

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Ian Tait
Daniel Phelps
Ray Stannard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Brian Collin
PCSO Richard Nolan
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Anne Church
Fenella Jarvis
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr David Spender
PC Joe Zubaidi

697. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

698. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The footpath from the steps at the Honeysuckle Close / Ashbarn Crescent junction to behind Royden Close had been blocked by a fallen shrub. This has now been cleared.
- (ii) He had again spoken to David Taylor (WCC) about hedge planting behind the Elder Close garages and agreed to plant 3 litre pots of cotoneaster. SERCO have tendered a quote of £401.58 plus VAT. Council **AGREED** to accept this quote. RS will look after the watering of the new plants.

KT reported that:

- (iii) The glass panel in the bus shelter on the Ridgeway had been broken by vandals. WCC will repair.
- (iv) A bench on WSR had been left in a foul state after a bar-b-que. He had cleaned it up and asked the PCSO to keep an eye on bar-b-ques on the Ridge in future.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) The defective "flat seats and chains" on the Davis Kickabout have been repaired.

- (v) Summer Bar-b-que. The team had produced an estimate of costs of £1,253. This was an event for 200 people and consisted of Bar-b-que hire £50, Food & Refreshments £800, Sports equipment £100, Music £150, Staffing costs £153.
- (vi) May/June activity. Street Reach had made 4 visits on Friday nights although they had only encountered a total of 6 young people. Those interviewed felt their recreational needs were being met by their families and schools although they would like to see more "recreational facilities" and supported the idea of a Bar-b-que.

Council discussed these comments and recommendations and **AGREED** that:

- (vii) The numbers interviewed by the Street Reach workers was disappointingly small and the views gathered were therefore not necessarily representative.
- (viii) Arranging a large bar-b-que based on limited and tenuous evidence was high risk and the likely attendance and commitment was difficult to gauge. For this reason it was decided to attempt a lower key start this year and to review the situation next summer.
- (ix) **DP** volunteered to investigate running a monthly minibus trip to River Park for five-a-side football etc as a start to building stronger relationships with the youth of Badger Farm. He will report to the next meeting.

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 May were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) The preliminary internal audit had been conducted by Mr Paul Reynolds and completed on 9 June 2007. No problems had been identified. Copies of the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account at 31 March 2007 were circulated. He summarised the "Significant Variances" return and the "Supporting Statement".
- (iii) The Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2007 and the Statement of Assurance were **APPROVED** by Council. The Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Account, Asset Register, Supporting Statement and Explanation of Variance (including the Reconciliation of Statement of Accounts) were signed by KT and **MM** prior to their being forwarded to District Audit in Plymouth.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

The Badger Farm Social Club had written requesting the Parish Council to consider assisting the Club to provide a shelter for smokers in the garden of the Community Centre. This would provide an awning or roof outside the Warren Bar. An initial quote received from Hurst Blinds indicated a cost of between £4K and £8K. Council **AGREED** that this was an inappropriate use of public money and no donation would be made.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

NTR

j) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) The Hampshire Constabulary Parish Partnership Forum Meeting was held on 5 June. The minutes have yet to be received.

RN reported on the following 6 minor incidents that had occurred in the last month:

- (ii) Report of a suspicious person, 2 neighbourly disputes, 1 rowdy behaviour and 2 vehicle nuisances on Bushfield Camp.
- (iii) The police intended to mount an operation on Bushfield in the coming months aimed at warning trespassing motor cyclists.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend the meeting but left a written report covering the following:

- (i) Park & Ride. The planning application has resulted in very few letters or complaints from the public.
- (ii) Community Grants. Each HCC councillor has been allocated £10K to help fund initiatives for the benefit of their local communities. Details will be promulgated shortly.
- (iii) Safer Neighbourhood Panels. These may be set up as part of the Community Policing arrangements and if so could involve the Parish Council.
- (iv) Community Empowerment Awards.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Silver Surfers. The event had been well attended and was a success.
 - (ii) He had no progress to report on Maytree Close garages or temporary SOMph signs.
- m). Notice Board Rep
- NTR
- n). Newsletter Rep
- NTR
- o). WDAPC
- MM reported that:
- (i) The AGM of the WDAPC will be held in the Curdridge Reading Room, Curdridge on Thursday 28th June at 7.45pm. Parishes are invited to attend and to nominate Councillors for election to WDAPC posts. Council **AGREED** that they had no nominations and were unable to send a representative to the AGM.
 - (ii) The membership levy for 2007 will be £20.

699. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A request from VITALISE for a donation to support their charity work assisting disabled people, their carers and families in Hampshire by subsidising "care breaks". Council **AGREED** a donation of £100 on condition that they provided an article about their work for the Community News.
- b) A request from the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) for a donation to support their work providing support and advice to Hampshire farmers primarily relating to environmental management. Council **AGREED** that a donation was not appropriate.
- c) The Alternate Bin Collection Scheme (ABC). There will be a public meeting organised by WCC on Monday 18 June at 6.30pm in the Guildhall to discuss issues arising from the introduction of ABC. Enquiries and complaints from the public should be directed to 0800 008 6050.
- d) A copy of the Standards Board for England's publication "The Code of Conduct - Guide for Members" was distributed.

700. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1310	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 391.46	£ 1.04
1311	SERCO	Play Equipment Repair	£ 210.68	£ 31.38
1312	WDAPC	2007 Levy	£ 20.00	-
1313	P Reynolds	2006/07 Audit	£ 690.00	-
1314	Vitalise	Donation	£ 100.00	-

701. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2117.

Signed

Date