



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 7th 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. Helen Barlass
Cllr. Ali Cochrane
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.)

9 Members of the public attended the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

**159/24 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr. Craven.**

160/24 Declaration of Interests
No declarations of interest.

161/24 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September, 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.

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162/24 Chairman's report
Gas works was the main problem for residents throughout the Parish this month
Nothing can be done about this problem until Southern Gas complete all the works necessary.

163/24 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 report to the website.

CH

164/24 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
Clerk to upload the report to the website.

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165/24 To receive Clerk's report
1. The new website is underway and will hopefully be fully functional by the end of this week..
2. The memorial bench – I have contacted Mr. Nelson and requested him to re-varnish the bench. I have not heard back to date.

Signed by Chairman... ..

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3. 23 Rances Way, planning number 24/00990 to resolve the problem of providing two parking spaces, the applicant will install plastic mesh and gravel with an ACO drain which connects to the existing underground drainage system helping to prevent flooding and water damage by effectively managing water flow so they can retain the gradual slope (no retaining wall). I have emailed the planning officer and reaffirmed Council's request to put the application before the planning committee. WCC informed Council that the application is to be taken to Committee. Cllr. Godbold to attend the Committee hearing.
4. I spoke to Sarsen Press the day after the 9th September meeting and they have reduced their quotation to £315.00.
5. I have received a quote from Grass and Grounds (new Lengthsman). The hourly rate is £35.00 which includes the use of the van but does not include the cost of waste depositing. Cllr. Barlass to inform Clerk of the work to be undertaken in the Spring.

166/24 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses for September 2024

The payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Council approved the payments for September which totalled £3,38813.

2. To agree September 2024 bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £163,065.59.

3. To approve the budget for 2024-2025

Council approved the budget for 2024 – 2025

4. To set the precept for 2024-2035

Clerk recommended Council to keep the precept at the current level as it has been for the previous 6 yrs. After a short discussion Council **resolved** to set the precept at £60,405.

Clerk to inform WCC.

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167/24 To receive reports from Members

NTR

168/24 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council

Applications received:

No new applications were received.

169/24 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management

The poor standard of grass cutting on Badger Farm estate continues to be a problem with several residents making complaints. The residents in attendance were asked to either contact WCC and make their complaints or to contact the Clerk via email at: clerk@badgerfarm-pc.gov.uk A hedge on Ashbarn Crescent was reported to be in need of urgent attention as it nearly up to the top of the lamppost. Residents was asked to report it to WCC.

170/24 Highways

N.T.R.

171/24 Playgrounds

N.T.R.

172/24 To discuss the parish magazine

Sarsen Press have revised their quote to £315.00 for 1200 copies, of A5, 8 page, colour, stitched, magazines on 170gms silk paper. Council are happy to accept the

revised quote. Council aim to produce another parish magazine in time for Christmas.

Resolved: To accept the quote from Sarsen Press. Clerk to contact the printers.

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173/24 To discuss and approve submitting the response to WCC's draft local plan – Bushfield Camp planning application

Council agreed unanimously to submit the draft response to WCC's draft local plan as prepared by Mr. Edward Heron, planning consultant employed by BFPC.

Clerk to submit the response to WCC Planning department.

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The Chairman opened the meeting to the public at 8.00 p.m. so they could put their questions to Council. There were a variety of concerns which were put to Council. District Cllrs. Laming and Brophy fielded the questions with a full explanation of the way the consultation works and why it is important to respond to it.

175/24 Items for the November 2024 Agenda

1. Website
2. Magazine
3. Playgrounds

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre on Monday 11th November, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.