



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th March, 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in Badger Farm Community Centre, Bushfield Room.

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

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

Invited: Cllrs. Warwick, Laming, Williams

1 member of the public attended the meeting.

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.

37/23 To open the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

38/23 To accept apologies for absence from the Parish Councillors

Councillor McColl – unwell.

39/23 To receive Declarations of Interests in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

No declarations of interest.

40/23 Minutes – To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting on 13th February, 2023

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2023 were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

41/23 To receive the Chairman's report

The Chairman attended a H.A.L.C./W.A.D.L.C. meeting called to agree, by resolution, to remove the H.A.L.C. Articles of Association and submit new ones. W.A.D.A.L.C. did not believe the new Articles of Association H.A.L.C. proposed to be fair or in the best interests of Parish Councils. The proposed new Articles of Association were rejected.

A resident contacted B.F.P.C. to resolve the issue of a resident parking in front of his garage at Elder Close which is making it difficult for other garage owners to manoeuvre around his car in order to access their own garages. The resident thought it was Parish Council land because the sign which was put up some years ago says 'No parking by order of Badger Farm Parish Council'. As this is not Parish Council land and the Parish Council have no jurisdiction over it, the sign will be removed to avoid further confusion.

JG

42/23 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

H.C.C. are to take over Traffic Management from 1st April 2023 which will include on-street parking within the City of Winchester, yellow lines white lines etc. Off-street parking will remain the responsibility of the District/Boroughs.

Signed by Chairman.....

13th March, 2023

A new 'Members Grants for the Coronation grant will open from 1st to 21st April. Cllr. Warwick will be awarding grants of £500 to groups who wish to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. The link to apply for a grant is:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Cllr. Warwick was asked if the light pollution from the works depot for the M3 at the bottom end of Badger Farm Road could be reduced. As the site is used at night when work on the M3 is taking place the lighting was needed. The only alternative was to continue the works on the M3 during the day which would not be very popular. The Chairman mentioned that possibly the lights might not be directed downwards properly which might be causing too much glare. Cllr. Skinner mentioned the site is run by Balfour Beatty and his understanding is that the works on the M3 will finish by late summer and the works depot will no longer be needed. All the necessary electrical equipment will also have been installed in preparation for the smart motorway which is currently on hold for a three year investigation into the safety aspect.

43/23 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Williams and Laming

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Councillor Williams did not attend but Cllr. Laming informed Council that W.C.C. have devised a new Code of Conduct for W.C.C. and Winchester area Parish Councils. When it was pointed out that B.F.P.C. had not heard anything about a new Code of Conduct, Cllr. Laming said it was in the advisory stage and a consultation will take place at a later date. W.C.C. have developed this new Code of Conduct to try to reduce the problems between Councillors and between Clerks and Councillors.

44/23 Finance

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

Resolved: Council approved the payments for February 2023 at £2,125.58

2. To agree the February, 2023 bank statement and bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the February bank statement and the reconciliation agreed at £118,960.49.

45/23 To receive the Clerk's report

1. A savings account with Unity Trust Bank is now open, it offers 2% interest with instant access should we need to use that facility. Given the amount we have in the other account which is £129,000 I would suggest we transfer £85,000 into the savings account where it can start to earn a little income. CH
2. A grant application has been received from Chat Tea Café for £350.00. This large increase on the previous grant is due to the substantial increase for hiring the room at the Community Centre. Council agreed unanimously to grant £350.00 to Chat Tea Café, Clerk to make payment. CH
3. The memorial bench is due to be delivered late March. I have asked Mr. Tom Postle of Green Smiles if they could install it in Council's preferred location. Unfortunately, Green Smiles do not undertake hard landscaping so I have arranged for AVA to install it. Clerk to obtain quote. CH
4. After the last inspection, the basket of the cradle swing was found to have wires protruding from the ropes on the basket. AVA have ordered a new replacement basket which will be installed shortly after AVA receive it. Also in need of repair is the top wooden beam across the cradle swings. This will also be repaired when AVA receive it. The quote from AVA is £1,728.57 + VAT (£345.17) The total is £2,074.28. As these repairs are necessary, I have asked AVA to order the new basket and top beam.
5. The VAT refund has been applied for.
6. Council assessed the risk assessment and approved it.

46/23 To receive reports from BFPC Members

N.T.R.

47/23 To discuss planning applications received and decisions on applications from W.C.C.

No applications have been received from W.C.C.

Cllr. Jarvis is unhappy with the procedures W.C.C. planning/enforcement have in place when dealing with closing enforcement cases. The Councillor is concerned they do not take notice of Parish Councils' comments.

Cllr. Jarvis asked Cllr. Laming to inform Enforcement/Planning departments that when an enforcement case is closed because a retrospective planning application is to be submitted, Parish Councils should be sent the retrospective planning application immediately. Cllr. Laming agreed to speak to the planning and enforcement departments to ensure B.F.P.C. receive the information.

BL

Decisions reached by W.C.C.

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING SCHEDULE 2023							
PLANNING APP. NO.	DATE RECEIVED	ADDRESS	APPLICATION DETAILS	COMMENT BY	OFFICER	B.P.F.C. COMMENT	DECISION REC'D
3/00031	01/02/2023	5 Wren Close, SO22 4HX	Single storey rear extension.	22/02/2023	Cameron Taylor	No objection	Permitted 8/3/2023
23/00030	02/02/2023	SO22 4QL	Erection of prefabricated garden office to be used as a study.	23/02/2023	Cameron Taylor	No objection	Permitted 8/3/2023
23/00029	08/02/2023	97 May Tree Close, SO22 4JF	Conservatory to rear of property.	03/03/2023	Eva Bryant	No objection	Permitted 8/3/2023

48/23 Estate Management

It was agreed with W.C.C. that the grass in the playgrounds would be cut every two weeks to ensure they could be used all the time. The Chairman noted that they had been cut once and then although the contractors did arrive 2 weeks later, they did not actually cut the grass. It was noted that there did not seem to be anyone monitoring their work even though someone in W.C.C. is paid to do that. Cllr. Laming to bring this up with the Recreation and Projects Team. Chairman will also telephone Coral Rogers the Recreation and Projects officer.

BL/JG

Cllr. Laming was asked to ensure all the steps on pathways around the parish are cleared as when Grass and moss grow over them they are slippery and dangerous.

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49/23 Highways

N.T.R.

50/23 Playgrounds

The repairs necessary on some of the equipment were covered in Item 41/23 and 45/23.

51/23 To discuss benches

Chairman is to send out a map to all Councillors with all the bench locations pin pointed on it.

JG

52/23 To discuss I.T. Management

The I.T. Working group are to meet at Cllr. Barlass' house on Monday 27th March at 7.30 p.m. to discuss a new Website. I.T. Management to become a Standing Item.

CH

53/23 To review the condition of footpaths on the Estate

Footpaths requiring repair have yet to be identified.

54/23 To discuss purchasing two Autism Communication Boards for B.F. Playgrounds

The Chairman saw a piece on BBC about some Autism Communication Boards which Fareham B.C. had installed in their playgrounds and were found to be a big success. Clerk contacted Fareham Borough Council and found the boards were installed by Kompan who unfortunately do not know where they sourced the posters. Clerk to continue trying to locate them.

CH

Cllr. Warwick will also try to locate the manufacturer via her Fareham colleague. Chairman has agreed to send Cllr. Warwick the link from the BBC.

JG

55/23 Items for inclusion on the April, 2023 Agenda

1. Co-Option of Catherine Craven.

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: 17th April, 2023, 7.30 p.m. Bushfield Room, B.F. Community Centre.