

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th July 2008

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Daniel Phelps
Ian Tait
Will Hawthorne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
PC Joe Zubaidi

APOLOGIES:

Fenella Jarvis
Ray Stannard
Sarah Keene
Cllr Brian Collin

775. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

776. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

PC JZ reported on the monthly crime figures. There had been:

- (i) 1 assault – business dispute
- 1 criminal damage (telephone kiosk) – 1 arrest
- 1 noise complaint (Sainsbury's contractors)
- Rowdy youths (Elder Close) – warned by police
- 1 suspicious person (MayTree Close)
- 1 theft of lead from Elder Close garages
- 1 vehicle related nuisance (Sainsburys car park)

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) The grit bin in Elder Close will be replaced by SERCO very shortly, invoicing BFPC.
- (ii) The WCC head of Building Control had inspected the Elder Close garage wall and had stated that "there were no areas that were immediately dangerous". He had emphasised that the Building Act legislation only applies if the wall is intrinsically dangerous i.e. leaning or falling down of its own accord. The legislation does not apply to interference from outside agents e.g. balls. Council therefore **AGREED** that it would not be appropriate to write to the owners of the garages at this time.

DS reported that:

- (iii) Overgrown foliage in Elder Close, on the footpath between 96 and 117 May Tree Close and on the footpath between St Ann's Close and Falcon View would be cut back by WCC.

DP reported that:

- (iv) At the last meeting a group of resident teenagers had raised the issue of goal posts on the Central Kickabout. They had made an application to the Youth Opportunity Fund for money to purchase a 5-a-side goal and football strip with a view to entering a local league. Council had **AGREED** to await the outcome of their funding application before assessing whether to provide some money to purchase a new kick board or 5-a-side goal. It was understood that their application had been considered but no formal notification of the outcome had yet been received.
- (v) He had received letters of complaint from two residents in May Tree Close about over-zealous trimming and felling of trees in the Close by HCC contractors. **CB** undertook to raise the matter with HCC.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 7 new applications had been received:

Broad Chalke Down	Conservatory to rear
Sainsburys	2 no. internal illuminated projecting letter signs
Sainsburys	3 no. non-illuminated wall panels (1 ATM, 2 welcome)
Sainsburys	Replacement of 1 car park sign and 6 totems
Sainsburys	2 no. internal illuminated fascia signs
Sainsburys	Extension – amended application
Ivy Close	2 storey side extension

- (ii) 1 application had been approved:

Broad Chalke Down	Conservatory to rear
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- (iii) No applications had been refused in the last month.

- (iv) The following 2 enforcement cases are current:

Falcon View	Untidy land – compliance period extended
Sainsburys	Unauthorised signage – to be investigated

- (v) Council **AGREED** that in view of Sainsbury's repeated and flagrant disregard of planning conditions **KT** should raise the issue with the WCC head of planning when commenting on the applications noted above.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.
- (ii) HCC have now announced details of the Government initiative “Playbuilder Capital Fund”. The following criteria will be used by HCC when assessing applications:
 - (a) Project cannot be funded from Open Space funding.
 - (b) Play site must be “attractive and innovative for children, particularly 8 – 13 year olds and which are attractive to girls and inclusive for disabled children and minority groups”.
 - (c) Must meet play deficiencies identified in the Winchester District Play strategy.
 - (d) Must meet a clear assessment of need.
 - (e) The applicant must accept responsibility for all future maintenance.

An expression of interest must be rendered as soon as possible. It is likely that a single application from one Winchester town parish might be successful. **MM** was tasked to raise an expression of interest.

DP reported that:

- (iii) The rope bridge on the Central Kickabout play area had been cut and subsequently removed by persons unknown. He will raise a police report so that an insurance claim can be raised.
- (iv) The final contract meeting for the new Central Kickabout equipment with Wickstead was held on 30 June 2008. The following work was authorised:
 - (a) Mend the existing trim trail chain
 - (b) Move the seat and concrete base
 - (c) Supply and erect Fawn multi-play system
 - (d) Supply and erect Twin woodland swing with cradle seats
 - (e) Erect security fencing
 - (f) Rationalise and make good “wetpour” safety surfacing

The total cost will be £12,270.60 plus VAT.

- (v) Council authorised the purchase of wood chip for treating the new planted area behind the Elder Close Garages.

e) Transport

MM reported that:

- (i) HCC has commissioned the TAS partnership as consultants to undertake a review of community transport services to define options for their delivery in the future.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had attended the Southampton Airport stakeholder's conference and received useful feedback about noise.
- (iii) He will attend a meeting of the Winchester Air Group who are lobbying for tighter monitoring of aircraft noise pollution.

f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The bank balance remained healthy and expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for June 2008 were signed by the Chairman.
- (iii) The internal audit for 2007/08 had been forwarded to District Audit in Plymouth on 11 June 2008.

h) Community Project

MM reported that:

- (i) **SK's** community survey should seek email responses to the Clerk at clerkbfp@aol.com.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) The AGM of the BF & OB RCA will take place in the Community Centre at 8.00pm on Wednesday 16 July and will be followed by the User Group meeting. Details were passed to **WH** who will attend.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) Repair of seats on the Ridge. SERCO have now quoted £688 plus VAT to replace all seven planks per seat or £98.29 per plank. Mr Robert Glenn had already agreed to pay £300 for his memorial seat. Council **AGREED** that this quote was unreasonably high and **JG** undertook to seek a quote from a local joiner. Council **AGREED** that if this was less than £500 per seat he should authorise work to proceed on both seats.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) HCC extra funding to repair potholes.
- (ii) A pilot scheme to establish costs for Parish Councils to purchase Flashing Speed warning signs.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Children riding bikes inconsiderately on the field next the the Ivy Close open space and damage to the stile.
- (ii) Environmental Nuisance order served on Sainsbury's for breaking planning conditions.
- (iii) Safety railings to protect school children on Badger Farm Road.

m). Notice Board Rep

MM reported:

- (i) He had inspected the five notice boards after the report that some were becoming opaque and require replacing.

Location	Manufacturer	Size	Condition
Rooks Down Rd opp. Wheatlands Close	Greenbarnes	27.5" x 41"	Dirty - fair
Ashbarn Crescent / Honeysuckle Close	Greenbarnes	27.5" x 41"	Good
Ridgeway, Elder Close bus stop	Unknown	30" x 48"	Dirty - fair
Meadow Way subway bus stop	Unknown	30" x 48"	Dirty - poor
Community Centre	Unknown	30" x 48"	Good

He suggested that a good clean inside and out would avoid the expense of replacing the perspex for the time being.

n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

MM reported that:

- (i) The next meeting of the WDALC will take place in the Wykeham Room, Winchester Guildhall at 7.00pm on Thursday 24 July. A copy of the agenda was passed to **KT**.

777. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A letter from Sainsburys to local residents outlining their intentions about completing the store and contractor's car parking.
- b) A request from Vitalise for a donation to assist in providing holidays for disabled people in order to provide their carers with a break. BFPC donated £100 last year but Council decided that this was unaffordable this year.
- c) An invitation from Hampshire Countryside Access Forum to a conference on "Paths to Partnership: working with Parishes to manage green places and rights of way" to be held at the Maltings Centre, Alton on Thursday 9 October from 1pm to 5pm. Council **AGREED** that there was no need to attend.

778. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1367	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 405.66	-
1368	HM R & C	PAYE & NIC	£ 324.08	-
1369	SERCO	WSR – Repair steps	£ 1,022.25	£ 152.25
1370	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-

779. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2123.

Signed

Date