

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2007

### PRESENT:

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

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson  
Cllr Charlotte Bailey  
Cllr David Spender  
1 Member of the public

### APOLOGIES:

Cllr Brian Collin  
PC Joe Zubaidi

### 669. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

### 670. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Open Space

**MM** reported that:

- (i) A replacement "Ball Games" sign for the wall outside 19 May Tree Close has been ordered.
- (ii) He had spoken to the WCC Open Space Project Officer (Stuart Dunbar-Dempsey) to establish whether the Parish had any money in the Open Space Fund. None has been allocated because Badger Farm has no sports facilities.

**KT** reported that:

- (iii) He had attended the meeting organised by **BC** and held by MayTree Close residents on 7 February to discuss the gale damage to their garages and to attempt to define a way ahead. The meeting had:
  - a. Agreed that the owners of the damaged garages would form a working group to expedite repairs to their property.
  - b. Asked the Parish Council to provide a skip after the repairs had been completed to assist in an overall tidy up of the area. Council had reservations about singling out these residents for such special treatment but considered that should they be prepared to procure a skip and organise its delivery and removal the Council might be prepared to reimburse their expenses up to a maximum of £150. Such an offer would not be repeated in the future.

**Post Meeting Note:** Advice from **BC** suggested that the residents' group were not sufficiently organised to arrange and pay for the hire of the skip and the Council therefore **AGREED** not to proceed with the offer

- (iv) He had been contacted by the daughter of an aged resident in MayTree Close about the poor lighting outside Numbers 98, 99 and 100. The lady had already spoken to HCC who had agreed in principle that they would be willing to fund 50% of an improvement under the CSI street lighting scheme if BFPC were willing to fund the other 50%. Council **AGREED** that this should be done.

**FJ** reported that:

- (v) There had been an outbreak of graffiti around the estate. **JG** undertook to photograph the graffiti and pass to **MM** for action with WCC.

**DS** reported on:

- (vi) The damage caused by HCC contractors in Falcon View. SERCO had unilaterally bulldozed the planter as a solution to damage to the brickwork on the basis that it was cheaper than maintaining its fabric. **DS** had complained that this was not satisfactory and **CB** later confirmed that HCC had now agreed to plant the area with shrubs and bushes to make good.

b) Play Equipment

**MM** reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) He had arranged that WCC Environment Team should carry out the annual independent safety inspection at a cost of £35.00 + VAT per play area. The inspections will be carried out at the end of February.

c) Planning

**KT** reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:  
Broad Chalke Down                      Conservatory
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

**MM** reported that:

- (iv) WCC have recently announced that the weekly planning list will in future only be circulated by email and not in hard copy as at present.

- (v) The Chairman of WCC Planning Development Control Committee has written to express his concerns about the number of applications coming before them as a result of Parish Council requests where no member appears to address the Committee. He would encourage attendance both to represent Parish Council views in public and to provide the committee with the opportunity to seek clarification of objections.

d) Transport

**MM** reported that:

- (i) There will be a conference in Winchester Guildhall at 09.45am on 21st March on “Improving Accessibility in Hampshire”. The conference aims to outline the future role which passenger transport services can play in improving accessibility. **CB** will attend and report back.

**KT** reported that:

- (ii) South West Trains’ franchise has been renewed.

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 January were signed by the Chairman.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Further to the discussion about an asbestos survey he had received a response from Pam Brown Associates stating that the land was owned by Sainsburys and that the Community Association therefore had a “Duty of Care” to conduct the survey and forward the results. He had passed a copy of the letter to the Chairman of the RCA for whatever action he considered necessary.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

**MM** reported that:

- (i) During the annual tree survey the contractors have found two trees with decay causing fungus that will require further examination. Ultra sound survey will determine whether they have to be felled.
- (ii) Southern Electric Power Distribution wish to remove a portion of the overhead electric cables at the northern end of Whiteshute Ridge Lane by the footbridge over the railway and replace them with underground cables. They have approached WCC as the owners and BFPC as the occupiers for "consent" for this work. Council **AGREED** that they had no objections and **MM** signed the Wayleave Consent. **KT** witnessed his signature. Work is planned to start in March.

**KT** reported that:

- (iii) A resident had observed that the path at the foot of the ridge behind Honey Suckle Close and Harrow Down Drive required clearing. **MM** will investigate.

j) Police

No report

k) County Council Rep

**CB** reported on:

- (i) Falcon View. See para 620 a) (vi) above.
- (ii) HCC Budget cuts. Measures to achieve a £12M saving included the deferment of some capital projects, reduction in adult care services and a reduction in bus subsidies.
- (iii) Park & Ride (South). The planning application was likely to go to HCC in late March or early April. **KT** reported that he had been consulted by the HCC consultants.
- (iv) Hampshire Action Team is focused on prioritising the delivery of services.

l) City Council Reps

**BC** was unable to attend.

**DS** reported on:

- (i) Rats. Articles for the newsletter had been provided by both WCC and KT. WCC Rodent Team did not consider that there had been any increase in the occurrence of rat infestation. This was probably because WCC continued to bait drains and other likely areas. Normal precautions should be observed.

- (ii) Estate Agent Signs. He undertook to take up their proliferation with WCC planners.
- m). Notice Board Rep  
NTR
- n). Newsletter Rep  
NTR
- o). WDAPC  
NTR

### 671. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) WCC are running a Campaign called Live for the Future to determine the right planning policies to deliver the changes necessary to make Winchester “sustainable”. This means developing social and cultural wellbeing, environmental wellbeing, a flourishing and diverse local economy, good transport services and communications, good access to services and good governance. Councillors are invited to attend events at Winchester Family Church, Stanmore (7.00pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March) or Weeke Community Centre, Taplings Road, Weeke (7.00pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March). **FJ** may attend.
- b) HCC HAT (Hampshire Action Team) will hold a “listening” meeting in Littleton & Harestock Memorial Hall at 6.00pm on 13 February. The aim is to answer the question “In terms of the work of HCC, what are the key priorities for your area and why?” **KT** will try to attend.
- c) Winchester CAB have been unable to secure sufficient funding to maintain their outreach programme in the GP Surgeries in Alresford and South Wonston and they will therefore close on 30 March 2007.
- d) The Government intends to revise the Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members to make it clearer, simpler and more proportionate.

### 672. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1287	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 382.85	-
1288	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 229.40	-
1289	Audit Commission	Audit 2005/06	£ 293.75	£ 43.75
1290	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 36.85	£ 5.49
1291	M D Macpherson	AVG Anti-virus Software	£ 43.36	£ 6.46

**673. Any other business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2125.

Signed .....

Date .....