



Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents' Community Association

Registered Charity No. 279592

Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 21 January 2009

Present:

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

User Groups:

Joan Millar (Dance Group); Denise Tosdevine (Pre-School Group); Anne Sole (Pre-School Group); Jane Foster (Pre-School Group); Loraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church); Elizabeth Barrett (Winchester Tae Kwon-Do)

1: Apologies:

Hilary Cope (OB Parish Council)

2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2008:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15 October 2008 were accepted on a proposal by Rachael Skinner and seconded by Jane Foster.

Matters Arising:

Ian reported that he was still waiting for Sainsbury's to address the issue of markings in the car park. He reported that he had been advised the contractor Waites still had 130 works still to be carried out and completed.

Ian reported he had accepted a quote from a local business for painting work at the entrance to Community Centre which would be stated when the weather improved. An audio/visual alarm had now been fitted in the disabled toilet and he was waiting for another quote for a lock for the front garden gate. The reduction in use of gas at the Centre was going well and he had checked the light sensor in the ladies toilets but could not find any faults. There would shortly be new crockery in the kitchen to replace the old items. He had also spoken to the Chairman regarding noise from the Social Club and he had agreed to speak to members.

3: Report from Executive Committee Chairman:

The Chairman reported:

Trustees had reviewed their recycling policy and the caretaker would in future be disposing of paper and cardboard in the local skips. A new sign would be provided detailing which items should be included in the recycling bin in the kitchen. Users were requested to co-operate and not mix food waste with disposable items.

The PAT testing of portable electrical equipment in the Centre had taken place successfully.

The Association had adopted two more policy statements for the Centre: Recruitment and Staff Grievance Procedures. Copies were available on request.

PHS had installed a freshening device in the gentlemen's toilet.

The emergency doors in the Warren leading to the garden had been changed, so that they can be opened from the outside when closed. There was a locking device to ensure that the doors could be made secure when the Centre was not in use.

The Association would be holding a New Year's Party on Sunday 25th January 2009 for 41 retired people from the two parishes. There would be entertainment and refreshments provided free of charge at the social gathering. It was hoped that a regular event could be held if it proved to be popular.

Jan had again produced an excellent edition of Community News for the Christmas period with a good mix of User Groups' contributions, advertisements and Association business. There were still unfortunate occasions when the magazine was not distributed on time and, therefore, some events were missed as the dates had passed. However, the distributors did an excellent job and the Association relied on them to get Community News 'on the streets' as soon as possible.

The Trustees had been discussing what the Association, and therefore the Community Centre, could do to join in the celebrations for the London Olympic Games 2012. There was a Government initiative called 'Live Your Dream', which was fully supported by Winchester City Council. One idea was to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Centre in 2011 with perhaps another Open Day. Any ideas were welcomed.

4: Report from Badger Farm Parish Council:

Keith was unable to attend the meeting.

5: Report from Oliver's Battery Parish Council:

Hilary was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

The Recreation plans for the new Tennis Court and hard surface area for various types of uses is being discussed and plans are continuing forward. The architect is away, so we await his further input on his return.

As far as I know there is no news on the Sparkes site at the back of the shops in Oliver's Battery as of yet.

The Greening Group met before Christmas and was well attended and everyone enjoyed the event put on.

The Village sign continues to be discussed at our meetings but we have no definite news on the implementation of this sign as yet.

The police tell us that Oliver's Battery was very quiet without any incidents over the Christmas period, which is good.

6: User Group Reports:

St Luke's Church: Douglas was happy and had no comments.

Pre-School Group: Denise was happy and had no comments.

HWLT: Loraine was happy and had no comments.

Dance Group: 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 8.20pm. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 15 April 2009 at 8.00pm.