



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 8th 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. John Godbold
Cllr. Helen Barlass
Cllr. Alison Cochrane
Cllr. Catherine Craven
Cllr. Alex Skinner
Cllr. Fenella Jarvis

In Attendance: Mrs Howe, Clerk/RFO

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

127/24 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. Rhian Dolby.

128/24 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Cochrane declared an interest in planning.

129/24 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 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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130/24 Chairman's report

The Chairman invited Cllr. Craven to speak. Cllr. Craven informed Council she is expecting her first child in November but was keen to assure Council that she did not envisage this impacting on her role as Councillor. Council offered her congratulations. Council noted that two branches of the King Charles III beech tree looked vulnerable as the leaves were brown. However, as Beech are a species which retain the previous year's leaves (albeit brown and dead) this was not a cause for concern. The Chairman will continue to monitor the tree's condition.

Where Southern gas have been working on the spinal main at Ridgeway they have cracked some paving slabs.

131/24 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.

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132/24 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming

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133/24 To receive Clerk's report

1. The playgrounds have been sprayed with weed killer.
2. The new Lengthsman and team make their first visit to Badger Farm on 24th July.
Any jobs for the Lengthsman to be submitted by 16th July to give adequate notice.
3. The cost of producing the parish magazine will be £520.00 for 1200 copies, A5, 8 page, colour, stitched, magazines on 170gms silk paper and delivered to Cllr. Dolby's address.
4. Details of the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund were emailed to Council prior to the meeting so they had the correct information to assess whether they wished to invest in order to reduce the amount residents pay in the form of the precept.
To be discussed under Item 146/24.
5. Green Collar have agreed to clean the notice boards at their earliest convenience.
6. Refurbishment of the bus shelters has been completed.

134/24 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, June 2024

Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.
Council approved the payments for June at £2,735.64

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

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £162,352.38

3. To write off: H.P. Pavilion (7th Gen.) laptop 2017, Samsung J3 phone 2017, Wireless Keyboard 2017, 8 Samsung tablets, 2021

Council agreed to write off the above obsolete equipment which has been replaced.

Clerk to remove from the asset list to be taken into account on the next external audit.

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135/24 To receive reports from Members

Contact was made with the W.C.C. representative who is responsible for managing the grass cutting, hedge trimming and shrubs on B.F. The problem areas which needed attention have been actioned very satisfactorily. Although a meeting with W.C.C. was requested, they were non-committal. All overgrown paths, hedges etc. which require cutting back can be reported on the W.C.C. app. This is to be included in the next edition of the parish magazine, due out in September/October.

136/24 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 sent an email to W.C.C. planning department to object to this application on several grounds.

The planning department were informed that should they be minded to permit the application then B.F.P.C. wish for the application to be heard before the planning committee.

Although not on the Agenda, the planning application for Bushfield Camp was discussed at length.

W.C.C. is waiting for the H.C.C. highways department to make their comments before the application can be considered officially so no comment from B.F.P.C. can be submitted yet.

137/24 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management

Covered under Item 135/24.

138/24 Highways

N.T.R.

139/24 Playgrounds

Covered under Clerk's report Item 132/24.1

**140/24 To discuss Church, Charities and Local Authorities Public Sector Deposit Fund
See Item 132/24.4**

Council decided not to invest in the Public Sector Deposit Fund. Council decided to transfer some of the funds in the Unity Trust Bank easy access account to a fixed interest rate account and move some funds from the current account to the easy access account whilst still retaining enough to cover 6 months parish running costs.
Clerk to arrange..

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141/24 Items for the September 2024 Agenda

- 1. Parish Magazine.**
- 2. Consider a £200 grant for the Bushfield Camp publicity fund.**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who attended the meeting and closed it at 9.00 p.m.