

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th September 2007

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait
Daniel Phelps
Ray Stannard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
Sarah Keene
PC Joe Zubaidi

APOLOGIES:

John Godbold

709. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

710. Members Register of Interests

Completed Members Registers of Interest were witnessed and signed by the Clerk and a copy was placed on file. The originals will be forwarded to WCC.

711. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

- (i) The cotoneaster hedge planting behind the Elder Close garages will now take place next week.

b) Play Equipment

RS reported that:

- (i) One of the upright poles on the equipment on the Central Kickabout had been vandalised and broken off. **MM** will now identify a contractor to repair and investigate an insurance claim.
- (ii) **DP** and **RS** were gathering brochures and quotes for replacement equipment on the Central Kickabout.

MM reported that:

- (iii) All play equipment inspections were up to date.
- (iv) He had received a complaint about litter, broken glass, empty bottles and cigarette ends left on the Davis Kickabout play equipment after Friday night (31 August). The complainant had also suggested that a fence should be erected round the play equipment to keep dogs out and to prevent youths using the equipment as goal posts. Council **AGREED** to investigate the provision of a fence when ordering new play equipment.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) 5 new applications had been received:

Silverwood Close	Lean to shed to rear
Harrow Down	Conservatory to rear
Harrow Down	Two storey side extension
Plough Way	Conservatory to rear
Hazel Grove	2 in no 1 st floor rear extensions

(ii) 5 applications had been approved:

Sainsburys	Variation on previous application – retail space
Swift Close	Conservatory
St Anne's Close	Conservatory to rear
Ivy Close	Porch to front
Tarmac Site	864 space Park & Ride carpark

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

d) Transport

MM reported that:

(i) HCC have reduced their subsidy to the No.5 Bus despite strong representations from **CB**. Services on Sunday evenings have been reduced as a result.

(ii) A new body called The Winchester Passenger Transport Forum will hold its first meeting in the Shawford Parish Hall at 2.00pm on Tuesday 2nd October. No Councillors are available to attend.

(iii) The speed limit reminder sign that has now been removed was triggered 8,657 times in two weeks on The Ridgeway and 9,072 times in Meadow Way. The overall traffic volumes will be collected in order to establish a percentage of traffic triggering the alarm.

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 July and August were signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) He had received notification of a tax-free incentive payment of £251.66 from HM R&C for filing the 2005/06 return online. This will be credited against the next quarterly PAYE & NIC payment.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) SERCO have cut up and removed two trees that had come down and blocked Whiteshute Lane.
- (ii) The footpath from Harrow Down to the steps leading onto the Ridge has been cut back.
- (iii) The diagonal footpath from the bottom of the Harrow Down steps to the seat on the Ridge will be cut as part of the next routine maintenance. SERCO will provide a quote to include it in the maintenance contract for next year.
- (iv) He had spoken to SERCO about controlling the proliferating ragwort on the Ridge. There are two options:
 - (a) Spray. This must be done before it flowers to be effective.
 - (b) Hand Pulling.

There are also strict laws about disposal. It must either be sealed under strict regulations for disposal in landfill or burnt on site.

The recommendation is to institute a three year programme that sprays the rosettes with SPK chemical in March / April prior to flowering. The first year will take four man days; thereafter the required effort will be less. This approach has been very successful on Twyford Moor. Council **AGREED** to adopt this plan.

j) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) The next Parish Partnership Forum meeting will be held at Cheriton Village Hall on Wednesday 10 October at 7.30pm.

JZ reported that:

- (ii) There had been 8 minor crimes reported in the last month:
 - a) Domestic upheaval in the street
 - b) Report of pigeon shooting on Bushfield Farm – subsequently discovered to have been authorised.
 - c) Individual with mental health problem
 - d) 1 motor cycle trespass on Bushfield Camp
 - e) 1 trespass in Falcon View
 - f) Teenage threatening phone call
 - g) Handbag theft in Sainsburys
 - h) Theft of blue card from a car in Sainsburys car park
- (iii) A new PCSO – Warren Carne, has been appointed for Badger Farm.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Approval of the Park & Ride planning application.
- (ii) Removal of travellers from Bushfield Camp. Cluttons (Louise Spain) had taken a more proactive stance which was to be welcomed. A new restricted access gate has now been erected.
- (iii) Litter on Badger Farm Road. She has reported the problem to HCC Highways noting that failure to clear the gullies and ditches could result in flooding.
- (iv) The Winchester temporary library will close on 28 September. The new library should open in November.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Extending Neighbourhood Watch in Oliver's Battery. He hopes to re-launch in Badger Farm in the New Year with a pamphlet drop.
- (ii) MayTree Close Garages. The damaged wall has now been rebuilt.
- (iii) Strategic Planning Development of the M27 corridor. 6,000 new homes.
- (iv) Fire hazards in resident's garages.

DS reported on:

- (v) Open Space walkabout. The footpath behind Honeysuckle Close will be cleared. A dead cherry tree in Plough Way will be attended to.

- (vi) Dog Fouling. The dog warden had again visited after complaints from Elder Close Residents.
 - (vii) Tower Arts Centre. Ownership decision has been postponed until December.
 - (viii) WCC inspection of Hockley viaduct. Options for preservation will be studied.
- m). Notice Board Rep
- KT** reported that:
- (i) He had given the Chairman of the BF & OB RCA permission to use the notice board outside the Community Centre as a trial.
- n). Newsletter Rep
- NTR
- o). WDAPC
- MM** reported that:
- (i) The Winchester District Association AGM had been inquorate and a new meeting will therefore have to be called in September. The current Chairman intends to stand down at this meeting and the future of the Association is in some doubt. It may become necessary to merge with a neighbouring district.

712. Street Reach

MM reported on the most recent report that said:

“Since the last report youth workers have made contact with a further 9 new young people, however they all felt that their needs are being met by their parents and / or schools. Again young people have suggested new goal posts to improve the area in which they live or congregate. Projects were discussed with them but there has been no real interest in pursuing these.

Street Reach has now provided 23 detached sessions and it is considered that there is no need for a detached youth work provision in Badger Farm. The majority of young people have stated that new recreational facilities such as goalposts would be welcomed however seem less interested in trips or projects which Street Reach could provide in partnership with Badger Farm Parish Council. With just one session left to provide, Street Reach would be grateful of the Parish Council’s advice regarding future provision.”

Council **AGREED** that the project should be terminated.

713. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The Hampshire Quality Parish Roadshow will outline the benefits and pitfalls of Quality Parish Status and the route to achieving accreditation. It will take place at Sopley Mill on Wednesday 31st October from 10.30 until 2.00pm. Attendance will be free.
- b) The Winchester and District Neighbourhood Mediation Services AGM will take place at the Winchester Centre, St Georges Street at 6.30pm on 17 September.
- c) The 2007 AGM of HAPTC will take place on Saturday 13 October at 1030 at Intech. **MM** will investigate whether he can attend.
- d) Request for a donation from Winchester CAB. Council **AGREED** a donation of £250.

714. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1317	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 836.28	£ 5.21
1318	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1319	SERCO	Playground Inspections	£ 747.86	£ 111.38
1320	Winchester CAB	Donation	£ 250.00	-

715. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2142.

Signed

Date