



# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 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.)

2 members of the public were in attendance.

**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.

**29/25 To receive apologies for absence**

None.

**30/25 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interest.

**31/25 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2025**

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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**32/25 Chairman's report**

The Chairman expressed his dismay at the refurbished bus shelters being vandalised again with graffiti being sprayed on the glass panels. However, as they were refurbished with glass instead of Perspex, our contractor was able to remove the graffiti but at a cost to the residents of the estate. To date this financial year, graffiti has cost £534.

Quotes were received for improving the playground at Elder Close, to be discussed under Item 41/25.

Signed by Chairman... ..

Date: March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

**33/25 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick**

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.  
Cllr. Warwick sent her apologies.

**34/25 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming**

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**35/25 To receive Clerk's report**

1. The Lengthsman team completed the requested jobs when they attended Badger Farm on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. Their work is excellent and was praised by residents and Councillors alike. Photos of the completed jobs were emailed to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.
2. Bus Shelter lighting  
Clerk asked Council if they have reached a decision whether to install the lighting in the bus shelters. Council discussed the safety of the residents and decided to provide lighting for all the Badger Farm bus shelters. This will include solar lighting to Meadow Way after Barley Down and mains lighting to the shelter on Meadow Way opposite May Tree Close. The total cost will be £11,999.94 inc. VAT (£1,998.49).
3. An Elder Close resident complained about the lack of response from the police regarding the garages which were broken into. I forwarded the email to the police.
4. We received an email from a resident stating that residents' bad parking prevents her from accessing her own garage. The resident requested BFPC put up a no-parking sign on her garage. I replied explaining BFPC do not have the right to put up signs either on private or public land. The resident also requested the Parish Council lift the crowns of some trees which reduce the amount of light in residents' gardens. I emailed to explain it is W.C.C.'s responsibility. I provided the resident with the email address of WCC.  
The resident then requested a list of BFPC responsibilities which I provided.
5. A complaint regarding parking in Elder Close, 2 caravans and too many cars. As the complaint was anonymous, I was unable to reply suggesting a resolution. Letter was emailed to Council prior to the meeting.
6. Unity Trust are reducing the interest rate on the instant access account, it is now 2.25% . The savings account which is a fixed interest account remains at 4.85%
7. The Community Centre are increasing their rates to £30.00 per hour. If the partitioning doors are closed we can reduce this to our current rate of £25.00 p.h.

*I was continually interrupted by Cllr. Cochrane and thus unable to provide Council with all the information.*

**36/25 Finance**

**1. To approve payments for Parish expenses for February 2025**

Council approved the February payments which totalled £3,077.64

**2. To agree February 2025 bank reconciliation**

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £144,754.64

**37/25 To receive reports from Members**

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**38/25 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council**

No planning applications were received.

Cllr. Jarvis has been responsible for the planning portfolio for the last 20 yrs. As she now wishes to retire, Cllr. Jarvis has asked for someone else to take over the portfolio.

**39/25 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management**

The first cut of the season has taken place on Davis Kickabout area and was reported to be of a good standard.

**40/25 Highways**

Cllr. Laming reported to BFPC that a potential new junction with Oliver's Battery is being Discussed.

**41/25 Playgrounds**

Following on from Council's agreement in February to upgrade the Elder Close playground, two companies (AVA and Infinity Playgrounds) have submitted their proposals along with their quotations. The upgrade will include a 'three seat swing' complete with two cradle seats and one 'you and me' seat, three spring animals, a spinning bowl, a junior spinner and three junior play panels. The third quote from Playdale will be available on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

**42/25 To approve the asset register for 2025/26**

Council approved the asset register for 2025/26

**43/25 To approve the risk assessment for 2025/26**

Council approved the risk assessment for 2025/26

**44/25 To discuss the Wildflower Team's request for 4 additional biodiversity areas, 1 wildlife buffer and the continuation of the 2024 mowing regime.**

Two members of the wildflower group attended the meeting and explained the group's proposal for wildflower areas on BF. They would like to organise one or more wildflower guided tours around the estate and add two new high quality signs at the entrance to the estate (subject to planning requirements) to inform visitors and residents that BF is managed in a way to aid biodiversity and pollinators. The document was circulated to Council prior to the meeting.

**45/25 To discuss a grant for Winchester Basics Bank/Community Centre**

Clerk explained the application for a grant in its current form would not be accepted by the Internal Auditor. Council asked the Clerk to request Basics Bank re-submit a grant application with less detail so it would be acceptable.

Clerk to request new grant application form from Basics Bank and to speak to the Internal Auditor to ask if this is acceptable to him and would also pass the External Audit.

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**46/25 Items for the April 2025 Agenda**

1. Rainbow bench
2. Basics Bank grant
3. Playground upgrade

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present and closed it at 9.15 p.m. *The next meeting of BFPC will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.*