



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Badger Farm Community Centre, Bushfield Room.**

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

**19/23 To open the meeting**

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

**20/23 To accept apologies for absence from the Parish Councillors**

Cllr. Barlass, on holiday.

**21/23 To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011**

No declarations of interest.

**22/23 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**Resolved:** The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**23/23 To receive the Chairman's report**

The Chairman attended a virtual meeting of W.D.A.L.C. H.A.L.C. are trying to change their Articles of Association. W.D.A.L.C. would like one representative from each Parish to attend the next meeting and vote in support of leaving the H.A.L.C. Articles of Association as they are or accept the recommended amendments. Chairman to report back to Council.

JG

**24/23 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**

Cllr. Warwick was unable to attend.

**25/23 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Williams and Laming**

The W.C.C. report was circulated prior to the meeting.

**Cllr. Williams did not attend. Cllr. Laming attended from 8.20 p.m.**

Responsibility for car parking charges has now been transferred to H.C.C. and thus parking permits could now become more expensive.

**26/23 Finance**

**1. To approve the payments for running the Parish Council during January, 2023**

**Resolved:** Council approved the payments for January 2023 at £1,907.55

**2. To agree the January, 2023 bank statement and bank reconciliation**

The Chairman verified the January bank statement and reconciliation agreed at £123,338.42.

**27/23 To receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. No questions received from Council.

Signed by Chairman.....

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**28/23 To receive reports from BFPC Members**

Cllr. Cochrane reported the Climate Change Action presentation was very positive.

Cllr. McColl does not feel the wildflower planting at May Tree Close was very effective last year and will look at alternative sites instead, possibly nearer to Elder Close playground. The planting around Davis Kickaround and at the top of Ridgeway will still go ahead.

**29/23 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.**

CH

**23/00029** – 97 May Tree Close, SO22 4JF – Erection of rear conservatory

Comment: No objection with the caveat, building work already begun – Clerk to inform W.C.C.

**23/00030** – 2 Wheatland Close, SO22 4QL – Erection of prefabricated garden office

Comment: No objection – Clerk to inform W.C.C.

**23/00031** – 5 Wren Close, SO22 4HX – Single storey rear extension.

Comment: No objection – Clerk to inform W.C.C.

**22/02893** – 65 Honeysuckle Close, SO22 4QQ – Garden studio to be used as office

Comment – No objection – Clerk to inform W.C.C.

**30/23 Estate Management**

The Lengthsman attended Badger Farm in January and completed half of the work required.

Cllr. Skinner to send the Clerk the photographs of the completed work.

AS

The Chairman and Clerk met Mr. Tom Postle (Green Smile) on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Mr. Postle would be a good back-up to the Lengthsman and, additionally can be used for cutting the grass on the wildflower areas. He is also available for general shrubbery maintenance. Council is in favour of using Mr. Postle as a contractor on an ad hoc basis and asked the Clerk to inform Mr. Postle.

CH

**31/23 Highways**

N.T.R.

**32/23 Playgrounds**

AVA have replaced the broken handle on the Rotator.

**33/23 To discuss location of benches in the Parish**

Council are in favour of the more substantial recycled plastic benches for Badger Farm and for them to be set onto plastic matting. Chairman to send the proposed site locations to the Clerk.

JG

Cllr. Cochrane to send details of benches and rubber matting to the Clerk.

AC

Clerk to inform W.C.C. of the proposed locations.

CH

Clerk to contact Harry Stebbings and enquire about the delivery date of the memorial bench.

CH

**34/23 To discuss I.T. Management**

Deferred to March meeting as not all Members of the I.T. working group were present.

Councillors were asked, in the meantime, to think about what they would actually like to be included on the website and how they wished it to look. It was suggested that 2 cllrs. and the Clerk could update the website.

ALL

**35/23 To review the condition of footpaths on the Estate**

Councillors were asked to keep a list of all footpaths in need of repair and send to the Chairman.

ALL

**36/23 Items for inclusion on the March 2023 Agenda**

1. Benches
2. I.T. Management
3. Footpaths

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

*Date of next meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> March, '23, 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre*

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

Signed by Chairman.....

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