



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre**

Members Present: Cllr. Godbold – Chairman  
Cllrs. Barlass, Cochrane, Dolby, Jarvis, McColl

Also present: Christine Howe – Clerk/RFO

Invited: Cllrs. Warwick, (H.C.C. & W.C.C.) Brophy and 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.***

**175/23 The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting**

**176/23 To accept apologies for absence**  
Cllr. Craven, Cllr. Skinner

**177/23 To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**  
No declarations of interest.

**178/23 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 9th October, 2023**  
**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting on 9th October, 2023 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.  
Clerk to upload onto the website.

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**179/23 Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported:

1. The Copper Beech tree to mark the Coronation of King Charles III has been planted and looks healthy.
2. We now need a marker for the tree and a stone one is suggested.
3. Some members of the Parish Council are to meet on Friday 12th January, 2024 to look at maps which highlight the pieces of land still retained by the Developers of Badger Farm.
4. The locations of the proposed new benches will also be looked at.
5. The Chairman will take over research into a new Website.

**180/23 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**

The report was circulated to Council prior to the meeting and will be uploaded onto the website.

Clerk to upload onto the website.

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**181/23 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming**

The report was circulated to Council prior to the meeting and will be uploaded onto the website.  
Clerk to upload onto the website.

## 182/23 Finance

### 1. To approve the payments for running the parish during October and November 2023

The payments were circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

Council approved the payments for October and November which totalled £5,139.99

NOVEMBER 23 PAYMENTS (OCTOBER EXPENSES)					
Date Pd	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Vat No.	Gross
01/11/23	Viking Direct	Stationery			89.29
01/11/23	BF&OBRCA	Room hire	-	-	48.00
01/11/23	H.C.C.	Pension	-	-	290.94
01/11/23	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	-	-	221.06
01/11/23	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	-	-	131.40
01/11/23	Mrs. C. Howe	October salary + exp.	-	-	1,080.22
01/11/23	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	-	-	40.00
01/11/23	Mr. Nelson	Speed camera maintenance	-	-	376.00
01/11/23	Digitoolbox	Email migration and hosting	-	179066377	86.88
01/11/23	Green Collar	Bus shelter cleaning	-	279963235	162.00
16/11/23	EE Network	Mobile phone	D/D	760729222	8.04
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,533.83</b>

DECEMBER '23 PAYMENTS (November exp.)					
Date Pd	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Vat No.	Gross
01/12/23	H.C.C.	Pension	-	-	458.21
01/12/23	BF&OBRCA	Room hire	-	-	48.00
01/12/23	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	-	-	125.39
01/12/23	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	-	-	242.00
01/12/23	Mrs. C. Howe	November salary + exp.	-	-	1,455.62
01/12/23	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	-	-	40.00
01/12/23	Mr. T. Nelson	Speed camera maintenance	-	-	100.00
01/11/23	Digitoolbox	Email migration, hosting, other charges	-	179066377	135.96
01/11/23	Brooke Bio-mass	Green waste	-	220395925	24.00
01/12/23	EE Network	Mobile phone	D/D	760729222	8.06
01/12/23	Landford Trees	Copper Beech (King Charles III)	-	351127334	313.71
01/12/23	Unity Trust	Service charge	D/D	-	18.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,919.87</b>

### 2. To agree the monthly bank statement for November 2023 with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £155,296.64

**183/23 To receive the Clerk’s report**

1. We have received a grass cutting quote from Tom Postle (Green Smile) of £16,200 + vat for 18 cuts per year, or £10,800 + vat for 9 cuts per year. This includes cutting, strimming and Blowing clean the paths after cutting.
2. The bus shelters have received their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter clean.
3. The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 with SLCC and ALCC. Up to spinal point 43, a flat rate payment of £1,925 pay rise has been agreed. Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible. The Increase commences this month.

**184/23 To receive reports from B.F.P.C. Members**

Cllr. McColl is in contact with WCC to find out how many trees are going to be planted to replace the diseased Ash trees which had to be felled.

Cllr. Brian Laming agreed to find out when and how many trees are to be planted.

BL

It was noted that the notice board at Lark Hill Rise and all others of the same model have become very hard to read due to excessive condensation,.

Clerk to investigate what could be done to prevent condensation build up.

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**185/23 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.**

**23/02543 - 4 Roydon Close, SO22 4PY**

Demolish existing conservatory and replace with new garden room and terrace.

**Resolved:** Council happy to accept the decision of the planning officer.

Clerk to inform WCC planning department.

CH

**23/02507 - Bushfield Camp Outline Planning application**

Outline planning application with all matters reserved apart from access, for the demolition of all existing structures on site and redevelopment to provide; a phased employment led mixed use scheme comprising a knowledge quarter of up to 96,500 square metres of Gross Internal Area (excluding car parking).

The proposed uses are as follows:

- office (Class E), research and development (Class E),
- academic uses and academic accommodation (Class F1/Sui Generis)
- a hotel (Class C1) and other complementary/ancillary uses including a nursery (Use Class E),
- retail uses including shops (Use Class E)
- restaurants/cafes/bars (Use Class E),
- visitor space/exhibition space (Class F1),
- leisure and sports uses (Use Class F2).
- Landscape and public realm works including areas for sustainable urban drainage, biodiversity enhancements, foul drainage and water treatment works and new vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access are proposed, along with car and cycle parking and other associated works.

This outline application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2017Redevelopment

Mr. Edward Heron (Planning Consultant instructed by BFPC) gave Council a full explanation of the objection he set out in response to the Bushfield camp planning application. He also advised Council on their future strategy and confirmed that he would represent us at any future planning committee meetings,

**Resolved:** Councillor Dolby proposed and Cllr. McColl seconded approval of the response submitted to Council by Mr. Edward Heron.

BFPC to lodge an objection through Mr. Heron to WCC planning department on 13th December, 2023 the cut off date which BFPC have been given to submit comments.

**186/23 Estate Management**

Council requested Cllr. Warwick to investigate the areas which have been sprayed with weed killer and where the weeds re-emerged less than two weeks later. Cllr. Warwick to be sent photos of the areas. Chairman to send photos to Cllr. Warwick.

**187/23 Highways**

N.T.R.

**188/23 Playgrounds**

N.T.R.

**189/23 I.T. Management**

Covered under Item 179/23.5.

**190/23 To discuss new Badger Farm benches**

Covered under item 179/23.4.

**191/23 To discuss the tree to commemorate King Charles III inauguration**

Covered under item 197/23.1

**192/23 To discuss the transfer of land on Badger Farm from Persimmon Homes to the Parish**

Covered under item 179/23.3

**193/23 To discuss purchasing bus shelters and ring-fence allocated amount**

Deferred until January 2024 meeting.

**194/23 To discuss awarding a grant to BF&OBRCA - to produce flyers for objecting to the Bushfield Camp re-development**

Council discussed awarding a grant to the BF&OBRCA to produce flyers which explain how residents of B.F., Oliver's Battery and other areas the residents can object to the Bushfield Camp planning application.

**Resolved:** Council awarded a grant of £75 to the BF&OBRCA.

Clerk to organize the payment.

CH

**194/23 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the 8th January, 2024 meeting**

1. To discuss the transfer of land from Persimmon Homes to BFPC.
2. To discuss the quote from Green Smile for maintenance of Persimmon land.
3. To discuss purchasing bus shelters and allocate amount.
4. To discuss purchasing a marker stone for King Charles III's coronation tree.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.