



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

Registered Charity No.279592

## **Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 21 July 2010**

### **Present:**

Committee: Rachel Skinner (Vice Chair); John Pettet (Treasurer); Ian Millar; Elizabeth Barrett; Anne Sole; Will Hawthorne; Loraine Martin; Liz Lindsay; Liz Wald; Jan Dawkins (Bookings Secretary).

### **User Groups:**

Denise Tosdevine (Pre-School Group); Anne Sole (Pre-School Group); Elizabeth Barrett (Winchester Tae Kwon-Do); Sarah Levinge (Badminton Group); Will Hawthorne (Badger Farm Parish Council); Liz Wald (Brownies); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church); Liz Lindsay (Parents & Toddlers Group); Ken Webster (Whiteshute Bridge Group); Ian Millar (Dance Group); Loraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust).

### **In Attendance:**

Katy Horn and Michael Hedges (local residents).

### **1: Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Joan Millar (Dance Group).

### **2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2010:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2010 were accepted on a proposal by Will Hawthorne and seconded by Anne Sole.

### **Matters Arising:**

The Chairman reported that the renewal of rent for the surgery lease was still under discussion.

### **3: Report from Executive Committee Vice-Chair:**

The Vice-Chair reported that there was an on-going programme of improvements to the Community Centre during August including new sinks and vanity units in the ladies and gents toilets. She asked those present to let the Committee know if they noticed any improvements that could be made. She finally confirmed that it was hoped there would be another Open Day at the Community Centre on Sunday 19 June 2011.

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

Will Hawthorne reported that a pressing issue within BFPC was finding replacements for Keith Taylor and Ray Stannard who had recently resigned. He confirmed that John Godbold was the new Chairman of the Parish Council.

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

There was no report from OBPC.

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

**Hampshire Wildlife Trust:** Loraine said her group were happy and reminded those present that they had cancelled their May meetings due to the noise level in the garden.

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

**Badminton Group:** Sarah mentioned that her badminton group were having problems with sunlight coming through the windows during their evening booking and was making it difficult for them to play. It was agreed that a quote would be obtained for having blinds fitted at the four windows.

**Pre-School Group:** Denise was happy and reported that their planted garden was looking splendid.

**Tae Kwon-Do:** Elizabeth reported that they had raised £600 running the Sport Relief Mile recently. She also reported that their group had had to reduce their hours due to falling numbers.

**Dance Group:** Joan was happy and had no comments.

**Parents & Toddlers:** Liz was very pleased to report that numbers were slowly rising for her group. They had recently received a very generous donation from Sainsbury's of baby weighing scales which had brought new mums to the group. Liz went on to say that the Carroll Centre had heard of the problems her group were having and had offered to support them financially and to bring in resources to help out. They were organising events to begin in September which would be advertised in the Winter edition of Community News and had advised that they did not wish to see Parents & Toddlers forced to close. Liz expressed her sincere gratitude for this help.

**Brownies:** Liz reported that numbers were good and they had been working on the Girl Guide Centenary celebrations.

**Dance Group:** Ian reported that all was going well and they were looking forward to the redecoration of The Battery hall.

In reply to a general question it was advised that the annual fireworks was currently on hold due to lack of organisers.

Ian was then presented with farewell gifts from Denise on behalf of hirers of the Community Centre with thanks and gratitude for his hard work during the past four years.

## **7. Any Other Business:**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**The date of the next User Group meeting was agreed for:**

**Wednesday 17 November 2010 at 7.30pm (please note time)**