger Farm as in places it is now too long for the children to play. Cllr. Laming is to ask for representatives from W.C.C. to visit Badger Farm so they are able to see for themselves how bad the situation is.

78/22 Highways

The speed camera was in 'stealth mode' for a week and the Chairman is going to look at the figures to see if the camera not flashing had any effect on the drivers.

79/22 Playgrounds

There has been a complaint from a resident about the zip wire not being safe as the stop position is too close to the end supporting poles. The resident was concerned as her 7 and 8 yr. old children nearly bumped into the poles. Clerk has already asked AVA to inspect the zip wire and report back.

Chairman asked the Clerk to remind AVA to spray the playgrounds before a fresh lot of seeds set on the surfaces.

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80/22 To review the Council's insurance policy and provider

Council approved the insurance policy provided with BHIB for the remainder of the 3 yr. contract.

Resolved: to continue using BHIB.

81/22 To appoint the internal auditor for 2021/22

Resolved: to continue the 3 yr. contract with Lightatouch.

82/21 To appoint councillors as B.F.P.C. representatives to external bodies

Hampshire Transport Forum	-	Cllr. Skinner
B.F. Community Centre	-	Cllr. Godbold
W.D.A.L.C.	-	Cllr. Godbold
P.A.C.T.	-	Cllr. McColl

83/22 To appoint Councillor portfolios

Biodiversity	-	Cllr. McColl
Comms - <i>Bugle</i>	-	Cllr. Dolby and Cllr. Skinner
<i>Facebook</i>	-	Cllr. McColl
<i>Notice Boards</i>	-	Cllr. Barlass
Community Engagement	-	Cllr. Cochrane and Cllr. Skinner
Climate	-	Cllr. Cochrane
Estate Management	-	Cllr. Skinner
Events	-	Cllr. Barlass
Highways & Transport	-	Cllr. Godbold
Planning	-	Cllr. Jarvis and Cllr. Johnston
Playgrounds	-	Cllr. Godbold

84/22 To set the dates of ordinary Council meetings for the year 2022-23

Resolved: Dates and time of the meetings were confirmed.

2022

June, 13 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
July, 11 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre

August - Summer recess

September, 12 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
October, 10 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
November, 14 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
December, 12 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre

Meeting dates:

2023

January, 9 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
February, 13 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
March, 13 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
April, 10 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre
May, 8 th 7.30 p.m.	-	B.F. Community Centre

85/22 To approve continued H.A.L.C. membership

Resolved to continue with membership of H.A.L.C. as their advice was invaluable.

86/22 To consider replacing the existing roundabout with an inclusive one at a cost of £11,724.42 inc.vat and installation

Resolved: Council approved the inclusive roundabout and asked the Clerk to arrange for Ava to install it at the earliest date.

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87/22 To ratify the purchase of the Platinum Jubilee commemorative bench as previously agreed in principle at the April meeting

Council agreed in principle to purchasing the commemorative bench at the April meeting, but Council were unable to ratify the purchase at this meeting as intended, Cllr. Cochrane objected to the bench. Cllr. McColl pointed out B.F.P.C. were not doing anything else to mark this special occasion. Chairman asked Cllr. Laming if other parishes were commemorating it occasion. Cllr. Laming informed Council we were the only Parish not commemorating this occasion. Chairman asked Clerk to contact AVA for a price for installation of the bench. If the cost is too high then BFPC won't purchase the bench to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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88/22 Items for inclusion on the agenda for the 13th June meeting

1. To discuss funding a self-defence class which the Community Centre wish to hold.
2. Council to adopt the general power of competence.
3. Ratification of previously agreed, April, 2022 meeting to purchase Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee bench subject to the cost of installation.
4. Review the grants policy to include a small grant budget which is accessible at any time throughout the year.
5. Arrangements for photography competition for 2022-23.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone in attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

N.B. the next meeting will take place at Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.