

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December 2006

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Fenella Jarvis
Ray Stannard
Anne Church
Daniel Phelps

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Jackie Porter
PC Joe Zubaidi

APOLOGIES:

Ian Tait
Cllr Charlotte Bailey

656. Co-option of New Councillor

It was unanimously **AGREED** that Daniel Phelps should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. **DP** completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file. Forms for Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and for the Register of Financial and Other Interests were passed to **DP** for completion later.

657. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2006 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

658. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) WCC had reported on 6 December that the Elder Close wall “cannot be defined as dangerous as described in the Building Act 1984”. They had written to the owner asking her to start the approved building work within 1 month. **MM** will contact WCC to establish her response and if necessary inform the owner that BFPC will erect fence and warning notices, at her expense, to protect the public.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had completed and returned the WCC litter survey and raised the issues of graffiti and flyposting.

RS reported that:

- (iii) There was a damaged fir tree at the top of the Ridgeway.
- (iv) There was a damaged tree on the Elder Close MayTree footpath.

DS reported that:

- (v) Swift Close. Quotes have now been accepted by WCC to grass over the two HCC shrub beds.
- (vi) Steps from Silverwood Close to Carroll Youth Centre. WCC agree urgent work is required and have sought quotes.
- (vii) Meadow Way footpath foliage has been cut back.
- (viii) Broad Chalke Down. The problem of bins blocking the footpath has been addressed with residents. The situation will be monitored to see if the improvement is maintained.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

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

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received

- (ii) 2 applications had been approved:

Roydon Close	Single Storey Side Extension
Larkhill Rise	Two Storey Side Extension and Single Storey Front

- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

DS reported that:

- (iv) The Sainsburys' application to replace their sign on the roundabout will go to PDC on 21 December. **BC** and **DS** will oppose on the grounds of size, illumination and character but are not optimistic about success. **KT** has already opposed.

d) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) HCC had announced that the Itchen Farm Site, otherwise known as the Tarmac Site had been selected as the preferred Park & Ride Site and will be taken forward to planning application.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had attended the Southampton Airport Stakeholders Conference on 17th November. The future development of the airport had been discussed which envisaged use by more but quieter aircraft.

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

NTR

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget. The bank statements and reconciliation for November were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The new NatWest Bonus Saver Account to provide a secure fund for the Clerk's gratuity had now been opened.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) He had yet to receive a response from Pam Brown Associates about the Sainsbury asbestos register and the Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002.

KT reported that:

- (ii) Jane Fielding had resigned as the BF & OB RCA Bookings Secretary but would continue as the website manager.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had spoken to the Rights Of Way Officer for HCC (01962 846034) who had told him that HCC were undertaking the refurbishment of the steps from Ivy Close onto the Ridge because he considered them dangerous. He was unclear who was responsible for their maintenance but had undertaken to pay. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the second week in December.
- (ii) Following the last meeting he had written to The Church Commissioners' land agents (Cluttons) requesting that they strengthen the perimeter security of the Bushfield Camp site. He had received a response on 24th November that stated that:
 - (a) The Church Commissioners have liaised with the Police and given them written authority to access the site to deal with travellers and alleged drug dealing.

- (b) The agents have repaired fences and installed kissing gates in an attempt to deny access to motor cyclists.
- (c) Further fencing work will be carried out next spring prior to the tenant farmer putting livestock onto the site.
- (d) They consider it impracticable to site “permanent immovable objects” at the main gate because the farmer requires vehicular access and trespassers will find alternative access points anyway.

Council **AGREED** that this was a reasonable response and that no further action was required.

BC and **DS** reported that:

- (iii) Mr Michael Standen has announced his intention to lease Bushfield Camp for use as a leisure site including outdoor paintball and two football pitches. It is not yet clear whether the owners, the Church Commissioners, are in favour of a lease and in any event the proposal would require planning permission. Nevertheless no immediate objections were voiced and such a use of the site might deter travellers and motor cyclists from using it illegally.

j) Police

PC JZ reported that:

- (i) Minor crime in the last month in the Parish included:
 - Criminal damage to a fence in Elder Close
 - Egg throwing at residents
 - Drunken driving causing damage to a wall
 - Vandalism of wheelie bins
 - 3 thefts of wallets and purses in Sainsburys
 - Theft from a car in Harrow Down
 - Theft of registration plates from Sainsburys car park
 - Illegal use of motorcycles on Bushfield
- (ii) The number of PCSOs available in the Winchester area is being reviewed in the light of Government imposed funding cuts.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to be present but had forwarded a written report on:

- (i) Park & Ride. Planning application will go forward in the spring.
- (ii) No 5 Bus. A meeting will be held to discuss the future with Stagecoach and Transport Officers.
- (iii) Restricted Byways. HCC will be signing all Restricted Byways in order to make it clear who may and may not use them.

- (iv) HCC discussions on sustainability and global warming.
 - (v) Winchester Library. Work is well behind schedule.
 - (vi) Landfill. Substantial reductions in waste being disposed of in landfill sites have been achieved in the last two years.
- l) City Council Reps
- DS** reported on:
- (i) Open Space. See para 658 a) above.
 - (ii) Sainsbury Planning application. See para 658 c) above.
 - (iii) Bushfield Camp. See para 658 h) above.
- m). Notice Board Rep
- NTR
- n). Newsletter Rep
- NTR
- o). WDAPC
- NTR

659. Detached Youth Project

Cllr Jackie Porter reported that:

- a) To date the response to visits was disappointing. A total of 9 visits had been made and only 11 young people had been seen indicating that the time of year and the bad weather deterred them from venturing out in the evenings.
- b) The majority of those seen came from Upper Stanmore.
- c) On Halloween night and Winchester Dance night DYP workers saw considerably more youngsters out and about elsewhere in the City.

She went on to recommend that the Project be suspended during the winter and recommence next spring. Council **AGREED** that coverage should recommence in the week beginning 2 April leading up to the Easter weekend.

660. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A request from Winchester Citizen's Advice Bureau for a donation. Council **AGREED** to a donation of £250.

- b) An invitation to a discussion on WCC finances and budget at 7pm on Tuesday 9 January 2007 in the Guildhall. The meeting will hear the views of Parish and Town Councils on which services provided by the City deliver most value and where savings could reasonably be made. Council **AGREED** that **KT** should attend.
- c) An invitation to a Patient and Public Involvement Forum for Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare NHS Trust public meeting in St Paul's Church Hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 14th December. Council **AGREED** that it was not necessary for anyone to attend.
- c) Parish Path Poll. A detailed report of the Footpath Poll undertaken in June 2006 on Whiteshute Ridge had been passed to **KT**. The results were predictable; throughout Hampshire 78% of footpath users were walkers, 13% cyclists and 4% joggers.

661. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1279	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 404.85	-
1280	WCC	Dog Fouling Notices	£ 84.60	£ 12.60
1281	Winchester CAB	Donation	£ 250.00	-
1282	SERCO	WSR Maintenance	£ 5,170.00	£ 770.00

662. Any other business

There were two pieces of "Other Business":

- a) **KT** reminded Councillors that there remained a vacancy for co-option onto the Council and asked them to seek volunteers.
- b) **FJ** and **DP** passed their email addresses to the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2105.

Signed

Date