



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

Registered Charity No. 279592

## **Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2008**

### **Present:**

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

### **User Groups:**

Anne Sole (Pre-School Playgroup); Loraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust); Joan Millar (Ian & Joan Millar Dancing); Elizabeth Barrett (Tae Kwon-Do); Ken Webster (Whiteshute Bridge); Keith Taylor (Badger Farm Parish Council); Sarah Levinge (Badminton Club.)

### **1: Apologies:**

John Pettet (Treasurer); Jane Foster (Committee); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church); Geoff Sharman (Oliver's Battery Parish Council); Elizabeth Jenkerson (Bahai Faith); Tina Sharpe (WI Country Market.)

### **2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2007:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2007 were accepted on a proposal by Loraine Martin, seconded by Anne Sole.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Item 3e**

The Chairman reported that the annual bonfire and fireworks display took place on 10 November and was a great success. Unfortunately, that was the last event that Kevin and Barbara Hitchings and Greg Wood would be organising after 17 years. They had done a magnificent job. Consequently, he was looking for someone qualified to be responsible for the fireworks. In addition, the Trustees would also need a volunteer event manager to organise and co-ordinate the display for 2008. Ian asked that if anyone had any suggestions, would they please let him know. The Chairman reported that the fridge in the kitchen had been de-iced and cleaned and appeared to be working properly.

### **3: Report from Executive Committee Chairman:**

The Chairman reported:

- a. The Committee had adopted a policy requiring all new hirers to provide proof of CRB checks where they were holding classes involving children or vulnerable adults. If potential hirers were unwilling to provide that proof, then the bookings would not be accepted. Existing hirers would also be asked to provide evidence and he would discuss any problems with individuals to arrange a mutually agreeable way forward. It should be noted that CRB had confirmed that the Trustees had no right to see such certificates, but nevertheless they considered that they had a duty of care to all children, who used the Centre.
- b. A water sensor had been installed in the gentlemen's toilets to control the flow of water to make savings in the Centre's water annual bill as well as to make savings in the unnecessary use of water.

- c. Following a trouble-free two months trial, the Committee had agreed to extend the opening hours of the Social Club by one hour, opening at 5pm during the week.
- d. The quinquennial inspection of the Centre's fixed wiring had been undertaken in November. A number of issues had been raised requiring attention. Some had already been remedied and others were being considered with regard to cost as well as safety.
- e. They had had their annual PAT testing of all electrical leads and appliances. There were no problems.
- f. The Social Club, with the Committee's agreement, had erected a smoking cabin with a paving slab base in the garden adjacent to the Warren.
- g. The Committee had arranged for a box of chocolates and a Christmas card to be presented to all distributors of Community News as a thank-you and in appreciation of their efforts during the past year. These had been well received.

#### **4: Report from Badger Farm Parish Council:**

Keith Taylor reported:

The alterations to extend and refurbish Sainsbury's were going ahead. There would be extended floor space and mezzanine floor. Keith reported that the Project Manager would be attending the next Parish Council meeting on 11 February to report on developments and answer questions. Residents were welcome to attend this meeting.

Keith reported that following the recent incident at Brambridge, the police had issued a witness appeal.

The PCSO presence seemed to be working well but there were still some incidents occurring in the area.

In reply to a question concerning the Park & Ride, Keith reported that he did not have much information on this but there was due to be a local development framework meeting dealing with long term plans over the next 10 years.

#### **5: Report from Oliver's Battery Parish Council:**

Geoff Sharman was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report.

Oliver's Battery Parish Council has been working with the local police on re-launching Neighbourhood Watch in the parish and recruiting new coordinators. This is now about to happen. The police have indicated that they plan to extend Neighbourhood Watch to Badger Farm over the next year and want to point to Oliver's Battery as an example, so you will probably hear more about this in the future.

#### **6: User Group Reports:**

*Badminton:* Sarah reported that their group would not be taking part in the proposed Open Day as they had too many members.

*HWLT:* Loraine was happy and had no comments.

*Playgroup:* Anne was happy and had no comments.

*Whiteshute Bridge:* Ken was happy and had no comments.

*Joan Millar:* Joan was happy and had no comments.

*Tae Kwon-Do*: Elizabeth was happy and had no comments.

**7. Any Other Business:**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 16 April 2008 at 8.00pm.