



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 11th 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. Helen Barlass
Cllr. Rhian Dolby
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis
Cllr. Alex Skinner

In Attendance: Mrs Howe, Clerk/RFO

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

Public session - A Parish Council meeting is not a public meeting, but a meeting that is held in public. All members of the public have a statutory right to attend council meetings as observers. As part of our commitment to community engagement, we set aside time at the beginning of each meeting to hold a public forum called 'Public session'. This gives members of the public the opportunity to ask questions about agenda items or issues relating to the parish. After the public session the public are welcome to remain for the rest of the meeting or to leave the meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

176/24 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. Ali Cochrane absent.

Cllr. C. Craven gave apologies at the last meeting. She will be absent from the next two or three meetings.

Cllr. Warwick sent apologies.

177/24 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest.

178/24 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October, 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.

To be uploaded to the website.

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179/24 Chairman's report

The residents' information evening was a success. Residents put forward several suggestions to improve the quality of life on Badger Farm. These were collated and will be discussed at a brainstorming meeting in the near future.

Chairman and Cllr. Skinner visited the Elder Close (central) playground to discuss improvements/enhancements, new equipment and safety issues.

Signed by Chairman... ..

Date: November 11th 2024

- 180/24 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
To be uploaded the report to the website. RD
- 181/24 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming**
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- 182/24 To receive Clerk's report**
1. The memorial bench – Mr. Nelson does not wish to re-do the memorial bench. AVA have provided a quote of £350 + vat. (£420). This is to remove the bench to their workshop and allow it to dry out, treat with oxalic acid, paint the metal bolts and brackets (to prevent further tannin reaction with the oak) and varnish the bench. However, AVA recommend leaving the bench to age naturally which would cost £150 + vat (£180) to treat the stains with oxalic on site and paint the bolts. AVA are still storing a recycled plastic bench, awaiting an installation location.
- 183/24 Finance**
- 1. To approve payments for Parish expenses for October 2024**
The payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.
Council approved the payments for October which totalled £3,948.76
 - 2. To agree October 2024 bank reconciliation**
The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £158,254.91
 - 3. To consider a grant of £250 for Chat Tea Café**
Council resolved to award a grant of £250 to the Chat Tea Café.
Clerk to arrange payment to Chat Tea Café. CH
 - 4. The National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed the national pay award Clerk's salary has increased by 61p per hour from £20.37p to £20.98p.**
Council noted the pay increase which is to be backdated to April 1st 2024 in line with NJC guidelines.
Expenses are to increase by 2.5 % (mileage and office allowance).
- 184/24 To receive reports from Members**
Cllr. Skinner to report on Elder Close (central) playground under item 188/24.
- 185/24 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council**
Applications received:
No new applications were received. Clerk to send Cllr. Jarvis instructions for accessing the weekly planning applications.
- 186/24 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management**
The Lengthsman did not cut back the Leylandii hedge on Ashbarn Crescent. Clerk to request the hedge be cut back by WCC. Clerk to send Cllr. Barlass the WCC customer services email so contact can be made through them.
- 187/24 Highways**
Clerk emailed HCC Highways and Cllr. Warwick, about the increasing problem of all day parking on BF Cllr. Warwick then met with the Highways to discuss the problem. Highways requested BFPC's help monitoring the situation. Council will contact residents affected by the all day parking and asked to monitor the all day parking over a period of a few months to obtain accurate figures for Highways.

188/24 Playgrounds

Councillors met at the Elder Close (central) playground to assess the refurbishment needed.

After some discussion Council agreed the full refurbishment of the playground should proceed.

Resolved: Council to meet informally for a brainstorming session to suggest new pieces of play equipment and associated problems which need to be addressed.

Council to discuss the findings at the December meeting to enable residents to voice their suggestions.

The budget for refurbishment of the playground is set at £35,000.

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189/24 To discuss the parish magazine

There will not be a Christmas Parish Magazine published this year as Cllr. Dolby also has the website portfolio which is taking up all her spare time.

190/24 Items for the December 2024 Agenda

1. Refurbishment of Elder Close playground.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre on Monday 9th December, 2024 at 7.30 p.m.