



Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents' Community Association

Registered Charity No. 279592

Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 16 July 2008

Present:

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

User Groups:

Joan Millar (Dance Group); Elizabeth Barrett (Winchester TKD); Denise Tosdevine (Pre-School Group); Anne Sole (Pre-School Group); Jane Foster (Pre-School Group); Loraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust); Ken Webster (Whiteshute Bridge Club); Will Hawthorne (BF Parish Council); Hilary Cope (OB Parish Council); David Spender (City Councillor); Mo Bloomfield (Country Market); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church.)

1: Apologies:

Rachel Skinner (Vice Chair), Keith Taylor (Badger Farm Parish Council.)

2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 16 April 2008:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 16 April 2008 were accepted on a proposal by Loraine Martin, seconded by Elizabeth Barrett with the amendment to the last paragraph of Item 3 which should read:

"The Vice-Chairman finally advised those present that the AGM would be held on Wednesday 16 July 2008 at 8.00pm followed by the next User Group Meeting."

Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

3: Report from Executive Committee Chairman:

The Chairman reported:

Ian said that he would like to expand on his Chairman's report to the AGM with regard to the Open Day. It was a great success and he thanked all groups taking part. He especially wished to thank Tae Kwon-Do, Legs, Bums and Tums and the Latin Dancing groups for their excellent demonstrations. The Pre-School face-painting was in great demand working non-stop all day and was much appreciated. Ian reported that Waites Retail (the firm that had undertaken the refurbishment of Sainsbury's Superstore) had given the Association a £500 donation for its community work. The Committee had decided to put this towards the cost of the Open Day. They were grateful to the firm for their generous gift. The accounts for the day reflected an overall loss of only about £200, which was well within the planned budget, due to Waites Retail's donation and discounts from Anglo Igloo (hog roast), and Balloon Express (race balloons). His thanks were also given to Denise and Richard Gough for providing the very popular bouncy castle and light refreshments.

Ian further reported that due to the steep rise in the cost of gas and electricity, all users would need to be more careful in their use of energy during the coming year. In the Autumn he would be asking users to turn all radiators to Mark 3 on leaving rooms as well as switching off the lights. Otherwise, the cost of room hire would need to be reviewed before the next annual review.

4: Report from Badger Farm Parish Council:

Keith Taylor had sent his apologies but Will Hawthorne reported that he was hoping to be the new representative in the future. In reply to a question from the Chairman concerning what the Parish Council were focussing on, Will reported that improvements to local playgrounds were high on their list and they were looking at alternative ways for funding this. David Spender pointed out that the Open Space fund was available but only for areas with new housing and unfortunately Badger Farm did not come into this category. The Chairman offered to write a letter to Winchester City Council by way of support and Will thanked him and asked that this be forwarded to Keith Taylor.

David Spender went into some detail about the Local Development Framework covering 2012 to 2025. He reported that the timetable had been put back because of the large amount of questions put forward by local residents. A set of proposals was now expected in December 2008 and adoption during 2010.

5: Report from Oliver's Battery Parish Council:

Geoff Sharman did not attend the meeting and Hilary Cope who was the new representative gave the following report:

Hilary said that Oliver's Battery did have access to the Open Space fund because of the new housing and were looking at various ways of improving local playgrounds. She mentioned the Safer Neighbourhood Panel, who met with local Police regularly. She said there was good representation from all sides locally but would like to see more input from Badger Farm and Stanmore areas. Hilary went on to say that a winner from the art competition for a new village sign had been chosen and mentioned a pilot scheme for the greening campaign to help the environment. St. Mark's had a special week of events aimed at senior citizens from 18/22 August.

David Spender elaborated some more on the greening campaign, which was designed for individuals to do small things to help the environment. Cards would be distributed for people to tick and place in their windows to show they were 'doing their bit'. The Chairman offered to put something in the next edition of Community News.

6: User Group Reports:

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

Whiteshute Bridge: Ken was happy and had no comments other than that they were happy with the kitchen improvements.

WI Market: Mo said they had been unhappy with the building works connected to Sainsbury's refit and on occasions pedestrians could either not get into the hall or were told the Country Market was not there.

Dance Group: Joan was happy and had no comments.

Pre-School Group: Denise commented on the recent upheaval with Sainsbury's refit and felt there were major issues of breach in health and safety. David Spender said, following complaints about noise disturbance, the Environmental Health Department had served a notice under the terms of Control of Pollution Act and no work was to be carried out after 10.00pm and on Sundays.

The Chairman agreed that he would write a letter to Sainsbury's voicing the concerns of the Committee and users of the Community Centre.

HWLT: Loraine said the Open Day had been very useful and was appreciative of improvements in the kitchen.

Tae Kwon-Do: Elizabeth said the Open Day had been enjoyed and that their group had four new black belts.

7. Any Other Business:

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 15 October 2008 at 8.00pm.