



# Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents' Community Association

Registered Charity No. 279592

## MINUTES

of the User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2006

PRESENT - Ian Millar ( Chairperson), Rachel Skinner (Vice Chair), John Pettet (Treasurer), Anne Sole (Exec committee + Pre-school), Loraine Martin (Exec committee + Hampshire Wildlife Trust), Joan Millar (dancing), Keith Taylor (BF Parish Council), Tina Sharpe (Country Market), Gwen Hobbis (BF Friendly Group)

1. APOLOGIES - Elizabeth Barrett, Ray Bennett, Jane Fielding, Barbara and Kevin Hitchings.
2. TO CONFIRM MINUTES - Rachel Skinner proposed and Joan Millar seconded.
3. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN - Ian mentioned that user groups should have their own public liability insurance to run alongside with the community centres insurance. It was agreed that discretion was needed concerning smaller groups as this may not be a viable option for them. Need to check if this is in the terms and conditions of hire for groups.

There has been a big change in the fire regulations which began on 1st October 2006. Fire hazards and risk assessment are top priority. No fire certificates will be issued in the future. A guide rail is to be put on the ramp at the rear exit and another light and new security fixings to be put onto the gate without restricting vehicle access. Fire drills need to be practised for groups and procedures should be in place so users can identify all their people during an evacuation.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary, the community association will be improving both garden with paving and laying new carpets in some of the rooms. User groups were asked for any other ideas..

Keith suggested putting some user groups photographs onto the website. He volunteered to take them if needed. Ian said we should write to the groups and Rachel reminded them about Data Protection with children's photos on the website. No objections from any of the groups present. The playgroup and social club are having their own celebrations and it was

mentioned that maybe something could be done for Christmas as part of the anniversary.

4. REPORT FROM BF PARISH COUNCIL - Keith said that there had been a few problems with motorbikes and travellers on the ridge. Also some complaints about noise and damage on the central kick about area. There is now a Youth Project in place with a Youth Warden who is talking to the youngsters about their needs. They are employed by the Parish Council but are NOT policing the areas. More community police officers will be patrolling from next month.

5) REPORT FROM OB PARISH COUNCIL - No report as Geoff Sharman was not present at the meeting.

6) USER GROUPS REPORT - Tina Sharpe from Country Market said they were disappointed to receive a letter about no longer using the rear entrance for their customers. They are worried this will affect their trade as people are not willing to use the main entrance. Ian said the main concern was wear and tear on the floor although there is now a mat in place. A notice about playgroup not being happy with the arrangement had been put up although no-one knows who put it there!! Ian said that he thought letters had been sent in the past about not using the rear entrance but Tina said that none had been received and that they had been using this entrance since they began in 1994. Ian said the committee would discuss it again. Tina also said that the bill and door lock number had been sent to an old member who was no longer associated with the market. This needs to be checked and rectified. Playgroup mentioned that the gate at the bottom of the rear garden has no working lock on it and this could be a security problem as it is always open. It was agreed to get Merv to take a look . Gwen Hobbis from the Friendly group asked if it was possible to have some help with the setting up and clearing away of tables? We will speak to Merv.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS - There was none.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting Weds 17th January 2007.

