



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Badger Farm Community Centre, Bushfield Room.**

Members Present: Cllr John Godbold – Chairman,  
Cllr. Barlass, Cllr. Cochrane, Cllr. Jarvis, 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.***

**1/22 To open the meeting**

The Chairman welcomed everyone, wished them a Happy New Year, and opened the meeting.

**2/22 To accept apologies for absence from the Parish Councillors**

Cllr. Dolby, Cllr. McColl.

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

No declarations of interest.

**4/22 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**5/22 To receive the Chairman's report**

Reported under Item 12/22.

**6/22 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Due to a prior engagement, Cllr. Warwick arrived later. Cllr. Warwick's report dealt with underneath 17/22.

**7/22 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Williams and Laming**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

***Cllr. Williams did not attend.***

Cllr. Brian Laming reminded Council of the meetings regarding the proposed development at Bushfield Camp. The next meeting at Badger Farm is being held in the Community Centre on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.

**8/22 Finance**

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

**Resolved:** Council approved the payments for December 2022.

**2. To agree the December 2022 bank statement and bank reconciliation**

The Chairman verified the December bank statement and the reconciliation agreed at £124,955.67

Signed by Chairman.....

2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023

**9/22 To receive the Clerk's report**

1. Mr. Martin Farmer (handyman for Otterbourne) is providing his own Public Liability Insurance. His terms of pay are £15.00 p.h. This will come to £75.00 for all five of the bus shelters to be cleaned. Mr. Farmer will provide cleaning materials and equipment and remove all rubbish, leaves, paper, cans, bottles etc. from the sites.  
I have suggested he starts on a 3 month trial period to commence in April, when the handover from W.C.C. to B.F.P.C. takes place. If the P.C. are satisfied with his work, he could then he could be put on an annual contract.  
A fortnightly clean will come to - £1,800 p.a.  
A monthly clean will come to - £ 900 p.a.  
There was further discussion about B.F.P.C. not taking back responsibility for the bus shelters until all outstanding maintenance issues are complete.
2. The Play Inspection Company have been contracted by W.C.C. to do the annual playground inspections this year. The cost for the annual inspection per site is £51.50 and the cost for an assessment on the life expectancy of the equipment is £7.50 per site. I have arranged for both Central and Lark Hill Rise playgrounds be inspected and for the 'Life Expectancy' assessment on all equipment.  
The total cost will be £118.00. This will take place sometime in January.
3. A parishioner, Catherine Craven has contacted me as she is interested in becoming a Councillor. It was explained to Catherine she will need to attend 3 meetings of the Parish Council prior to being considered for the role of Councillor. I also emailed Catherine the necessary documents for her to look over if she becomes a Councillor, e.g. Guide to being a good Councillor. Council were emailed a copy of her resumé prior to the mtg.

**10/22 To receive reports from BFPC Members**

N.T.R.

**11/22 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.**

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**12/22 Estate Management**

The Chairman met with the W.C.C. appointed contractor who is completing the tree survey on Badger Farm. The survey will highlight any work required to maintain the trees in good condition. The contractor was unaware that the trees surrounding DKA were subject to T.P.O.'s  
W.C.C. had not provided the contractor with the map which includes the location of all the trees which have T.P.O.'s on them.

The Chairman spoke to Coral Rogers (W.C.C.) requesting a meeting with her regarding grass cutting on the estate and asked Clerk to formally write to Coral Rogers.

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***Cllr. Cochrane left the meeting at 8.15 p.m.***

**13/22 Highways**

Two incidents of the Speed sign not registering vehicle speed correctly were reported to Council. If this problem continues then Council will consider either repair or replacing the Speed camera as it has been effective in reducing speeding on the estate.

**14/22 Playgrounds**

Chairman noted the repair to the rotator has not yet been done. Clerk emailed AVA on 13/12/22 reporting the need for them to repair it and will remind them.

**15/22 To discuss benches**

As Cllr. Cochrane the Councillor responsible for the 'Seats/benches' project, left the meeting early, the Chairman asked all members to send their suggested locations to Cllr. Cochrane. The damaged seat at Wren Close has disappeared, no-one knows when or who removed it. A new seat near that location was suggested as a good spot to sit and take in the view. Chairman to send a map to Cllr. Barlass for her to mark the location she has suggested.

**16/22 To discuss I.T. Management**

As not all members of the I.T. Management working party were present, this item will be discussed in the February meeting.

**17/22 To discuss the photographic competition**

Cllr. Skinner intends to commence the competition in September/October.

*Cllr. Warwick joined the meeting at 8.32*

Councillor Warwick explained that although there are no Minerals and Waste sites near Badger Farm which would impact on Badger Farm. Cllr. Warwick did encourage Council to submit their opinion to the new Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan consultation which ends on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Council asked for some guidance whether the policies should be more robust to include considering the sensitivities of the surrounding environment and animals which might be present there. Also questioned whether any planned development is suitable for the countryside.

Cllr. Warwick confirmed the Parish Council is not responsible for electronic timetables attached to the bus shelters.

**18/22 Items for inclusion on the February 2023 Agenda**

1. I.T. Management
2. Footpath Review
3. Benches

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.

*Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 to be held in the Bushfield Room, 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.***

**JANUARY '23 PAYMENTS (DEC. EXPEND)**

<b>DATE PD</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>BACS. NO.</b>	<b>VAT NO.</b>	<b>GROSS</b>
03/01/23	BF&OBRCA	Room hire	327781116	-	48.00
03/01/23	H.C.C.	Pension	85284975	-	271.63
03/01/23	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	547928548	-	16.40
03/01/23	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	822911906	-	120.80
03/01/23	Mrs. C. Howe	December salary + exp.	216218665	-	969.57
03/01/23	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	324140525	-	250.00
03/01/23	Mr. Tony Nelson	Speed camera maintenance	590079469	-	150.00
03/01/23	3 Network	Mobile phone	233093278	760729222	29.65
03/01/23	AVA	Playground Inspections	963748772	166964951	132.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,988.05</b>