



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

Registered Charity No.279592

## **Minutes of User Group Meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2009**

### **Present:**

Committee: Ian Millar (Chairman); Rachel Skinner (Vice Chair); John Pettet (Treasurer); Elizabeth Barrett; Anne Sole; Loraine Martin; Will Hawthorne.

### **User Groups:**

Denise Tosdevine (Pre-School Group); Anne Sole (Pre-School Group); Loraine Martin (Hampshire Wildlife Trust); Elizabeth Barrett (Winchester Tae Kwon-Do); Sarah Levinge (Badminton Group); Will Hawthorne (Badger Farm Parish Council.)

### **1: Apologies:**

Joan Millar (Dance Group); Douglas Richardson (St Luke's Church.)

### **2: Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2009:**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15 July 2009 were accepted on a proposal by Denise Tosdevine and seconded by Sarah Levinge.

### **Matters Arising:**

The Chairman reported that the insurance claim for the break-in in May 2009 had now been paid in full.

Elizabeth reported that she had been in contact with various companies in connection with the installation of a loop system and was hoping somebody could visit the Centre shortly. She said the cost was likely to be a lot higher than originally thought.

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

The Chairman reported;

- a. Three large and two small tables had been purchased and the carpets in the entrance hall and Whiteshute Room had been cleaned during August and were looking much better although some deep stains still remained. The Trustees had agreed that the carpet in the entrance hall should be replaced with a non-slip hard-wearing vinyl covering early next year. Annual cleaning, pruning, painting and general maintenance had been completed including the gas check and maintenance of the Battery floor. The hatched area outside the gate had now been enlarged.
- b. The Chairman further reported that the return spring on the side gate had broken again and the Social Club would be asked to pay for the repair.
- c. The Chairman reported that Chubb had been called out on three separate occasions recently due to false alarms set off by insects.

- d. The Chairman reported on the parking restrictions imposed by Sainsbury's recently and advised that checks were now being made between 10.00am and 4.00pm (excluding Sundays.) After much discussion, a procedure had been agreed whereby visitors to the Centre would now be asked to record their car registration on a form on arrival (kept on the table outside the office.) This would be collected every two hours by the car park attendant. A large notice would be placed in the entrance to the Centre advising visitors of this procedure. If anybody received a ticket they were advised to take this up with Sainsbury's direct.
- e. The caretaker had finished painting the outside of the window frames in the Battery. He had also completed his annual cleaning of the guttering and clearing and pruning in the Battery Courtyard. He was currently repainting the fencing with creosote; the posts were still sound and did not need replacing at that time.
- f. The Autumn edition of Community News had been produced and delivered to the two main distributors at the beginning of September. Jan was congratulated on her fine work as editor. The publication was very attractive.
- g. The Doctors' Surgery rent for the lease was due for review and a professional surveyor had been instructed to assess a fair rent for the next five years.

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

Will Hawthorne reported;

There had been three burglaries in the area recently and Will asked people to be aware of this recent activity. He was also looking at improving the dog bin facilities on the Ridge. In reply to a question Will said there had been no communication with the Council regarding the Park & Ride or proposed development at Pit Corner.

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

There was no representative from Oliver's Battery Parish Council.

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

**St Luke's Church:** Douglas asked it to be reported that they were happy and had no comments.

**Pre-School Group:** Denise reported that the Pre-School Playgroup had received a grant from Winchester City Grants for £144 to spend on their garden area. They had organised a working party for 31 October to get things started.

**HWLT:** Loraine commented that when Merv was on holiday there had been a problem in accessing the screen for their evening meeting as it was not accessible. There was a brief discussion on this and Jan said she could ask hirers to let her know if they required any equipment when she wrote advising of Merv's absence. It was agreed to give the matter some thought.

**Tae Kwon-Do:** Elizabeth reported that they had had a good summer. Children's classes were small but adults were popular. She reported that they had a new black belt and that Chris Barrett was now 6 Band, which was an impressive accomplishment.

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

**7. Any Other Business:**

The Chairman asked if members of the User Groups would be agreeable to future meetings starting at 7.30pm. There were no objections and this was agreed.

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm.**

**The date of the next User Group meeting was agreed for:  
Wednesday 17 March 2010 at 7.30pm**