



Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents' Community Association

Registered Charity No. 279592

MINUTES of the User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 19 July 2006

Present:

Ian Millar (Chairman); Rachel Skinner (Former Acting Chairman); Barbara Hitchings (Exec Committee); Kevin Hitchings (Exec Committee); John Pettet (Treasurer); Ray Bennett (Exec Committee); Anne Sole (Exec Committee + Pre-School group); Elizabeth Barrett (Secretary + Winchester Tae Kwon-Do); Jane Fielding (Bookings Secretary); Keith Taylor (B F Parish Council); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church); Joan Millar (Dancing); Carolyn Freeth (Badger Farm Toddlers); Geoff Sharman (OB Parish Council)

1) Apologies: Loraine Martin; Angela Banks; Jill Judge

2 To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of April 2006

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Anne Sole and seconded by Geoff Sharman.

3) Report from the Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Rachel said that the Committee welcomed suggestions from the User Group for improvements at the Centre and thanked the Committee for their support over the last year.

Since the meeting Rachel has provided a written copy of her annual report and has suggested that it be inserted here for User Groups to read:

In the last year a lot has happened at the Community Centre. This time last year Derrick Makepeace was our hugely successful Chairman; unfortunately after suffering a stroke in the Autumn Derrick had to resign and I was asked to step in as Acting Chairperson until a permanent replacement could be found. Derrick was a hard act to follow; his commitment to the Centre was second to none.

In November this year helped by financial contributions from both parish councils on behalf of the Committee, Barbara and Kevin Hitchings once more gave up a lot of their time to organize the annual Firework Display at Oliver's Battery Recreation Ground. Once more this was a resounding success enjoyed by all.

Bookings at the Centre are at an all time high which is fantastic and the Committee have been able to implement some improvements:

With the help of a grant obtained by Badger Farm Pre School a new soft play area has been laid in the garden between the Centre and the Doctors surgery.

New white crockery has been purchased for the kitchen; forty dinner plates, forty side plates, forty mugs and sixty cups and saucers - which should make the centre more of an attractive proposition for those planning functions.

Plans in the pipeline include new carpets for the Whiteshute and Bushfield rooms and a new CCTV system for the centre. Unfortunately this year also saw the resignation from the Committee of Ian Ackerman but the welcome arrival of Ian Millar who now has kindly agreed to take on the role of Acting Chairman.

I would like to offer my own personal thanks to several people who have helped me in the last few months; John Pettet, Mervyn Hall, Jane Fielding and Jill Judge and the rest of the Committee without whose help I could not have managed.

4) Report from Badger Farm Parish Council.

Keith said the Parish Council is happy with the way the Community Centre is being run. He reported that the PC had recently been dealing with problems including squatters/travellers and motorcyclists using Whiteshute Ridge.

5) Report from Oliver's Battery Parish Council.

Geoff Sharman reported further on the arrangements for the OB50 Celebrations., . .

6) User Group Reports

Group representatives said they were happy with how things are running at present. There were a few comments as follows:

Toddlers – Carolyn has some concerns about the lack of barriers in the back garden. Ian agreed that the Executive Committee would look at safety once again.

Keith said that in relation to the Silver Surfers event held at the Centre it would have been useful to have had wireless internet access. Ian suggested that the Exec. Committee would discuss this.

7 Any Other Business

There was none

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18 October – **subsequently change to Monday 16 Oct, starting at 8.15pm**