



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in the main hall of Stanmore Primary School**

Members Present: Cllr John Godbold – Chairman,  
Cllr. Barlass, Cllr. Cochrane, Cllr. Jarvis, Cllr. Johnston, Cllr. McColl and Cllr. Skinner

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

**33/22 To open the meeting and accept apologies for absence from BFPC members**

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Apologies from Cllr. Rhian Dolby, Cllr. Warwick and Cllr. Williams.

**34/22 To Co-opt Mr. Alex Skinner onto Badger Farm Parish Council**

Mr. Alex Skinner was Co-opted onto the Council and signed the Acceptance of Office form. Cllr. Skinner will complete the Declaration of Interests form and return to W.C.C. within 14 days.

**35/22 To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

Cllr. Cochrane declared an interest in minute 46/22 – Presentation from Community Centre in support of a grant application.

**36/22 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

**37/22 Chairman's report**

The Chairman thanked and congratulated Cllr. McColl on the success of the Wildflower signage design competition. It created a lot of interest, involving Oliver's Battery School, Stanmore School and St Peter's School and has done a lot to promote Badger Farm Parish Council. The original drawings of the winning entries will be framed and given to the schools. The competition has been excellent for building good relationships with adjoining parishes.

A company has been measuring up the main footpaths on the estate with a view to resurfacing them, this is an HCC initiative.

I plan to have a meeting with HCC Highways to look at traffic management issues such as signage and roundels. I know we have tried to achieve this before but there have been changes in policy at both W.C.C. and H.C.C. so it is worth pursuing. If you have any ideas you would like discussed, please let the Clerk and me know.

The H.C.C. contractor has now secured the ground socket at the Meadow Way/May Tree Close junction. Mr. Nelson will now allocate this location a slot on the speed camera rotation list and this location will commence in two weeks.

**38/22 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and is available on the website.

**39/22 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Williams and Laming**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and is available on the website.

**40/22 Finance**

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

Council approved the payments for February 2022 at £2,659.02

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

The Chairman verified the January, 2022 bank statement reconciled at £116,656.80

**41/22 To receive the Clerk's report**

1. The playground railings at Lark Hill Rise Playground have now been completed and look very smart.
2. A member of the public reported some street lights were now being left on all night again on Badger Farm despite a policy requiring them to be off between the hours of 1 p.m. – 5.00 a.m. Clerk contacted H.C.C. but as no detailed information was available, H.C.C. were not able to resolve the issue.
3. A resident complained about a tree which had fallen onto a garden perimeter fence, I contacted W.C.C. who came out very quickly to remove the tree. The resident contacted BFPC to say how pleased they were with the quick response from W.C.C. I contacted Mr. Ivan Gurdler and passed on the resident's thanks.
4. Mr. Nelson investigated the Speed Camera for water ingress but everything inside was completely dry and working normally. I ordered the extra large bolts so the speed camera can be mounted on Badger Farm Road. This location will require the batteries to be changed on a weekly basis. The socket on May Tree Close/Meadow Way has now been given the all clear from H.C.C.
5. W.C.C. have given their permission for the proposed Queen's commemorative bench to be installed at the suggested site at Plough Way.
6. Mr. Ian Janes (H.C.C.) has informed BFPC that the work has been completed at the junction of Meadow Way and May Tree Close so this location can now be included in the speed camera rotation.
7. I have been unable to source a good commemorative bench as many parish councils are also buying them to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. As it does not have to be installed until later in the year it might be better to wait and see what will become available in a few months.
8. There are 10 hours left on the Lengthsman schedule so could Councillors let me know (by email) of any areas where work is needed to tidy them up. This year's allocation of hours finishes on 30<sup>th</sup> April.
9. Clerk has asked the Prince's Trust and also Winchester School of Art if they have any promising young woodcarvers who would like to design and carve the standing tree trunk to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I am awaiting responses. Highclere castle estate might be able to provide details of woodcarvers as the estate had publicised that they had a tree carved recently.

**42/22 To receive reports from BFPC Members**

Cllr. Cochrane attended the Sustainability meeting at Oliver's Battery on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. McColl attended as the spokesperson (from BF) on biodiversity and two Badger Farm residents also attended to provide information on hedgehogs.

The event was very successful.

Cllr. McColl's Wildflower Project report was forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. The original drawings of the winning entries in the Wildflower Signage design competition will be framed and presented to the schools.

- 43/22 To discuss planning applications received from WCC**  
**22/00074** – 21 Silverwood Close, SO22 4QP - Single storey front extension, demolish Rear conservatory and replace with garden room. Front door canopy.  
**Comment:** Object JG and FJ to email the Clerk with the response to W.C.C. JG/FJ  
**22/00022** – 28 Harvest Close, SO22 4DW - Garden room to rear of house.  
**Comment:** No objection. CH  
**22/00102** – 15 Harvest Close, SO22 4DW – Replacement conservatory.  
**Comment:** No objection. CH  
**22/00021** – 119 May Tree Close, SO22 4DW – Retrospective app. for garden fencing.  
**Comment:** Object JG and FJ to email the Clerk with the response to W.C.C. JG/FJ

The Chairman viewed the online Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) on Team Meetings. Whilst there is no development scheduled Badger Farm which prevents BF from objecting to any proposals, any further development on adjoining and surrounding parishes will put pressure on local infrastructure and have an adverse effect on our Parish. With this in mind, it is essential for BF to work together with and support adjoining/surrounding Parish Councils. A WhatsApp group for the Chairmen of the Parish Councils has been set up specifically to support this. There is some speculation about Bushfield Camp which is owned by the Church, being sold for development so this also will need to be monitored closely.

**44/22 Estate Management**

Premier Grounds have cleared the underpass of unwanted vegetation. The annual Lengthsman contract between the Parishes and H.C.C. will cease on 30<sup>th</sup> April and the new contract will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> May with 48 hours being allocated to BF for the coming year.  
 Clerk asked all Councillors to inform her via email of any areas which need attention so the 10 remaining hours can be used before the end of this year.

**45/22 Highways and Recreation:**

**Highways**

We now have the correct mountings for siting the speed camera on Badger Farm Road which were put in place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Mr. Nelson will need to change the battery on the speed camera every two weeks on this site because the traffic movements exceed the number the battery can record.

**Recreation**

The educational boards have now been re-erected at the Lark Hill Playground (DKA) and all the remedial work on the playground is complete.

**46/22 To receive a presentation from BF&OBRCA about the future of the community centre and consider the proposals put forward by the BF&OBRCA. If appropriate, to decide on any financial assistance the Badger Council wishes to contribute**

The Community Centre have requested a £19,200 (inc.vat), grant from BFPC to upgrade the centre’s kitchen. The presentation was viewed by BFPC and is now available on the BFPC website, [www.badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk](http://www.badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk) to give residents the opportunity to view the proposal.  
 Council voted *in principle* to award the grant of £19,200 (inc.vat) to the community centre. Ratification of grant to be confirmed at the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Clerk advised Council of the following for transparency;

*'all grant applications for consideration in the next year's allocation of grant monies be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> September, for determination in October. Awarding the grant to BF&OBRCA mid-term, does breach the procedures agreed by Council on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, (grants policy & application form).'*

However, as the Community Centre is of such benefit to the residents of Badger Farm and persons further afield, it was agreed by Council to waive the procedures in this one case. Subsequent grant applications will follow the procedures in the Grant Policy.

**47/22 To approve the Council's Risk Assessment**

**Resolved:** Council approved the Risk Assessment with no amendments.

**48/22 To approve the Council's Asset Register**

**Resolved:** Council approved the Asset Register with no additions.

**49/22 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 meeting**

1. To receive the end of year accounts  
To receive and discuss the Internal Audit Report 2021/22  
To approve the internal audit report 2021/22 for submission to the external auditor.  
To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2020/21 Annual governance statement of the annual Return for submission to the external auditor.  
To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Accounting statements of the annual return and statement of variances for 2021/22 for submission to the external auditor.
2. To award the BF&OBRCA the sum of £19,200 (inc.vat) (previously awarded in principle at the March 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting).

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.07 p.m.

***Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Stanmore Primary School Hall.***

**Hampshire County Council Update: Cllr Jan Warwick, Winchester Downlands  
March 2022**

**Budget HCC approves £2.4 billion spending on local services in 2022/2023**

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work following the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,390.86 – an increase of £0.78 per week, equating to 2.99%, of which 1% is for adults' social care. The budget includes £556.2 million of capital expenditure over the next three years to boost jobs, the quality of the environment and to tackle climate change.

The proposed capital programme includes: • £109 million in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • £136 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • £109 million for integrated transport schemes including over £50 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • £95 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years following the £33 million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls that took place in 2021-2022

**Transport Infrastructure to 2050**

Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is set to be consulted upon later this month (from 10<sup>th</sup> March for 12 weeks). LTP4 will support improved travel choices by focusing on improvements for walking, cycling and public transport as an alternative to the car for the residents of Hampshire. LTP4 recognises the importance of the strategic road network to the economy as well as the need to decarbonise the transport system.

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