

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th February 2008

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Cllr Brian Collin
PC Nigel Harding

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Cllr David Spender

742. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

743. Sainsburys Development

Mr Paul Vicary, the Project Manager for the development gave a presentation on the aims and programme for the eight month project and outlined the key issues associated with the work. Councillors were given the opportunity to ask relevant questions and **PV** noted a number of comments, particularly about noise and litter, for his further consideration.

744. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) Graffiti had been daubed on the rear walls of the Elder Close garages overlooking the Central Kickabout play area. **DP** had reported it to 101 and the police had undertaken to pass on to WCC. **MM** had subsequently discussed the issue with WCC Environment (Nigel Devlin) and it was removed by WCC on 6 February.

b) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) Inspection Regime. Council **AGREED** at the last meeting that the SERCO contract should be altered to fortnightly inspections and that the intervening weeks should be conducted by councillors. SERCO have been informed of the change and have now quoted a total of £27.07 for fortnightly inspections for both play areas, making a total annual cost of £703.82 plus VAT. This represents a saving of approximately £1,800 per annum. He had accepted this quote. **MM** has now produced an Excel spreadsheet

check list for both play areas that has been agreed by **JG** and dates for Councillor inspections to start will now be arranged.

DP reported that:

- (iii) He and **RS** will make recommendations about new equipment at the next meeting.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:
Broad Chalke Down Conservatory to rear (retrospective)
- (ii) 1 application had been approved:
Rances Way Conservatory to rear
- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

d) Transport

KT reported that:

- (i) He had attended the first meeting of the Winchester Airport User Group in the Guildhall.

IT reported that:

- (ii) The start time for using Free Bus passes would now remain at 09.00am

e) Community Project

NTR

f) Parish Website

NTR

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for January 2008 were signed by the Chairman.

- (iii) An insurance claim for the vandalised play equipment had been satisfied and £714 had been paid into the bank on 1 February. This represented £1,132.70 (the invoice) less £168.70 (reclaimable VAT) less £250 (excess on claim).

h) Community Centre Lease Compliance

KT reported that:

- (i) He had attended the Community Centre User Group Meeting.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had asked SERCO to re-evaluate their quote for maintenance of the Ridge for 2008/09. It is currently £6,759 plus VAT. The quote for removal of ivy from the remaining untreated trees was £2,125 and Council have already agreed that this work is unnecessary, however a small extra amount of say £500 must be included for additional footpath maintenance. He expected that the revised quote should be in the order £5,134. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should accept the revised quote should it be less than £5,700.
- (ii) **JG** had reported at the last meeting that a number of the wooden treads on the steps from Honeysuckle Close up to the Ridge were rotting and required replacing. **MM** suggested that this work should be postponed until financial year 2008/09; Council **AGREED**.
- (iii) HCC (Rights of Way) is investigating a claim to add a number of footpaths over Bushfield Camp and Bushfield Down. They have sought Council's evidence about the use of the claimed paths, either in support of, or in opposition to the claim. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should reply pointing out that although none of the claimed footpaths are in the Parish, the area is popular with BF residents who walk there although it would seem unnecessary to recognise quite so many Rights of Way as have been claimed.

KT and **JG** reported on:

- (iv) The success of the Cross-Country event held on Sunday 20 January.

j) Police

PC NH reported that:

- (i) In the last two months there had been 15 reported offences of which one (a house burglary) was serious. The remainder were:

6 Assaults (although 5 of them concerned the same incident) leading to 4 arrests.
2 thefts (1 from Sainsburys, 1 opportunity theft from a doorstep)

4 Criminal damage (1 domestic, 2 car damage, 1 graffiti)
3 Rowdy behaviour (Sainsbury car park)

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) Open Space. She had arranged for the leaves around the Harrow Down access to Sainsburys to be cleared up.
- (ii) Bushfield Camp footpaths. See Minute 743 i) (iii) above.
- (iii) The Discovery Centre. A good and positive start with an excellent exhibition being staged at present.
- (iv) HCC budget meeting to be held next week.

l) City Council Reps

BC reported on:

- (i) WCC budget consultations with Parish Chairmen
- (ii) Establishment of the rejuvenated Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Oliver's Battery

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDAPC

NTR

745. Winchester Local District Framework

KT had attended the WCC sponsored consultation meeting to discuss issues raised by the draft LDF. He reported that his syndicate had come out in favour of a Step Change with consolidated development in Areas 1 (Barton Farm) and Area 4 (Bushfield) although he stressed that Council should develop their own views which were in the best interests of Badger Farm residents.

After considerable discussion Council **AGREED** that the following position should be passed to WCC in response to their consultation request:

- a) A Step Change was not necessary and the housing targets could be met by infill development.

They further **AGREED** that if Step Change development was inevitable then:

- b) The most suitable area is Area 1 (Barton Farm)
- c) Areas 2 (Teg Down) and 3 (Pitt) have poor access to trunk roads and traffic from these areas would need to use Romsey road which is already full to capacity at peak times. These areas and Area 4 (Bushfield) would also increase traffic on Badger Farm Road, which is also full to capacity in the rush hour. By contrast, Area 1 (Barton Farm) is already likely to be developed, and adding further housing to this area would provide the opportunity for better infrastructure provision and new roads. This area is also closer to the station and sports facilities.

KT will respond to WCC along these lines.

746. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence that required discussion.

747. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1343	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 408.98	-
1344	WCC	Litter – Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1345	HM R & C	PAYE & NIC	£ 402.42	-
1346	HALC	Membership Fees	£ 372.00	-
1347	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 38.65	-

748. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2140.

Signed

Date