

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th September 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (chair)
John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
WPC Emma Port
5 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Cllr Brian Collin
Anne Church
Fiona Davidson

635. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

636. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) In early July WCC had again stated that the Elder Close wall was not a public safety hazard although they had instructed SERCO to tidy up the fallen bricks. On 17 July it became apparent that the owner of 19 Elder Close had applied for planning permission to erect a garage which would involve rebuilding the vandalised wall. This planning application has now been approved.
- (ii) WCC have recently carried out a considerable amount of clearance work on the open space to the east of Ivy Close adjacent to the railway line. This was in response to a complaint from Scottish & Southern Energy Group that the shrubs were becoming so tall that they could interfere with the overhead power lines.
- (iii) The new dog bin had been erected on the back Sainsbury footpath to WSR and Harrow Down.
- (iv) The broken fence beside the railway line behind Ivy Close will be repaired by Dever Contracts, Winchester on 12 September at a cost of £150 + VAT.

DS reported that:

- (v) Ivy Close Open Space. Further to item 636 a) (ii) above SERCO will refurbish the grass and areas at the edge of the shrub bed area allowing this to return to grass. The remaining shrubs will be kept at a lower level in future. A number of trees on the public footpath to the rear of Stanmore

School require to be removed for safety reasons. This will be done in September.

(vi) Shrub Bed Maintenance. Work continues to restore the beds to contract standard although the WCC county budget is tight and some work may not be done until the end of the year and only then if there is an “underspend”.

(vii) Grass Cutting. Cut “seven” has been completed satisfactorily.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

(i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.

JG reported that:

(ii) Options for the replacement play equipment have been finalised and Grants have been selected to supply and install it. A deposit of £5,000 will be required within two weeks. **JG** will pass details to **MM** by email.

(iii) Two new swing seats have been installed. The remaining two will be fitted shortly.

A Member of the Public reported that:

(iv) The safety surfacing on the Davis Kickabout was lifting in one corner. This has not been identified in the weekly inspection reports. **JG** will investigate.

c) Planning

KT reported that:

(i) 4 new applications had been received:

May Tree Close	Two storey side extension
Harrow Down	Rear Conservatory
Falcon View	Rear Conservatory
Kestrel Close	Erection of Shed

(ii) 3 applications had been approved:

Honeysuckle Close	Convert dwelling back to 2
Sainsbury	Two night deliveries at weekends
Elder Close	Garage

(iii) 1 application had been refused in the last two months.

Lark Hill Rise	Two storey side & one storey front extension
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d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) Work started on 21 August to provide a cycle gully on the southern stepped ramp of the Badger Farm Road subway as a temporary solution to the long term problem of this crossing. This has now been completed.

A Member of the Public complained that:

- (ii) The Bus Shelters were in a poor state of cleanliness, graffiti had not been removed satisfactorily and litter was a perennial problem. Council agreed but the Chairman pointed out that this was no longer a Parish Council responsibility. The issue is whether the sub contractor (SERCO) is meeting the requirements of the contract or whether the WCC / HCC contract requires tightening up. **DS** will investigate.

e) Community Project

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f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliations for both July and August were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The “notice and advertisement of completion” of the 2005/06 audit had been displayed on Parish notice boards from 12 July to 23 August. The documentation had been forwarded to District Audit on 24 August.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) The new Chairman of BF & OB RCA is Mr Ian Millar of Mount View Road, Oliver's Battery.
- (ii) A Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 would come into effect on 1 October making fire safety the responsibility of the organisation responsible for the building – Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery RCA. **KT** had pointed out to the new Chairman that they must carry out a fire safety risk assessment by 1 October and undertake an inspection by the fire and rescue service. Details of a training opportunity on 17 October have also been passed.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

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j) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) The next partnership Parish Council Forum will take place on Tuesday 19 September in the Village Hall, Twyford at 7.30pm. **KT** will attend.

KT reported that:

- (ii) Neighbourhood Watch remained part of the core police strategy and the system in the Parish had lapsed. He had placed a notice in the Community Newsletter.

A Member of the Public reported that:

- (iii) He had polled a large number of residents in the vicinity of the Davis Kickabout. The vast majority were in favour of setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Council **AGREED** to provide limited financial support to enable Mr Richard Trevithick to hire a room in the Community Centre for an initial meeting. This would initially be aimed at starting the scheme in this part of the Parish. In the meantime Councillors should attempt to identify volunteers in their own vicinities with a view to expanding the scheme later. **WPC Port** passed details of the police co-ordinator who is PC Ken Hobbs.

WPC Port reported that:

- (iv) During August there had been 2 assaults (domestic) in Sainsbury, 1 burglary, 6 thefts from Sainsbury, 1 theft from the Community Centre Surgery and 2 cases of Anti Social Behaviour.
- (v) There would be increased high visibility police patrols to counter illegal use of bikes on the Ridge for the next two weekends.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Winchester South Park & Ride. Feedback from the consultation phase is currently being analysed by HCC. Councillor Mel Kendall is the new HCC councillor responsible for the scheme.
- (ii) Parking in Badger Farm. Residents parking vehicles on footpaths is becoming a problem. She asked that Councillors pass specific problem areas to her for further consideration.
- (iii) A visit to the Re-cycling plants will take place on 16 October. Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Foliage, Shrub Bed Maintenance and Grass Cutting. See para 636 a) (v), (vi) and (vii) above.
- (ii) Planning. He had attended the Planning Development Control Committee and spoken against the Sainsbury's application to increase their retail space at the expense of storage space. He feared that if approved this waiver could lead to increased deliveries. The Sainsbury's representative gave an undertaking not to seek to increase the number of deliveries and the application was approved. Nevertheless the exercise had "put a marker" down.
- (iii) Winchester Tourist Information Centre had recently received a national award for its excellent service. **DS** asked Councillors for thoughts on how our local museums might meet the future needs of residents and visitors.

BC was unable to attend but had forwarded a written report on:

- (iv) Elder Close Wall. See para 636 a) (i) above.
- (v) Theft of pot plants in MayTree Close
- (vi) Neighbourhood Watch. See para 636 j) (ii) above
- (vii) Police Community Safety Officers. 9 such officers are being recruited and should be in place by March 2007.
- (viii) Oliver's Battery 50 Celebrations and the possibility of Badger Farm 25 Celebration in two years time.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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637. Detached Youth Project

- a) **MM** reported that he had written to Councillor Jackie Porter on 23 July asking for:
 - (i) 4 weeks carrying out Non-Participant Observations aimed at establishing young people's social behaviour

- (ii) A further 8 weeks formulating and distributing questionnaires aimed at establishing the need for youth work provision and the nature of the need.
 - (iii) A further 12 weeks building stronger foundations and establishing trust with the youth by holding contact sessions.
- b) **KT** had signed the Contract and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 3 September. **RS** had met the team leader (Nicky Halliday) on 30 August, acquainted her with the Parish and highlighted the locations in which the local youth congregate (the hot spots). **RS** will accompany them on one of their evenings in October to witness progress. Should Council members have specific questions they would like answered or note new problem areas they should contact **RS**.

RS had also provided an update for Council members:

- c) There had been problems involving under age drinking, vandalism and irresponsible use of motor scooters throughout the summer. Despite unsuccessful attempts to involve the police at the time, the situation has subsequently improved and he welcomed the more visible police patrol presence.

Three Members of the Public sought support from the Council for:

- d) The provision of skate boarding facilities within the Parish. They said that the Recreation Ground facility in the City was too difficult to get to, the facilities in Stanmore were unsafe and the youths who congregated on the Stanmore facility were threatening and aggressive. The Chairman explained how the Youth outreach programme were investigating the needs of youth in the parish and explained how to contact **RS** to get their voice heard.

638. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Community Safety Initiative – Street Lighting. Bids for funding on a 50 / 50 basis with HCC for 2007/08 must be lodged by 8 December 2006. Council **AGREED** that there were no issues to be raised at this time.
- b) The next Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Clerks (HAPTC) will take place in the Auditorium of INTECH at 1015 on Saturday 7 October. **KT** will attend.
- c) An invitation to attend an open evening at the Carroll Youth Centre on Wednesday 13 September had been passed by email.
- d) WCC will hold a roadshow about Alternative Weekly Refuse Collections and Recycling in the Community Centre on Thursday 19 October – 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

639. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1265	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Exp (July)	£ 381.35	£ 2.03
1266	WCC	Litter – Dog Bin Emptying	£ 201.50	-
1267	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Exp (Aug)	£ 470.49	£ 5.86

640. Any other business

KT reported that he had identified a possible candidate for membership of the Parish Council and would invite him to attend a future meeting. There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130.

Signed

Date