



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 10th 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. Catherine Craven
Cllr. Alex Skinner
Cllr. Rhian Dolby
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis

In Attendance: Mrs Howe, Clerk/RFO

By invitation: Cllr. Warwick (H.C.C. and W.C.C.) Cllrs. Laming and Brophy (W.C.C.)

The Chairman opened the meeting

109/24 To receive apologies for absence
Cllrs. Barlass and Cochrane.

110/24 Declaration of Interests
No declarations of pecuniary interests were declared.

111/24 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2024
Minutes were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting of Badger Farm Parish Council (B.F.P.C.) and signed by the Chairman.
Clerk to upload them onto the website. CH

112/24 Chairman's report
The Chairman reported that the laurel hedge by Sainsbury's has now been cut so is no longer a danger.
Ms. Coral Rogers at W.C.C. has agreed to maintain the footpath along to the Ridgeway.
The Chairman has suggested that some of the play equipment in Central Playground needs to be replaced, particularly for younger children.

113/24 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
Clerk to upload the reports to the website. CH

114/24 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming
No report was received but Cllr. Brophy gave a verbal report in which he outlined the Consultation on walking and cycling infrastructure (LCWIP) adding that although this is a 'district' consultation a smaller, more local one will be undertaken later on.
Cllr. Brophy also made Council aware of a green grant which is available for sustainable businesses.
Clerk asked Cllr. Brophy to forward them so they can be uploaded onto the website.

115/24 To receive Clerk's report

1. I wrote to Cllr. Porter to inform her that BFPC's recollection of BFPC's options for the land transfer were different to that which WCC is now proposing, we take all of the parcels of land or nothing. BFPC Councillors are unhappy with WCC reneging the offer. Cllr. Porter replied that it was not her understanding, I forwarded the response on to Council on 15th May, 2024. There is nothing more BFPC can now do.
2. Sainsbury's solicitors have informed us that when the Community Centre has provided all the necessary documentation and planning approval, they are happy to proceed with the Community Centre's application to install roof solar panels. I wrote to the CC requesting assurance that all legal costs BFPC incur will be met by the CC. No response has been received. When I receive a response I will consult with a firm of solicitors and request a rough quotation of the likely cost. CH
3. The Annual End of Year Pensions Report has been completed, lodged with H.C.C. and been accepted.
4. Green Collar offer a notice board and play equipment cleaning service, do Council wish to take advantage of this service? Clerk to inform Green Collar that Council would like 3 of the notice boards to be cleaned. CH
5. The speed camera doesn't work properly, do we need it moved twice per month? Council asked Clerk to research into the latest technology for monitoring vehicular speed. CH
6. We received our VAT refund of £2,536.33 on 19th April.
7. The cattle on Whiteshute Ridge were moved to their summer location on Wednesday 8th May, 2024.
8. The new Lengthsman will be starting with Parish maintenance commencing on Wednesday 24th July. List of date for subsequent visits sent to Councillors prior to the meeting along with a List of work needing to be done. Clerk asked Cllrs. to email all locations (What3words if possible) the week before the scheduled visit. ALL
9. I have contacted another company CTG, to remove the graffiti on Badger Farm. The company are contracted to remove all the graffiti in Winchester by WCC. The quotation they have provided is for £380.00 + VAT (£456). They would expect to be able to remove it within the next 2 weeks if approved. Council asked Clerk to request they remove the graffiti as soon as they are able to. CH
10. The bus shelter re-furbishment commenced on 5th June. It was noted that there was paint on the glass panels. Clerk to write to GW Shelter Solutions for an update. CH
11. The benches have been installed, not without a few complaints and problems. One bench had to be turned around so it didn't face a wall and a residents bedroom windows. Another had to be pulled completely because one resident did not want it situated near their property and one complaint was received about a badly located bench but no action needed.
12. James Millar has agreed to take over the organisation for and will be the lead in the Wildflower Group. I wrote to all the former members (under Sarah's leadership) and some were willing to continue. James and another member of the group are very keen to continue Sarah's good work and to expand on the Wildflower areas. Clerk learned that Cllr. Barlass was to take over Biodiversity so will forward all communication to her. CH
13. I have had confirmation from Hampshire Forest Partnership that we can have 20 trees and have emailed Andrew Giles requesting the WCC contact to get the trees planted in the Autumn. Clerk to pass on to Cllr. Barlass all the communication. CH

14. Zoom is increasing (August) its price by £10 to £129.00 per year. As BFPC don't or very rarely use it do you wish to continue with the subscription or, you could use the free plan on Microsoft Teams.

Clerk was asked by Council not to renew it.

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116/24 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, May 2024

Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

Council approved the payments for May at £5,767.81

2. To agree May 2024 bank statement with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £168,089.41

3. Clerk suggested investing into the Church Charities & Local Authorities (CCLA) fund to enable Council to reduce the precept for the residents to a minimum. CLLA was due to be discussed at this meeting but Council discussed it in camera so a public discussion did not take place.

117/24 To receive reports from Members

N.T.R.

118/24 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council

Applications received:

24/00990 - 23 Rances Way, SO22 4PN - Rear Ext., garage conversion, side ext. in front of garage, infill porch, retaining left side wall to create 2 no. parking spaces.

Clerk to ask for an extension until 10th July to enable residents to comment and for BFPC to evaluate the suitability of the extensions to that particular situation.

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119/24 To discuss Badger Farm estates management

Covered under Item 115/24.8

120/24 Highways

N.T.R.

121/24 Playgrounds

AVA have mended the rotator and the aerial cable runway, they expect to be able to spray the playgrounds this week providing we have clement weather.

As mentioned in Item 112/24 (Chairman's Report) Council will consider replacement play equipment in Central Playground and, in particular, for the younger children.

122/24 To appoint Councillor portfolios

Biodiversity	-	Cllr. Barlass
Comms - Bugle	-	Cllr. Dolby
Facebook	-	Cllrs. Dolby and Godbold
Notice Boards	-	Cllr. Godbold
Website	-	Cllrs. Dolby and Godbold
Community Engagement	-	Cllr. Craven
Climate	-	Cllr. Cochrane
Estate Management	-	Cllr. Barlass
Events	-	Cllr. Craven
Planning	-	Cllrs. Jarvis and Craven
Playgrounds	-	Cllrs. Skinner and Godbold
B.F. Community Centre	-	Cllr. Godbold

123/24 To discuss the new website

Deferred until progress has been made.

124/24 To discuss the parish magazine

Clerk asked to enquire about costings for printing a magazine.

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125/23 Items for the July 2024 Agenda

No items identified.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.35 p.m.