



Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents' Community Association

Registered Charity No. 279592

Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2007

Present:

Committee: Ian Millar (Chairman); Rachel Skinner (Vice-Chairman); Anne Sole; Loraine Martin; Elizabeth Barrett; Jane Foster; Jan Dawkins (Bookings Secretary.)

User Groups:

Denise Tosdevine & Anne Sole (Pre-School Playgroup); Loraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church); Joan Millar (Ian & Joan Millar Dancing); Elizabeth Barrett (Tae Kwon-Do.)

1: Apologies:

John Pettet (Treasurer); Keith Taylor (Badger Farm Parish Council.)

2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2007:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2007 were accepted on a proposal by Joan Millar, seconded by Douglas Richardson.

The Chairman reported that locks were now fitted to the doors in the ladies toilets.

It was noted that rats in the area were still a problem. The Chairman reported that he had written to Sainsbury's Head Office and Ecolab but had received no response. It was agreed to keep a check on the situation.

The Chairman reported that the Warren and Sett had been redecorated and the carpets and furniture had been cleaned.

The Chairman reported that secure Internet connections had been installed in the Bushfield and Whiteshute rooms.

The Chairman reported that the toilets had now been partially repainted.

3: Report from Executive Committee Chairman:

The Chairman reported:

- a. It had been quite a busy time at the Centre since the last Meeting with the Battery floor being renovated, the Warren and Sett rooms being redecorated and the carpets and furniture cleaned and the Bushfield and toilets being partially repainted by our caretaker;
- b. The Social Club had a new Committee and Chairman, Paul Stevens, following its AGM in September. They were keen to improve facilities in the Club and to encourage new members to join. It was hoped that the redecoration and cleaning in the two rooms would help. Ian had also purchased for the Centre ten upholstered chairs at just £3 each. They had come from the Civil Service Club at Flowerdown, which had closed the previous month.
- c. During the annual gas safety check, it was pointed out that there was a possible hazard from the cooker hob being flooded when the kettles were allowed to boil over. Therefore, we had replaced the old gas kettles with two new electric kettles with automatic switch-off. In addition, we had two electric urns, one of which was unfortunately damaged recently. A replacement was being sought.

- d. The notice board outside the main entrance had had a make-over by Jan and a good clean by Mervyn. It now looked more attractive and highlighted the activities available in the Centre.
- e. The annual fireworks display was due to take place on Saturday 10th November. It was hoped that local families would attend and support the event.

4: Report from Badger Farm Parish Council:

Keith was not able to attend the Meeting but sent the following report:

The reports of motorcycles on Whiteshute Ridge and Bushfield Camp have dropped, although we continue to monitor the situation.

There has been a slight increase in aircraft noise recently due to a temporary change in the flight path while equipment was replaced. This should get back to normal soon.

The South Winchester Park and Ride scheme is now approved but will not come into operation for two more years. We are all waiting for any improvements this might make to traffic in the mornings (particularly with the road works in St. Cross at the moment.)

The evening bus service (No. 5) has been cut from half-hourly to hourly with no service on Sunday evenings. This is due to withdrawal of some of the subsidy from the County Council.

There have been several incidents of vandalism, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. Local residents have been very helpful in clearing up after them but the "101" service has been of limited use in these cases.

5: Report from Oliver's Battery Parish Council:

Geoff Sharman did not attend and did not submit a report.

6: User Group Reports:

Playgroup: Denise mentioned that she had noticed the fridge in the kitchen did not appear to be working properly and some items were going off. The Chairman agreed to check this. Denise also reported that their recent visit from Offsted had resulted in a very complimentary report for the Playgroup.

St. Luke's Church: Douglas stated he and his group were very happy and appreciative of the facilities at the Community Centre.

Joan Millar: Joan commented that she had found the cups in the kitchen on occasion to be unwashed and not put away tidily. The Chairman said he would ask Mervyn to keep a check on this but also suggested perhaps a group could get together to have a good clean up.

HWLT: Loraine mentioned that during their meetings they were distracted by noise from the garden which was used by the Social Club. The Chairman said that, unfortunately, this was a spin-off from the smoking ban and as around 50% of the Social Club members were smokers this was the only place they could use. He did, however, agree to speak to Paul Stevens, the new Social Club Chairman about the problem.

Tae Kwon-Do: Elizabeth reported that they now had a World Champion in their club who had won the championship in Birmingham. She further reported that the person in question was a resident of Badger Farm. The Chairman said he would make sure this appeared in the Community News.

7. Any Other Business:

There was no further business. The date of the next Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 16 January 2008 at 8.00pm.