

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

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

### PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)  
John Godbold  
Ian Tait  
Fenella Jarvis  
Sarah Keene

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)  
Cllr Charlotte Bailey  
Cllr David Spender  
PC Allan Smith  
1 PCSO  
1 member of the Public

### APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard  
Daniel Phelps  
Cllr Brian Collin

### 722. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record after two minor amendments.

### 723. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Open Space

**KT** reported that:

- (i) A meeting was held on 5 November between Head of Environment, WCC and **DS**, **BC** and **KT** to discuss how WCC and BFPC could address such problems as graffiti, litter, fly tipping, estate agents boards etc. The following issues were addressed:
  - (a) Dog fouling on Whiteshute Ridge. There is no legislation that makes owners clean up after their dogs on the ridge. After discussion Council **AGREED** that a notice should be placed in Community News and **MM** should investigate moving the dog bin from the far Ivy Close access to the top of the Ivy Close steps. The cost of emptying a re-sited bin will be a factor.
  - (b) Graffiti. Environment wardens are now prepared to remove graffiti from privately owned property provided the owner is prepared to sign a waiver. Nigel Devlin of WCC should be contacted if necessary.
  - (c) Estate Agents Boards. WCC have no objection to their unilateral removal should the Agents be breaking the planning conditions.
  - (d) WCC and BFPC will consider holding a Spring Community Respect & Environment Week.
  - (e) A walk round by WCC and Councillors will take place on 21 November concentrating on Maytree Close, Elder Close, Broad

Chalke Down and Falcon View when matters will be discussed further.

b) Play Equipment

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The damage to the Timber Multi Unit equipment vandalised on the night of 6 September was reported to Winchester police on 14 Sep (Crime ref: 44070427450). RSS contractors (the manufacturers) have now quoted £964 plus VAT to repair the damage. This is the only company he can find prepared to quote. Council **AGREED** to authorise this expenditure noting that it will be recovered by an insurance claim.
- (ii) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.

c) Planning

**MM** reported that:

- (i) No new applications had been received:
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:  
Hazel Grove                      2 in no 1<sup>st</sup> Floor rear extensions
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The annual HCC Meeting of parish transport representatives will take place in the Council Chamber, Castle Avenue at 1000 on Saturday 17 November. **KT** will attend.
- (ii) WCC (Neville Crisp) has undertaken to securely fix the Rooks Down Road grit bin to the ground.
- (iii) HCC will renew bus subsidy contracts for Winchester City on 30 March 2008 and are inviting comments from the local community. A response form will be forwarded by **MM**.

**SK** reported that:

- (iv) She had attended the Park & Ride consultation on 16 October.

**KT** reported that:

- (v) The new rail timetable would come into force on 8 December.
- (vi) The Romsey / Winchester Rail Link bus will be suspended.

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 current 2007/08 predicted expenditure is £27,108 against a budget of £28,088 – a surplus of £980. Nevertheless the annual Whiteshute Ridge maintenance costs and essential expenditure on health and safety issues identified during the tree survey could result in significant additional expenditure. It will therefore be necessary to keep expenditure to a minimum for the rest of the financial year.
- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for October were signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) The 2006/07 Audit has now been approved and returned by the Audit Commission. There were no discrepancies or recommendations for improvement. The notice of completion of audit was passed to **KT** for display on the Parish Noticeboards.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Dog Fouling. **KT** had received further complaints about dog fouling on the Ridge. See para 723 a) (i) (a) above.
- (ii) Southampton Athletics Club (Mr Malcolm Price – 02380 554235) have asked permission to use Whiteshute Ridge for a cross-country race for 100 runners on Sunday 20 January 2008. The course will also use the footpaths around Oliver's Battery because the Church Commissioners refused permission for them to use Bushfield. **KT** and **JG** have discussed the proposal and given their permission. Sainsburys have also given permission for the use of their car park.

**JG** reported that:

- (iii) A tree at the back of 19 Honeysuckle Close was in danger of damaging the fence. The broken branch over the footpath had yet to be removed.

j) Police

**MM** reported that:

- (i) The next meeting of the Parish Partnership Forum will take place on Tuesday 29 January at 7.30pm in Wickham Community Centre. **KT** will attend.

**PCSO** reported that:

- (ii) There had been 6 minor issues reported in the last month:

- 4 incidents of rowdy & inconsiderate behaviour
- 1 suspicious driver – Swift Close
- 1 speeding offence

**BC** reported by letter that:

- (iii) The police had agreed to monitor Meadow Way and the Ridgeway for speeding.

k) County Council Rep

**CB** reported on:

- (i) HCC data base for road projects. Items such as the Badger Farm Rd / St Cross roundabout and the Sainsbury's roundabout pedestrian crossing should be included.

l) City Council Reps

**DS** reported on:

- (i) Community Wardens and WCC Environment had a programme of audits on visual issues and safety issues. The Maytree Close and Elder Close garages would be covered. New surveillance systems (CCTV) could now be deployed should WCC consider their use appropriate.
- (ii) The Tower Art Centre. HCC will produce alternatives at the 7 December meeting.

m). Notice Board Rep

**KT** reported that agreement had now been reached with BF & OB RCA about sharing the BFPC notice board outside the Community Centre. **SK** volunteered to clean the outside glass of the board closest to Wheatlands Close.

n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDAPC

NTR

#### 724. Budget and Precept - 2008 / 09

**MM** had distributed a breakdown of Council Spending over the last six years as a basis for discussion of the 2008/09 Budget and Precept bid.

(i) He proposed a precept bid of £27,000 for 2008/09 and a budget of £29,234 plus £12,500 for new play equipment. The expected expenditure would consist of:

Salary	£ 6,384
Business Expenses	£ 4,100
Litter	£ 1,400
Open Space	£ 600
Play Equipment	£15,250
Whiteshute Ridge	£12,000
Donations	£ 2,000
Total	£41,734

This would result in an "in-year" overspend of £13,784 and a net balance at 31 March 2009 of £1,105.

Council were unanimously **AGREED** that a precept bid of £26,500 was acceptable. After further discussion and recommendations by the RFO Council **AGREED by a majority decision** to precept WCC for £27,000.

Council further **AGREED** that the budget was not acceptable and that the proposed expenditure should be reduced in order to increase the end of year net balance to £2,500 to cater for contingencies. **MM** was tasked to investigate reducing the frequency of play ground inspections to achieve these savings and re-present an amended budget to the next meeting.

#### 725. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A request from the Carroll Youth Centre for a donation. This year the request is for £4,305 that will fund two part time youth workers for a year. The Centre hopes to encourage more usage from Badger Farm young people and will actively try to target them by their Outreach team visiting the Parish regularly. Council **AGREED** to a donation of £2,000.
- b) A request from BF & OB RCA for financial help towards the cost of the fireworks display on 10 November. Council **AGREED** to a donation of £100.
- c) Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Street Lightening. HCC will fund 50% of the cost and the Parish Council would have to meet the balance. HCC recommend a minimum of £1,000 should be budgeted for the Parish share. One request for additional lighting has been received from a resident to improve the visibility

outside 98, 99 & 100 Maytree Close. Bids need to be submitted by 7 December 2007. Council **AGREED** that no bid should be made because the slight improvement would not justify the cost. The cost of routine maintenance of the additional fitting might also fall on the Parish Council.

- d) The AGM of the Hampshire Playing Fields Association will take place at the Winchester Tennis & Squash Club, Bereweke Rd, on Tuesday 20 November at 1.45pm. It will be followed by a presentation on "Hampshire prepares for the Olympics". Council **AGREED** that there was no need to attend. They further **AGREED** that BFPC no longer derived any benefit from membership and that it should be discontinued.
- e) Oliver's Battery Village Design Statement. This document will, if adopted, provide design guidance for development in Oliver's Battery and will supplement the Winchester District Local Plan. Comments may be sent to [ldf@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@winchester.gov.uk). A copy was passed to **KT**. There will be a presentation in St Marks on 24 November to discuss the statement.

**726. Payment of Accounts**

The following payments were approved and signed:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>
1326	SERCO	Litter Collection	£ 111.81	£ 16.65
1327	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1328	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary	£ 396.02	-
1329	British Telecom	Clerk Telephone	£ 39.24	£ 5.18
1330	Carroll Youth Centre	Donation	£2,000.00	-
1331	BF & OB RCA	Donation	£ 100.00	-

**727. Any other business**

**KT** reported that he had attended the Affordable Housing Symposium in the Guildhall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2140.

Signed .....

Date .....