



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, January 13th 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.

1/25 To receive apologies for absence

None.

2/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest.

3/25 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, 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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4/25 Chairman's report

The Chairman informed Council that no problems or incidents had been reported over the Christmas and new year period.

Chairman is concerned about how Devolution will affect BFPC. As of now, we have not received any information on changes which will affect Parish and Town Councils. It is hoped that information regarding any changes will be filtered down very soon so BFPC can start to make any necessary adjustments.

The work on the gas main has been completed and we are just waiting now for them to reinstate the area to its previous condition.

Signed by Chairman... ..

Date: December 13th 2025

5/25 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated to members.

6/25 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming

The report was circulated to members. Cllr. Laming was not present.

7/25 To receive Clerk's report

1. The Community Centre informed the Chairman they wish to apply for a grant of £200 to contribute towards acoustic wall panelling. I advised the Community Centre that BFPC require the following before making a decision.
 1. A copy of the request for permission from Sainsburys Agent and their reply.
 2. A copy of the works quotation.
 3. Confirmation of the other pending grants being awarded.
2. We have received a letter from H.C.C. regarding the village green registration of the land known as Davis kickabout area. Although the residents have been using the land for recreational purposes in excess of 20 years - the requisite amount of years to qualify for registration - H.C.C. will refuse the application. The reason given is H.C.C. were informed W.C.C. have maintained the land which is/was owned by Davis Estates Ltd. Since 1982. This implies W.C.C. have allowed residents to use the land 'by right' not 'as of right'. The distinction 'by right' meaning W.C.C. granted the residents licence to use the land.
Clerk has contacted our planning consultant for advice and also the Open Space Society. Clerk will write to H.C.C. and refute W.C.C.'s stance and ask for the registration to stand. CH

8/25 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses for December 2024

Council approved the payments for December which totalled £3,563.72

2. To agree December 2024 bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £151,708.58

9/25 To receive reports from Members

1. Cllr. Barlass met with Mr. Giles (W.C.C. trees) to establish where the 20 ash trees could be planted. Cllr. Barlass initially thought 20 trees was far too many, however, Mr. Giles explained there were in excess of 70 trees which were felled due to ash die back, 20 trees are now felt to be acceptable.

Clerk to contact Mr. Giles and make all necessary arrangements. CH

- 2, Cllr. Dolby reported that the Council website is taking shape and she is pleased with the progress she has made. Councillors were asked for more photographs to be sent to her so they can be added to the website.

2. Cllr. Cochrane would like B.F.P.C. to contribute
- 3.

10/25 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council

24/02567 – 34 May Tree Close – Proposed Dropped Kerb to provide off road parking space/charging point and enclosure of side garden with vertical board panels.

Clerk to inform planning department B.F.P.C. are happy to accept the planning officer's decision. CH

11/25 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management

See Item 9.25.1

The roof of the bus shelter beside the subway needs to be replaced.

Clerk to arrange for the repair. CH

12/25 Highways
N.T.R.

13/25 Playgrounds
N.T.R.

14/25 Items for the February 2025 Agenda

1. Refurbishment of Elder Close Playground.

Cllr. Warwick attended the meeting and informed Council that Hampshire would not know if they are on the 'fast track' for becoming a Unitary Authority (UA) until January 31st. Following on from that, suggestions for the new unitary boundary options must be submitted to government by Autumn 2025.

Wiltshire is already set up as a UA and it is likely that Hampshire will be set up on a similar framework. The changes for Parish and Town Councils will happen much further down the line and are not likely to be known for a considerable time.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those who participated in the meeting and closed it at 8.55 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre on Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30 p.m.