



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the back hall, St. Faith's Hall, St. Cross Back Street

Members Present: Cllr Helen Barlass, Cllr Ali Cochrane, Cllr John Godbold,
Cllr Fenella Jarvis, Cllr Jackie Johnston, Cllr Sarah McColl

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

Invited: 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

1/22 To elect a new Chairman

Badger Farm Parish Council members voted unanimously to elect Cllr. Godbold, Chairman. Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis and seconded by Cllr. Cochrane.

Resolved: Cllr. Godbold elected as Chairman of Badger Farm Parish Council (BFPC).

2/22 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr. Rhian Dolby.

3/22 Declaration of Interests - To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

No declarations of interest were received.

4/22 Minutes - To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 29th December, 2021

Resolved: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 29th December, 2021 which had previously been circulated to members and agreed, were formally approved and adopted.

5/22 Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked Council for electing him and set out his plan for the year.

Firstly, I would like to record a vote of thanks to Julie for the last couple of years.

We have, as a Parish and Country had a very hard time over the last couple of years and I would like to see a fresh start at least for the Parish.

We need to implement some of the changes that Julie wanted but only when they are appropriate for Badger Farm and agreed by all Councillors, we are not a large semi-rural Parish, we are a suburban Parish with rural views.

We need to repair our relationship with the residents association and build on it. I do not think our constant bickering with the residents association is going down well with our parishioners and we should have the same goals after all.

We need our communications with all parties to be less confrontational and more accommodating, this applies to W.C.C. and H.C.C. as well.

Our meetings need to be more welcoming and less rigid. I know zoom meetings have been difficult and hopefully we will get back to our rightful home at the community center very soon.

We should not rely entirely on our District Councillors for access to W.C.C. but rebuild our relationships with these bodies as well. We have been left out of recent decision making by W.C.C. and this must not be allowed to carry on.

6/22 To receive the report from HCC Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated prior to meeting.

7/22 To receive the report from WCC Members Cllrs. Williams and Laming

Councillor Williams informed Council that she had been invited to serve on **Cabinet as Member for Climate Emergency**.

Today W.C.C. approved the proposals for the **Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR)**. The plan includes development of Winchester Bus Station, Kings Walk, the old Friarsgate Medical Centre and Coitbury House as mixed-use development, with high quality new homes, flexible workspaces, a thriving night-time economy and beautiful public spaces.

Residents can comment on the Winchester Movement Strategy which is being formulated to encourage cycling and walking in the city and to reduce city centre traffic. The proposals include a new park and ride site for the north side of the city, improvements to public spaces and for pedestrians, bus priority measures, high quality cycle routes into and across the city centre and reduced city centre parking.

Residents can comment until Friday 11th February, by filling in the questionnaire available by clicking on: www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies or telephone for a hard copy, 0300 555 1388.

8/22 Finance

1. To approve the payments for running the parish during December, 2021

Council approved the payments for December, 2021 at £1,930.95.

2. To agree the monthly bank statement for December, 2021 with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the December, 2021 bank statement reconciled at £119,257.04

9/22 To discuss planning applications received from WCC

21/02830 – 10 Rances Way, SO22 4PN, single storey front/rear extensions and parking space

Resolved: No objection, Clerk to inform W.C.C.

21/02954 – 11 Barley Down, SO22 4LS, rear conservatory

Resolved: Clerk to ask for an extension until 14th February, 2022 because W.C.C. planning Department failed to respond to an email request for more information about the application.

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10/22 Estate Management

Nothing to report.

11/22 Highways and Recreation:

Highways

The Chairman noted that residents appear to be taking notice of the speed cameras as the overall Speed appears to be reducing slightly.

Recreation

The new railings have not yet been installed at the Lark Hill Rise playground, council requested Clerk to ask AVA for the proposed installation date.

The inclusive roundabout is still problematic, Clerk to ask AVA to repair it and also for the cost of possible replacement as repeated repair costs are not financially viable in the long term.

Clerk to research an appropriate bench to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

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12/22 To agree a Scheme of Delegation to the Clerk which will enable Council to make decisions and operate lawfully in the event of a situation arising preventing Council holding meetings in person

Resolved: Council approved the scheme of delegation. This will enable the Clerk to carry out administrative duties and make decisions to enable the continuance of operating lawfully in the event of a need to suspend in person Council meetings. Should a decision be required on non day to day business then Clerk to contact as many Cllrs., as possible to ask their opinion before any decision is taken.

13/22 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the 14th February 2022 meeting

1. To discuss retaining current contractor for playground inspections and maintenance.

2. To decide the winner of the design for the wildflower signs.

3. To discuss sites for parish benches.

4. To discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bench design and location.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Date of next meeting 14th February, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the hall at Stanmore Primary School.