



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th January, 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre

Members present: Cllr. Godbold – Chairman
Cllrs. Barlass, Jarvis, McColl and Skinner

Also present: Christine Howe – Clerk/RFO

Invited: Cllrs. Warwick, (H.C.C. & W.C.C.) Brophy and Laming (W.C.C.)

Public question time - the public are invited to speak for 3 mins each on a topic relevant to this parish or an item on the agenda – total time allowed for the public session is 15 mins.

1/24 The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

2/24 To accept apologies for absence
Cllr. Craven, Cllr. Dolby, Cllr. Cochrane.

3/24 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011
No declarations of interest.

4/24 Minutes – To approve and adopt minutes of the meeting on 11th December, 2023
Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on 11th December, 2023 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.
Clerk to upload onto the website.

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5/24 Chairman's report
Mr. Edward Heron composed a letter to be sent to Cllr. Todd from the Council Requesting Council speak at the committee meeting, this as a matter of courtesy. This was sent to W.C.C. via the Chairman. A Positive response was received back from Cllr. Todd who did not envisage a problem with BFPC attending and speaking at the committee meeting when Bushfield Camp re-development is discussed. With the recent high winds, there has been a lot of damage to trees on the estate. The Chairman used the Winchester City Council app. to report the damage which was swiftly attended to. The Chairman suggested all Cllrs. used the app as it was far more successful than informing Mr. Gurdler (Winchester tree person).

6/24 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick
The report Will be circulated to Council and uploaded onto the website.
Clerk to upload onto the website.
Cllr. Warwick not in attendance.

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7/24 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming

The report was not received so could not be circulated to Council.
Chairman asked Cllr. Laming to send it to the Clerk.
Cllr. Brophy not in attendance.

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8/24 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, December 2023

Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.
Council approved the payments for December 2023 which totalled £2,114.01

JANUARY 2024 PARISH PAYMENTS - DECEMBER 2023 EXP.					
Date Pd	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Vat No.	Gross
02/01/24	BF&OBRCA	Room hire	-	-	48.00
02/01/24	H.C.C.	Pension	-	-	308.40
02/01/24	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	-	-	53.03
02/01/24	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	-	-	143.60
02/01/24	Mrs. C. Howe	December salary + exp.	-	-	1,111.84
02/01/24	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	-	-	110..00
02/01/24	Digitoolbox	Email hosting	-	179066377	49.08
02/01/24	Mr. Tony Nelson	Speed camera maintenance	-	-	150.00
02/01/24	EE Network	Mobile phone	D/D	760729222	8.06
02/01/24	AVA	Playground Inspections	-	166964951	132.00
TOTAL					£2,114.01

2. To agree December 2023 bank statement with the bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £155,296.64.

9/24 To receive the Clerk's report

An abandoned car in Lowden Close was first reported to W.C.C. by a resident and the Clerk in March 2023. Numerous emails to W.C.C. and the police were required before W.C.C. organised for the vehicle to be removed on 4th January 2024.

10/24 To receive reports from B.F.P.C. Members

Cllr. McColl has volunteered to monitor the health of the cattle on Whiteshute Ridge and has asked the other Cllrs., to encourage suitable people to volunteer as a health monitor. All volunteers will be given training to inform them what signs to look out for.

11/24 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.

No planning applications were received.

12/24 Estate Management

N.T.R.

13/24 Highways

Although the speed camera is no longer fully functioning, no longer providing data it still displays drivers' speed which is the most important function.
The worsening state of the roads continues. Potholes are not repaired quickly enough and repairs are of such poor quality the potholes open up shortly afterwards.

14/24 Playgrounds

N.T.R.

15/24 To discuss land transfer from Persimmon Homes to BFPC

Deferred until February 12th meeting when more information is available.

16/24 To discuss Green Smile maintenance quote for Persimmon land

Deferred until February 12th meeting when more information is available.

17/24 To discuss the amount to be allocated for purchasing bus shelters

Council agreed one bus shelter should be replaced per year. Clerk provided photocopies of the various types of bus shelters available with the exception of wooden ones which are not appropriate for Badger Farm. All the bus shelters on the market are powder coated metal or stainless steel with one exception, a single company now produces recycled plastic bus shelters with various environmentally friendly options and, as council are aware of the need to be mindful of the environment and sustainability have asked the Clerk to provide photocopies of them when they become available. The anticipated date is March 2024.

Resolved: The allocated amount to be deferred until more information is available and the appropriate type of bus shelter has been chosen. The cost of subsequent bus shelters will be discussed and agreed at full Parish Council meetings when they are required to be replaced.

18/24 To discuss purchasing a marker stone for King Charles III's Coronation tree

Council considered the various materials available for markers and,

Resolved: Council asked the Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for a stone marker which could be set into the ground to prevent vandals removing it.

Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for a stone marker approximately 60 sq.cm.

19/24 To discuss the locations and purchase of new benches for the Parish

Deferred until the February meeting.

Clerk provided Council with photocopies of different styles of benches, all of which are recycled plastic as Council are keen to acknowledge the importance of sustainability, the impact on the environment and provide best value for the residents.

20/24 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the 12th February, 2024

1. To discuss land transfer from Persimmon Homes to BFPC.
2. To discuss Green Smile maintenance quote for Persimmon land.
3. To discuss the amount to be allocated for bus shelters
4. To discuss purchasing a marker for King Charles III's Coronation tree
5. To discuss the purchase and locations of new benches for the Parish
6. To approve the Asset List
7. To approve the Risk Assessment

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.