

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Anne Church
Daniel Phelps

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold
Ian Tait
Ray Stannard
PC Joe Zubaidi

674. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

675. 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 delivered and fitted.
- (ii) He had contacted HCC about the poor lighting outside Numbers 98, 99 and 100 MayTree Close. HCC regretted that they were unable to help with CSI funding since applications for the 2007/08 year have now closed. They suggested that WCC might be able to fund 50% of the work. He had contacted Neville Crisp (WCC) who has undertaken to inspect the area and inform **MM** if they are prepared to help. If help is not forthcoming application for 2008/09 CSI funding will have to be made in November this year.

KT reported that:

- (iii) A six panel section of the fence between the open space behind Ivy Close and the railway line had blown down during the recent gales. **MM** will obtain quotes.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

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

c) Planning

KT reported that:

- (i) 2 new applications had been received:

Sainsburys	Erection of Car Wash
Sainsburys	Extension of Petrol Station kiosk

Council studied the proposed plans and **AGREED** that there were no grounds for objection.

- (ii) No applications had been approved:

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

KT reported that:

- (iv) A resident in Harrow Down had queried whether a neighbour was entitled to enclose his garden with a hedge without first obtaining planning approval. **KT** will email the WCC planning department to establish the guiding principles without specific reference to this case.

d) Transport

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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 reconciliation for February were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The 2006/07 VAT reclaim for £2,664:18 was submitted on 10 March.
- (iii) The limit for Section 137 Expenditure for 2007/08 has been set at £5:64. This means that BFPC may commit £10,800:60 (1,915 electors).
- (iv) The WCC appointed Parish Remuneration Panel has carried out its second review of Travel and Subsistence Allowances for Parish Councils. It will be necessary for BFPC to formally adopt this scheme if Council wishes to pay

the Chairman and Councillors such allowances. The following points are relevant:

- a) There is no statutory basis for making payments until the scheme has been adopted.
- b) Forthcoming consideration of adoption must be advertised for at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- c) Once adopted the scheme must be reviewed every four years.
- d) Payment of a Chairman's allowance is still available as a separate measure.
- e) Travel and Subsistence Allowances are not available for co-opted councillors however Parish Councillors who took office as a result of an uncontested election are regarded as "elected" for this purpose.
- f) There is an indexing mechanism to cover annual inflation.

Council **AGREED** to advertise that they will consider adoption at the April 2007 meeting.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) During the annual tree survey the contractors have found two trees with well over 50% decay. Advice is that these trees must be felled on health and safety grounds. The cost will be £1,680.64 plus VAT and after discussion with the Chairman **MM** had authorised the work to proceed.
- (ii) The footpath on the lower edge of the ridge behind Nos 16 to 48 Plough Way has now been cut back and cleared.
- (iii) A resident had again complained about excessive noise from motor bikes on a Sunday afternoon from Bushfield Camp. He had been advised to keep a log and inform both the Police and WCC.

j) Police

No report

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Falcon View. HCC intended to repair the damage caused by their contractors by planting a Turkish hazel underplanted with choisia, potentilla and cotoneaster.
- (ii) Hampshire Action Teams. The recent meeting had drawn up a list of priorities for action by WCC. Road maintenance, flooding, young peoples activities and integrated transport head the list.
- (iii) Speed Limits. HCC has allocated additional funds to implement new restrictions. Council **AGREED** that BFPC had no new requirements at present.
- (iv) Council Tax. HCC budget will mean a 4.9% increase on their element of the tax.
- (v) HCC. The Audit Commission have recently awarded HCC four star status for "corporate assessment".

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on the following:

- (i) Neighbourhood Watch. The Oliver's Battery scheme was in the process of being re-invigorated and was making good progress. He hoped the same could be achieved in Badger Farm later in the summer.
- (ii) MayTree Close Garages. No progress on repairs was evident and he would seek clarification of the resident's intentions.
- (iii) Estate Agents' Boards. The WCC protocol will be circulated.

DS reported on:

- (iv) Council Tax. The WCC element will result in a 4.63% increase.
- (v) Parking Policy. WCC had recently published significant increases to parking fees including rises for Park & Ride.
- (vi) The Harrow Down street nameplate will be replaced.
- (vii) He will investigate the short section of overgrown laurel hedge by Swift Close.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

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676. Sainsburys Planning Applications

Sainsburys have lodged two new applications. These are to:

- a) Erect a car wash. This would be located at the Parliament Place end of the car park and would run across the end of the existing three double parking lanes.
- b) Extend the petrol filling station kiosk. This would add 16 square metres to the existing kiosk (about 10%) and would extend it to the south between the existing kiosk and the retaining wall of the access road from the BF roundabout.

Council **AGREED** there were no objections – see paragraph 675 c) (i) above.

677. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Appointment of Parish Representatives to serve on the Standards Committee. WCC are seeking nominations from Parish Councillors to serve for 2007/08 and 2008/09. **FJ** and **DP** will consider applying.

678. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1292	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 415.25	-
1293	HAPTC	Annual Fees & Levy	£ 363.00	-
1294	SERCO	Cut back footpath	£ 231.73	£ 34.51
1295	SERCO	Playground Inspections	£ 747.86	£ 111.38
1296	SJH Signs	Supply & Fit Sign	£ 46.41	£ 6.91
1297	SERCO	WSR work & Tree Survey	£ 5,049.59	£ 752.07

679. Any other business

MM reminded the Council that the Annual General Assembly and April Meeting will take place on 16 April (one week later than usual) because of Easter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2122.

Signed

Date