

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2007

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr David Spender
PC Nigel Harding
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Cllr Charlotte Bailey

728. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2007 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record after one very minor amendment.

729. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

DS reported that:

- (i) A walk round by WCC and himself took place on 21 November concentrating on Maytree Close, Elder Close, Broad Chalke Down and Falcon View to discuss such problems as graffiti, litter, fly tipping, estate agents boards etc.
- (ii) The footpath to the steps from Honeysuckle Close to Whiteshute Ridge will be formally incorporated into the WCC open space maintenance schedule.
- (iii) The owner of one of the Elder Close garages will be written to by WCC about the overflowing contents.
- (iv) The overgrown footpath behind Plough Way is the responsibility of the owners. WCC will write to remind them.

JG reported that:

- (v) A WCC sub-contractor had carried out a survey of the open space trees.

BC will investigate possible dates for a spring Community Respect & Environment week and report to Council at the next meeting for further discussion.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Repair to the damaged Timber Multi Unit equipment vandalised on the night of 6 September will be undertaken by RSS.

- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for November were signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) The 2008/09 Precept bid for £27,000 had been forwarded to WCC on 14 November 2007.
- (iv) The insurance claim for the vandalised play equipment was forwarded to Allianz on 14 November.

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) The tree at the back of 19 Honeysuckle Close in danger of damaging the fence had been inspected. Currently it is not touching the fence but more importantly has a TPO on it and therefore cannot be felled. Since the fence was erected after the tree was planted maintenance of the fence is the resident's responsibility. **MM** will inform the owner.
- (ii) To move the dog bin from the Ivy Close footpath to a more accessible site at the top of the Ivy Close steps will cost in the order of £300. Council **AGREED** that the additional cost was not justified. **KT** will view the problem.

j) Police

NH reported that:

- (i) There had been 6 issues reported in the last month:
 - a) Rowdy Youths – 2 occasions, one of which was dispersed by police.
 - b) 3 separate thefts from Sainsbury – 2 arrests.
 - c) Minor injury to a child in a push chair on a bus.
- (ii) There had been a spate of “distraction burglaries” targeting the old and vulnerable in Colden Common.
- (iii) The Southgate Safe Neighbourhood surgeries will take place every other Thursday at 1030 am.

k) County Council Rep

No report.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) Oliver's Battery Neighbourhood Watch. Leaflets were ready for distribution, canvassing for co-ordinators was underway and the scheme will be re-launched in February. He hoped to carry out initial canvassing in Badger Farm in the Spring.
- (ii) WCC parking payment policy is under discussion.
- (iii) 101 Service. Hampshire Constabulary are investigating means of continuing this service now that Central Government funding has been withdrawn.

DS reported on:

- (iv) Local Development Framework. Central Government has called for 12.5 thousand houses to be built by 2026. 7.5 thousand will be built in the "Push" area (M27 corridor) but the remainder will need to be located in the Winchester area. The following options are under discussion:
 - (a) Fill in holes within the City and use Barton Farm and Pitt
 - (b) Select a new area for total build. Options are Teg Down, Barton Farm, Pitt or Bushfield.
 - (c) Consider other locations eg Micheldever.

There will be a WCC organised consultation meeting on 17 January. **BC** will co-ordinate with Oliver's Battery PC with a view to holding a pre-meeting discussion on either 7 or 10 January.

m). Notice Board Rep

NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDAPC

NTR

730. Clerk Salary

Council **AGREED** a new salary for the Clerk based on an agreement by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services.

731. Budget - 2008 / 09

MM had distributed a revised proposed 2008/09 Budget after discussion at the previous meeting - minute 724 refers. At the November meeting Council had **AGREED** to precept WCC for £27,000 but decided that the proposed expenditure should be reduced in order to increase the end of year net balance to £2,500 to cater for contingencies. Reducing the frequency of

playground inspections to fortnightly would reduce the cost to £1,273 (at today's prices). He therefore now proposed:

Salary	£ 6,384
Business Expenses	£ 4,100
Litter	£ 1,400
Open Space	£ 600
Play Equipment	£ 1,350
New Play Equipment	£12,500
Whiteshute Ridge	£12,000
Donations	£ 2,000
Total	£40,334

This would result in an "in-year" overspend of £12,384 and a net balance at 31 March 2009 of £2,505. Council **AGREED** this revised budget.

732. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Winchester & District Young Carers Project had requested a donation. Council **AGREED** to make a donation of £200.
- b) Community Centre 2008 Open Day. The RCA intend to hold an open day on Sunday 22 June and users have been asked whether they wish to promote their group with an information table. Council **AGREED** to register interest in order to promote knowledge of the Parish Council's work in the community.
- c) WCC meeting with Chairmen of Parish Councils. The Leader of the Council intends to hold a meeting on either Thursday 17 January or Tuesday 22 January to discuss:
 - (i) Draft Budget Proposals 2008/09
 - (ii) Hubs & Clusters
 - (iii) Working with Parishes – future of the Joint Consultative Committee

KT will respond.

733. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1332	WCC	Elder Close planting	£ 471.86	£ 70.28
1333	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 420.92	-
1334	SERCO	WSR – Maintenance	£2,905.21	£ 432.69
1335	SERCO	WSR – Cut back Path	£ 246.84	£ 36.76
1336	SERCO	Play Equipment – Inspections	£1,035.50	£ 154.22

