



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th June, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the Whiteshute Room, Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr John Godbold – Chairman,
Cllr. Cochrane, Cllr. Dolby, Cllr. Skinner, Cllr. Jarvis

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

By Invitation: Cllr. Warwick (H.C.C. & W.C.C.) Cllrs. 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.

1 member of the public attended the meeting.

89/22 To open the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

90/22 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr. Warwick, Cllr. Barlass, Cllr. McColl, Cllr. Johnston.

91/22 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

None received.

92/22 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 9th May, 2022

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting. Cllr. Godbold to sign the minutes and bring them to the July meeting.

93/22 To receive the Chairman's report

The Chairman met with the W.C.C. representative Mrs. Coral Rogers, to discuss the poor standard of grass cutting on Badger Farm and general maintenance of shrubbery and trees. W.C.C.'s chosen contractors, I.D. Verde, were thought by W.C.C. to be doing a very good job previously but after Ms. Rogers visited Badger Farm, she was very unhappy with the standard of work and will contact I.D. Verde to find out why the standard of work is so poor.

W.C.C. are to do a tree survey of all the trees on Badger Farm after they have finished in the area they are currently assessing.

94/22 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

95/22 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Williams and Laming

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

96/22 Finance

1. To approve the payments for running the parish during May, 2022

Council approved the payments for May 2022 at £2,624.04

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

The Chairman verified the May, 2022 bank statement reconciled at [£140,913.77](#)

Signed by Chairman.....

13th June, 2022

97/22 To receive the Clerk's report

1. The playgrounds have been sprayed with weedkiller. Cllr. Godbold confirmed the weeds are reacting to the spray.
2. The quote for laying a base and installing the bench is £632.00.

98/22 To receive reports from BFPC Members

Cllr. Dolby Informed Council the first draft of the parish magazine was too squashed, not easy to read and required re-setting. The 2nd draft of the parish magazine is with the printers and we await 2nd proof for approval.

Cllr. Dolby approached the Archives Department of H.C.C. about the possibility of using one of their archivists to write up the history of Badger Farm for the next issue of the parish magazine. As H.C.C. were not in favour, Cllr. Dolby offered to write up the document herself in her spare time.

Cllr. Skinner attended the online H.C.C. Transport Forum and made the following observations
HCC is required to save £800k on public transport. They are carrying out a consultation until 24th July to seek opinions on seven options. The figures below compare 2019 and 2021 numbers:
Fare payer usage – 75-90% of pre-covid.

Concession usage – 50-60%.

Concession users are approximately 30% of all bus users.

It was acknowledged that demographics and region play a part on services and regularity. We could probably push for figures accurate for us.

The consultation has received 860 responses county-wide, but it might be good if we can promote it too, as I don't think Winchester's the most vocal area.

Cllr. Cochrane informed Council the self-defence class funded by B.F.P.C. will take place on 2nd July at the Community Centre from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

It is hoped to run a sustainability campaign for the next meeting in September.

99/22 To discuss planning applications received from WCC

No planning applications have been received from W.C.C.

The 2 possible breaches of planning rules were included on the enforcement list from W.C.C. and discussed briefly by Council.

100/22 Estate Management

Cllr. Skinner has put together a list for the Lengthsman's next visit. Clerk to liaise with Lengthsman.

101/22 Highways

Nothing to report.

102/22 Playgrounds

The playgrounds have been sprayed by AVA. Cllr. Godbold has offered to collect up the dead weeds.

103/22 To ratify previously agreed (in principle), in the April, 2022 meeting to purchase Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee bench subject to the cost of installation.

The quotation received from Mr. Mark Taylor to lay the base and install the bench is £632.

This sum comes within budget and based on this, Council agreed to proceed with the order.

Cllr. Cochrane asked for it to be minuted that she disagreed with the purchase to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr. Godbold pointed out that B.F.P.C. had not provided anything else for the residents.

Resolved: Council to purchase the commemorative bench and install onto the concrete base. Clerk to proceed with the order.

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104/22 To discuss the Parish Council funding a self-defence class for £200 which the Community Centre want to put on.

Resolved: Council were all in favour of granting BF&OBRCA £200 for the class.

105/22 Council to adopt the general power of competence

Resolved: Council agreed unanimously to adopt the general power of competence.

106/22 Review the grants policy to include a small grants budget which is accessible at any time of the year.

Resolved: To add a section in the Grants Policy to allow small grant applications to be made throughout the year. A sum of £3,000 will be set aside for ad hoc grant applications.

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107/22 Discuss terms and conditions for the 2022-23 photographic competition

Council discussed whether it was worth continuing with the photographic competition this year. Clerk informed Council that interest and submissions had increased two-fold from the previous year. Cllr. Skinner to write a report on the viability of continuing with the competition and how to increase interest and promote community engagement. The report to be submitted for consideration at the next Council meeting on Monday 11th July, 2022.

108/22 Items for inclusion on the agenda for the July meeting

1. Photographic competition

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 11th July, 2022 to be held in the Whiteshute Room, Badger Farm Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.