



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th March, 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre

Members present: Cllr. Godbold – Chairman

Cllrs. Barlass, Cochrane, Craven, 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.

43/24 The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

44/24 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr. Dolby.

45/24 To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011

No declarations of interest.

46/24 Minutes – To approve and adopt minutes of the meeting on 8th February, 2024

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting on 8th February, 2024 were approved and adopted as a true record of the meeting.

Clerk to upload onto the website.

CH

47/24 Chairman's report

The Chairman received 3 reports of anti-social behaviour which included being aggressive to an elderly lady and kicking doors as they went by houses. One of the youths was recognised by the Chairman who has offered to speak to the parents in an attempt to quash this behaviour.

The Chairman has recognised that as people are using the Queen Elizabeth II memorial bench (the Queen's bench) it would be a good idea to request WCC install a multi-use bin beside it. Cllr. Laming offered to contact WCC to arrange this.

BL

Chairman had received the Police alert about the rise in theft of keyless entry cars which thieves are managing because of a relay system put in place by the owners enabling them to unlock and start their keyless entry car from indoors. Thieves are able to intercept the system and steal the cars. Clerk to put up on the website.

CH

A 'Teams' meeting was attended by the Chairman, District Councillors and WCC to discuss grass cutting. In line with last year, there are to be eight cuts per year.

Council were asked to inform Clerk of any areas which get missed by the contractors. Clerk to liaise directly with Ms. Coral Rogers of WCC to resolve any issues.

48/24 To receive the report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated to Council prior to the meeting and will be uploaded onto the website. Cllr. Warwick explained in detail the County Council's spending plan.

Clerk to upload the monthly report onto the website.

CH

49/24 To receive the report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming
 The report was circulated to Council prior to the meeting and will be uploaded onto the website. As the monthly report from Cllrs. Brophy and Laming did not arrive in time for Cllrs. to read it before the meeting, Cllr. Brophy gave a verbal report.
Clerk to upload the monthly report onto the website.

CH

50/24 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses, February 2024

Payments schedule was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

Council approved the payments for February 2024 which totalled £5,332.17

MARCH '24 PAYMENTS (February exp.)					
Date Pd	Supplier	Details	Bacs. No.	Vat No.	Gross
04/03/24	BF&OBRCA	Room Hire	S/O	-	48.00
04/03/24	H.C.C.	Pension	-	-	308.43
04/03/24	H.M.R.C.	N.I.	-	-	197.23
04/03/24	H.M.R.C.	P.A.Y.E.	-	-	143.60
04/03/24	Mrs. C. Howe	December salary + exp.	-	-	989.94
04/03/24	T.L.C.	Website maintenance	-	-	40.00
04/03/24	Mr. Tony Nelson	Speed camera maintenance	-	-	100.00
04/03/24	EE Network	Mobile phone	D/D	760729222	8.06
04/03/24	S.L.C.C.	Membership subscription	-	-	183.00
04/03/24	Viking	Stationery	-	536153357	33.41
04/03/24	Green Collar	Bus shelter maintenance	-	279963235	162.00
04/03/24	NBB	Benches x 5	-	927480112	3,118.50
				TOTAL	5,332.17

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

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £146,346.13

51/24 To receive the Clerk's report

- Enforcement: 24/00029 - 5 Wren Close SO22 4HX - Case closed, not expedient to pursue.
- I met with Mr. Glen Wilson, GW Shelter Solutions to discuss the refurbishment of BF bus shelters. The refurbishment will include, rubbing down all paintwork, painting on a primer, then with a semi-gloss wet paint (full gloss can be provided if preferred), replace panels and poly-carbonate 'glazing' with 8 mm toughened glass, new vertical extrusion to hold the toughened glass. The cost for refurbishing all 5 bus shelters is, £17,720.64 (inc.vat). The extraneous cost (minimum) of installing new bus shelters is approximately £4,000 on top of the cost of the bus shelters, this would be for disconnecting, reconnecting electricity supply, removal of existing shelter, streetworks permit from HCC and traffic management fee during removal and installation of new bus shelter.
- The new benches have been delivered and are ready to be installed when the details of the proposed locations are supplied.
- I informed River Crest Surveyors BFPC do not accept advertising.
- I have received a reply from Sainsburys and they confirm that no structural changes externally or internally are to be made without their permission and have asked for a formal application to be submitted. I have passed a copy of the required documents which will need to be submitted, to the Community Centre Manager.
- The bus shelters have been cleaned.

52/24 To receive reports from B.F.P.C. Members
Cllr. McColl reported she had not receive a reply to the emails she sent to WCC regarding the replacement tree planting after a large number of Ash trees with die-back had to be felled. Hampshire Forest Partnership had reserved several Elm saplings for BFPC but as WCC did not respond to any of the emails Cllr. McColl sent, they have been re-allocated. Forest Partnership will have a further supply in Autumn. Cllr. McColl requested one of the District Cllrs. intervenes to ensure WCC responds to her questions/emails so BFPC know whether they can arrange for some to be reserved for planting in the Autumn.
Cllr. Laming said that WCC were understaffed and very busy.
The problem with people not picking up their dog's faeces has arisen again.
Cllrs. Barlass and McColl have some spray which they will use to highlight the problem.

53/24 To discuss planning applications received from W.C.C.
Applications:
24/000422 - 18 Ashbarn Crescent, SO22 4LW - Garden room (retrospective)
Comment: No objection - Happy to accept the planning officer's decision.
Clerk to inform WCC Planning Department.

CH

54/24 Estate Management
Councillors asked to report any areas which the grass cutting contractors do not cut to Clerk or Chairman. Ms. Coral Rogers (WCC) will then be informed.

55/24 Highways
Councillors are advised to report big potholes on the HCC app and they will be mended on a temporary basis within 2 days.

56/24 Playgrounds
N.T.R.

57/24 To discuss land transfer from Persimmon Homes to BFPC
Council to do a walkabout on Tuesday 19th March at 10 a.m. (to meet at the Chairman's house), with WCC to estimate how much the maintenance of the trees in the parish will cost. Once the full cost has been established then Council will be able to make a fully informed decision on whether to accept any pieces of Persimmon owned land.

58/24 To discuss Green Smile maintenance quote for Persimmon land
This was not discussed.

59/24 To approve the locations for the new benches
Council have researched the areas which would be of most benefit to the parishioners and have decided the locations. The Chairman to send a bench location map to Clerk who will then arrange for installation to proceed.

JG

60/24 Items for inclusion on the Agenda for the 8th April, 2024
1. Internal Audit
2. Bench installation

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.