



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on December 9th 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
Cllr. Alison Cochrane

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.

191/24 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr. C. Craven

192/24 Declaration of Interests
No declarations of interest.

193/24 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November, 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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194/24 Chairman's report
The Chairman received an email from a resident asking if there is anything the P.C. can do to hurry up the work on the gas main. As we have no responsibility for the work, there is unfortunately nothing to be done but wait for SGN to complete the work. The resident also informed the PC about some graffiti on the newly refurbished bus shelter near Sainsburys. Removal of the graffiti is in hand.
Council had a brainstorming meeting to discuss findings from the Residents' Information Meeting held on Thursday 24th September. Some of the suggestions which Arose from the public meeting were the responsibility of HCC or WCC. Chairman to send the information to the appropriate authority.

Signed by Chairman... ..

Date: December 9th 2024

- 195/24 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
- 196/24 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming**
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
- 197/24 To receive Clerk's report**
Clerk has obtained a quote of £567.42 |(inc.vat) for a rainbow bench as the previous Supplier engaged by Cllr. Cochrane no longer exists. The bench is to be installed in 2025 by AVA.
Clerk to arrange the purchase and installation when approved by Council. CH
- 198/24 Finance**
- 1. To approve payments for Parish expenses for November 2024**
Council approved the payments for October which totalled £3563.12.
 - 2. To agree November 2024 bank reconciliation**
The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £151,265.15.
- 199/24 To receive reports from Members**
Cllr. Barlass (Biodiversity portfolio) will share emails received from the Wildflower Group which is now organized by a resident, Mr. James Miller, with Council.
Cllr. Barlass questioned where the 20 Elm trees supplied by Hampshire Forest Partnership would be planted. Clerk reiterated that the Elm trees are replacements for the Ash trees identified as diseased and subsequently removed by WCC as discussed previously in November's meeting and that BFPC do not have to take all of them. Some of the trees were scheduled to replace the ones which were felled behind Roydon Close. Council then noted some of them could be placed on Ridgeway.
Clerk suggested the Cllr., talks to the WCC Arboriculturist Mr. Andrew Giles.
Cllr. Barlass to arrange a walkabout with Mr. Giles to determine replanting locations. HB
Cllr. Dolby informed Council she is continuing to learn how to do the basic things on the website. The designers of the website Eyelid Productions, provided a no frills design and did not include any pzazz. Chairman acknowledged as was confirmed by Clerk at the last meeting that more finance was set aside for the website should it be needed to add more flair to the.
- 200/24 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council**
24/02591 – 26 Elder Close, SO22 4LG – Single storey rear extension, front porch, Internal alterations.
Council is waiting to hear back from the planning officer as they are concerned that that 26 and 27 Elder Close could be developed into one property. Although it was acknowledged there is no restriction on the two properties being amalgamated into one property, Council thought the planning department should be made aware of the possibility.
Comment: BFPC happy to accept the planning officer's decision with the proviso that the planning department acknowledge Council have made them aware that 26 & 27 Elder Close could be turned into one property.
- 201/24 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management**
N.T.R.

202/24 Highways

Roadworks have been completed but the finished result is sub-standard and looks very patchy.

203/24 Playgrounds

A meeting is to be arranged after Christmas to discuss whether to increase the area of Elder Close playground and if so, by how much. Also to be discussed is what new equipment is needed.

204/24 Items for the January 2025 Agenda

1. Elder Close playground update.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.38 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30 p.m.