



BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 14th April at 7.30pm in the Bushfield Room, Badger Farm Community Centre.

Members Present: Cllr. John Godbold
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.

47/25 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. Barlass.

48/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest.

49/25 To approve and adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March, 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.

RD

50/25 Chairman's report

The Chairman informed Council that everything was very quiet in the Parish so he Did not have anything to report this month.

Signed by Chairman... ..

Date: April 14th 2025

51/25 To receive report from H.C.C. Member Cllr. Jan Warwick

The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

52/25 To receive report from W.C.C. Members Cllrs. Warwick, Brophy and Laming

No report was received.

53/25 To receive Clerk's report

1. The first half of the precept £30,202.50p was received on 9/4/25.
2. Bus Shelters – some sections of paint was peeling along the bottom rails of some of the bus shelters. The contractors have now completed the re-painting.
3. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has advised the appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for parish and town councils in England for the year 2025-26 is £11.10. This is the amount as a result from increasing the amount of £10.81 for 2024-2025 by the percentage increase in the retail price index between September 2023 and September 2024, in accordance with Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.
4. The internal audit was carried out on 4th April and we have been given a clean bill of health once again. The internal auditor has now retired and next year's audit will be conducted by a new Fareham based company. I am waiting to hear from them with their terms.
5. Lois Graveley has informed me that she would not be seeking to join BFPC as a Councillor now but might consider it in the future.
6. The VAT refund £4,696.86 was received on 31st March, 2025, all claims were paid.

54/25 Finance

1. To approve payments for Parish expenses for March 2025

Council approved the March payments which totalled £4,760.60

2. To agree March 2025 bank reconciliation

The Chairman verified the bank statements reconciled at £146,461.15

3. To receive and note the end of year accounts

Council noted the end of year accounts.

4. To receive the Internal Audit Report 2024/25

Council considered and were pleased with the internal audit report.

5. To approve the internal audit report 2024/25 for submission to the Ext. Aud.

Council approved the internal audit report and asked **Clerk** to submit it to the external auditor.

6. To approve Section 1 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25 Annual governance statement of the annual Return for submission to the external auditor

Council approved Section 1 of the AGAR. **Clerk** to submit to the external auditor.

7. To approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25 Accounting statements of the annual return and statement of variances for 2024/25 for submission to the external auditor

Council approved Section 2 of the AGAR and asked **Clerk** to submit it to the Ext. Aud.

8. Notice of public rights and publication of unaudited annual governance and accountability return

To note the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights. They will be announced on Monday, 2nd June, and available for the public to view them from Tuesday 3rd June until Friday 12th July.

To be uploaded onto the website and published on the notice board.

RD/JG

9. Council to confirm there is no conflict of interest between Council and the External Auditors

Council confirmed there was no conflict of interest and the Chairman signed the 'No Conflict of Interest' document on Council's behalf.

Clerk to forward to the External Auditor.

CH

55/25 To receive reports from Members

N.T.R.

56/25 To consider planning applications received from Winchester City Council

No planning applications were received.

57/25 To discuss Badger Farm Estates Management

The wildflower areas had not been mown as agreed with WCC. The Davis Kickabout green at Lark Hill Rise had been mown 3 times in quick succession and the Chairman reported that the contractors with the gang mower had done a very good job with the mowing.

58/25 Highways

NTR

59/25 Playgrounds

BFPC had received 3 quotations for the revamping and extending of the Central Playground. The first one from AVA was for the sum of £34,013.94 + vat which totals £40,816.73p. The second quotation was from Infinity Playgrounds for the sum of £42,076.92 + vat which totals £50,492.31p. The third quotation was from Playdale in the sum of £34,681.70 + vat which comes to £41,618.04p.

After a full discussion Council considered Playdale were the preferred option. The Chairman met the representative and was impressed with the professionalism of the company, their wide breadth of experience and the price they quoted.

Resolved: Council to contract Playdale for the revamp and extension of Elder Close Playground. **Clerk** to inform Playdale and ascertain an approximate installation date.

CH

60/25 To Approve the Standing Orders, Financial Controls policy and Financial Regs

Council approved the Standing Orders, Financial Controls Policy and Fin.Reg. These will be reviewed as necessary.

61/25 To discuss the rainbow bench

Deferred to the May meeting.

62/25 To discuss a grant for Winchester Basics Bank to repair the Community Centre floor

Clerk contacted the internal auditor a second time as requested by Council at the March meeting to ascertain whether it was advisable to award a grant to Winchester Basics Bank so they could repair the Community Centre floor. The auditor again advised against awarding a grant.

Resolved: Council decided reluctantly that they are not able to award the grant based on the advice received from our auditor.

Clerk to inform Winchester Basics Bank.

CH

63/25 Items for the May meeting

1. Rainbow bench.
2. HALC membership

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those present and closed it at 8.15 p.m.

The next meeting of BFPC will be held on Monday 12th May, 2025 at 7.30 p.m. in the Bushfield Room of the Badger Farm Community Centre.