



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th December, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Badger Farm Community Centre, Whiteshute Room.

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

In attendance: Christine Howe – Clerk/R.F.O.

Invited: Cllrs. Warwick, Laming, Williams

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.

161/22 To open the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

162/22 To accept apologies for absence from the Parish Councillors

Cllr. Cochrane.

163/22 To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

Cllr. Skinner declared an interest under planning.

164/22 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 14th November, 2022

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November, 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

165/22 To receive the Chairman's report

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had a virtual meeting with Coral Rogers and Zoe Keeble (W.C.C.) to discuss grass cutting on Badger Farm. Both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman thought it was a very positive meeting. Coral offered her apologies for the poor grass cutting and accepted that the contractors had not always been given the correct information from W.C.C. Problems were further exacerbated by a high turnover of staff and the correct information not being passed on to incoming members of the team. The Chairman had been sent a map of the grass cutting schedule for Badger Farm but noted that there were quite a few mistakes and omissions. The Chairman asked that, after the meeting, all members study the map and inform him of any omissions or mistakes so Coral Rogers can be given the correct information.

A meeting is to be arranged in the New Year between members of Winchester Police and B.F.P.C. to address residents' concerns about the rise in minor crimes. Date to be advised.

166/22 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Warwick advised Members to respond to the Local Plan either as a Parish Council or, preferably, as individuals. Although some things contained in the Local Plan do not directly affect B.F., things like sand extraction and fracking will impact considerably on the area, e.g. H.G.V. movements.

In her previous role, Cllr. Warwick had responsibility for the department managing grass cutting on B.F. so was able to advise B.F.P.C. the measures which could be taken if the contractors do not fulfil the terms of their contract, e.g. financial penalties for areas on the schedule which have been missed.

**167/22 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Williams and Laming
Cllr. Williams did not attend.**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Council is concerned about W.C.C.'s intentions for the use of land at Bushfield Camp and asked Cllr. Laming what W.C. C. plans are for the land as there had been mention of some being put to use for student accommodation. Cllr. Laming assured Council W.C.C. had given him a verbal agreement that none of the land was earmarked for student accommodation. Both Cllr. McColl and the Chairman were concerned about Cllr. Laming's response. They had received differing responses from W.C.C. than that which Cllr. Laming assured Council he had received.

Council questioned Cllr. Laming why subsequent presentations on the proposed use of the land at Bushfield Camp are being held as far afield as Hursley when Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery are the areas which will be primarily affected. As the presentation held in the Community Centre was very well attended and gave residents the opportunity to question W.C.C. on various aspects of their intentions for the land, Council thought subsequent presentations should be held either in the Badger Farm Community Centre or at Oliver's Battery.

168/22 Finance

1. To approve the payments for running the Parish Council during November 2022

Resolved: Council approved the payments for November 2022.

2. To agree the November 2022 bank statement and bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the November bank statement and the reconciliation agreed at £140,187.32p.

3. To approve the budget for 2023/24

Resolved: Council was satisfied the proposed budget covered all possible financial needs for the 2023/24 period and unanimously approved the budget.

4. To set the Precept for 2023/24

Resolved: Council agreed the 2023/24 precept should remain the same as the previous two years at £60,405. Clerk to notify W.C.C.

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169/22 To receive the Clerk's report

1. **On** the 1st January, 2023, the cost of hiring the Whiteshute Room is increasing by from £22.50 to £24.00 per evening (£12.00 p.h.). The Bushfield Room is now available for the Council should they wish to resume using this room. The cost is £19.20 per hour. Council agreed unanimously to meet in the Bushfield Room henceforth. Clerk to inform the Community Centre.

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2. **All** the garages owners of May Tree Close have deposited their share of the total cost of building work to make safe the garages and payments made to the contractor. £1,689.00 remains in the holding account.

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3. **W.C.C.** are handing back the upkeep of B.F.P.C.'s five bus shelters to the Parish Council, currently, the cost is coming out of Winchester Town Forum's budget. The Winchester Town Forum is the parish council made up of the five wards of Winchester and it is only allowed to spend their funds in these 5 wards. W.C.C.'s special maintenance team have offered to continue cleaning the bus shelters for £64 per shelter. Their usual schedule allows for two cleans of each shelter per year so this would cost £640 per annum or £1,280 per annum if you required 4 cleans per year.

I contacted the person who has been contracted to clean Otterbourne bus shelters. I explained he would need to get public liability insurance to the sum of £5ml. which would cost approx. £150 per year but he was not keen to do this. I am waiting for him to come back to me with a definitive answer. If he is unwilling to obtain public liability then I have 2 other possible contacts.

Clerk to write to W.C.C. to request the condition of the bus shelters is the same as when they took over the maintenance of them.

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4. I received a complaint from a resident about a van driver parking on the verge on Ashbarn Crescent whilst he is working at a property in Swift Close. The resident wished to know if BFPC could do to prevent this as it was leaving tracks in the grass verge. I explained the land belongs to H.C.C. so unfortunately, there is nothing the Parish Council can do and advised him to contact them.
5. I received complaints about youths on Badger Farm. They have been throwing stones at residents' windows and cars. Also incidents of them throwing road signs at cars. One resident had substances put through her letterbox in the early hours of the morning was subjected to abuse by the youths and them riding scooters up and down her driveway. Although she managed to obtain video evidence of the youths and contacted the police, they did not take any action. I advised the resident to be careful and to not let the youths see her taking photographic evidence if they return.

170/22 To receive reports from BFPC Members

N.T.R.

171/22 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.

22/02337 – 65 Elder Close SO22 4LH – Erect a lean-to against the East side of front wall.

Comment: Object – The design and choice of build materials does not enhance the street scene and is not in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood. Clerk to notify W.C.C.

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22/02512 – 29 Harvest Close, SO22 4DW – Lean to rear conservatory

Comment: No objection. Clerk to notify W.C.C.

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21/00761 – Badger Lodge, 50 Elder Close, SO22 4LH – Reduce size of extension, change roof configuration.

Comment: No objection, Clerk to notify W.C.C.

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Cllr. Jarvis is unhappy with the lackadaisical attitude of the planning department and them not doing their jobs properly. B.F.P.C. are frequently not given the date by which the comments have to be entered (expiry date) or, the dates the Parish Council are given differ from that entered onto the website. Cllr. Jarvis requested Cllr. Laming take the complaint to the Planning Department and arrange for this chaos to be rectified.

Cllr. Jarvis wished for this to be minuted.

Clerk asked to write to the Planning Department (Ms. Julie Pinnock) to request the planning officers provide a better service both to the public and the Parish Council.

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172/22 Estate Management

Lengthsman's next visit is due on 17th December, 2022. Cllr. Skinner informed Council he had requested the Lengthsman take photos of the work completed and email to him.

173/22 Highways

The speed camera is not recording data but is still flashing the speed vehicles are travelling at. Council considered sending the speed camera back to the manufacturers for repair, but the cost is prohibitive and the data is not really useful. The flashing light which indicates the speed the vehicle doing is the most useful piece of information as it alerts the driver to slow down. Council decided to keep moving the speed camera on a 2 week rota and not to repair it. Clerk to inform Tony Nelson.

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174/22 Playgrounds

The Chairman informed Council that one of the handles on the 'Rotator' was missing and needed to be replaced. Clerk to inform AVA.

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175/22 To discuss Best Summer Garden competition

Cllr. Barlass has been in touch with Winchester Garden Society and has arranged for a member to judge the competition. The society recommended that instead of 'Best Summer Garden' the competition is for the Best Hanging Baskets/Planted Pots. The competition will be placed in the Spring edition of the Community News, Clerk to provide the Editor's email address to Cllr. Barlass. Prizes to be awarded: 1st prize = £100, 2nd Prize = £50, 3rd Prize = £25 and the Junior Prize = £30.

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176/22 To discuss I.T. Management

A working party consisting of Cllrs. Dolby, Barlass, Skinner and Godbold is to be set up to work on ideas for the formulation of a new website. The date of the first meeting of the working party to be advised along with the venue.

177/22 To discuss the photographic competition

Cllr. Skinner would like to bring this to the next meeting as there are a few more things which need to be clarified.

178/22 Items for inclusion on the January 2023 Agenda

1. Benches
2. I.T. management

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 9th January, 2023 to be held in Badger Farm Community Centre, Bushfield Room at 7.30 p.m.

As the Community Centre requires the door to remain locked at all times, please ring the bell for access.

DECEMBER '22 PAYMENTS (NOV. EXPEND)					
DATE PD	SUPPLIER	DETAILS	BACS. NO.	VAT NO.	GROSS
01/12/22	H.C.C.	Pension	889554218	-	271.63
01/12/22	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	817083022	-	16.40
01/12/22	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	823316212	-	120.80
01/12/22	Mrs. C. Howe	November salary + exp.	966556784	-	1,000.22
01/12/22	Mrs. C. Howe	Back pay + exp.	203830418	-	705.95
01/12/22	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	665157976	-	40.00
01/12/22	Mr. Tony Nelson	Speed camera maintenance	531201025	-	100.00
01/12/22	3 Network	Mobile phone	243835806	760729222	29.65
01/12/22	C.A.B.	Grant	454389358	-	350.00
01/12/22	Mrs. B. Dumper	May Tree Garages (holding acct.)	256003651	-	1,689.00
01/12/22	Mrs. B. Dumper	May Tree Garages (holding acct.)	222564925	-	9,201.00
01/12/22	Mrs. B. Dumper	May Tree Garages (holding acct.)	18569607	-	6,000.00
				TOTAL	19,524.65