



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

Registered Charity No.279592

## **Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 17 March 2010**

### **Present:**

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

### **User Groups:**

Denise Tosdevine (Pre-School Group); Anne Sole (Pre-School Group); Elizabeth Barrett (Winchester Tae Kwon-Do); Sarah Lvinge (Badminton Group); Will Hawthorne & Keith Taylor (Badger Farm Parish Council); Liz Wald (Brownies); Joan Millar (Dance Group); Joan McKey (Brendon Care); Judith Handford (Art Group); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church); Liz Lindsay (Parents & Toddlers Group); Lynda Bavister (Oliver's Battery Parish Council).

### **1: Apologies:**

Lorraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust).

### **2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2009:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2009 were accepted on a proposal by Denise Tosdevine and seconded by Rachel Skinner.

### **Matters Arising:**

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

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

The Chairman reported;

- a. The Social Club licence had been renewed for another year with a 3% increase.
- b. PAT testing was completed in December 2009.
- c. A second urn had been purchased and was in use.
- d. The New Year Party had been cancelled due to poor response. It was suggested that the bad weather could have been a factor in this.
- e. The Trustees were looking for a volunteer to help organise a special event for the Association's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011.
- f. Door closers had been fitted to the Bushfield door.
- g. A house cup had been donated and presented to Oliver's Battery Primary School in recognition of the children's achievements.
- h. The Community Centre was very busy with no regular evening spaces available and only some during afternoons in the week.
- i. The Spring edition of Community News had been produced and distributed. Jan was again to be congratulated on her excellent work and effort.

- j. Merv the Caretaker had been working on the garden area and the pre-school children were planting up one of the flower beds thanks to a grant received by them from Winchester City Council.
- k. Finally, Ian said that he would be standing down as Chairman with effect from 1 April 2010. The Trustees would be looking at ways of running and organising the business of the Association for the future.

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

Keith Taylor and Will Hawthorne reported;

Two Trustees from the Community Association had attended a Parish Council meeting recently with a view to finding more volunteers and this was being investigated. Three new grit bins had been ordered for placement at Harrow Down, Lowden Close and Broadchalke Down. The bridge work at St. Cross was on schedule to be completed by 31 March 2010. Work would then commence on the Andover Road Bridge. Railings were to be installed at the junction of Badger Farm Road and the Ridgeway. The Parish Council were opposed to the planned development at Pitt Farm which would result in extra traffic and it was thought an extra park and ride would have no benefit. A recent survey had been undertaken to ascertain what local residents would like to see and results were to be published shortly but the provision of help during severe weather was thought to be welcome. The Chairman said a team of local people from Kilham Lane had got together during the bad weather to see if anybody needed help. As usual, health and safety was an issue. There were some comments about badly parked cars and the lack of grit bins during the bad weather and Liz Lindsay reported a bin which was blocking a footpath which Keith Taylor agreed to investigate.

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

Lynda Bavister reported;

The bad weather had caused similar problems within Oliver's Battery and extra grit bins had been ordered. It was hoped the new park and ride would have some benefit. The recent controversy surrounding the recreation area had abated and a complete survey would be undertaken. There were plans to have another fete as for the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration. It was commented that the barn dance had been very popular. The bus lane from the bottom of Badger Farm Road had not been approved due to lack of funds. The park and ride was due to be completed at the end of April on schedule.

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

**Pre-School Group:** Denise asked when there was due to be another fire drill and the Chairman reported this would be within the next seven to ten days. It was generally felt there should be a fire drill every six months but Denise asked if the alarm could be tested more frequently in order that the children grew used to the noise. The planting in the garden area was coming along well.

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

**Brownies:** Liz asked if there was scope for the brownies to have space for planting a shrub at the Centre as they were celebrating their centenary this year. The Chairman agreed this was a good idea and suggested Liz research a suitable plant.

**Parents & Toddlers:** Liz reported that her group was struggling financially due to low numbers.

After some discussion it was agreed that Liz should visit the Community Centre whilst parents were collecting their children from pre-school in order to hand out leaflets and promote her group. Jan had placed a new poster for the group in her office window and would place leaflets within the Centre.

**St Luke's Church:** Douglas asked for it to be recorded that their group were extremely grateful to Merv for all the help he provided on a Tuesday morning in setting up the room for them. It was agreed generally that Merv was very helpful.

**Art Group:** Judith reported that her group was thriving with almost 30 attending each week. She was reluctant to take more members as it was a drop-in group and she now ran it alone. She commented that, indeed, she had cancelled the group whilst Merv was on holiday as he always set the room up for her and she was unable to do this alone.

**Badminton Group:** Sarah was happy and had no comments.

**Brendon Care:** Joan reported that Karen Seale was running the group at present as they were struggling to find volunteers to do this.

**Tae Kwon-Do:** Elizabeth reported that they had recently had their annual demonstration and raised over £100 for MacMillan Cancer. She said she and some other adults were taking part in the Sport Relief Mile shortly.

The Chairman thanked everybody from the user groups for attending the meeting and giving their updates and said it was encouraging to see so many at the meeting.

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

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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

**Wednesday 21 July 2010  
following the AGM which would begin at 8.00pm**