

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 November 2008

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Fenella Jarvis
Daniel Phelps
Will Hawthorne

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Sarah Keene
Ian Tait
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
PC Joe Zubaidi

793. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

794. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

No report

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) He had written to the MayTree Close householder about the load of bark chippings that had been tipped on the open space behind his property. He had undertaken to remove them in due course. The same house had an empty skip in the front garden however the owner states that it is still in use.

DS reported that:

- (ii) WCC had established the ownership of the Elder Close garage wall from the Land Registry and that he would forward details to **MM**.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:

Broad Chalke Down Hipped lean-to conservatory to rear

- (ii) 1 application had been approved:

St Anne's Close Erection of phone mast

- (ii) The bank statements and reconciliation for October 2008 were signed by the Chairman.

h) Community Project

NTR

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

KT reported that:

- (i) Ian Millar had informed him that the Community Association needed to appoint two new trustees as required by the terms of the lease.

i) Whiteshute Ridge

JG reported that:

- (i) The October grass cutting did not appear to have been completed. **MM** will contact SERCO.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to be present but had sent a written report covering the following:

- (i) Road Repairs & Drainage. Problems should be filed online on www.hants.gov.uk/highways .
- (ii) May Tree Close. The recently removed trees will be replaced by bushes as requested by the residents.
- (iii) Parking on Verges, Footpaths and Pavements. HCC have set up a Working Group.
- (iv) Flashing Speed Light. New guidelines on their use will be issued shortly.
- (v) Anti-Social-Behaviour can now be reported on www.winchester.gov.uk .
- (vi) Rural Strategy Consultation ends on 30 November. www.hants.gov.uk/rural

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Maintenance. The 2008 grass cutting schedule had now been completed. Hedge and bush trimming was now underway.

BC reported on:

- (ii) WCC investment in Icelandic banks. It is conceivable that some of the lost investment could be recovered by the Receiver.

- (iii) WCC Budget. It is likely that an open meeting will be held when this issue is discussed.
- (iv) Local Development Framework. Recommendations are now unlikely to be published before February 2009.
- m). Notice Board Rep
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- n). Newsletter Rep
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- o). WDALC
NTR

795. Football Equipment

DP reported at the last meeting that:

- a) He had received three quotes for the purchase of goal posts and Council had **AGREED** to purchase from Sports Warehouse at £255.00 for a single goal plus net. **MM** will now order this once he has received a full financial appraisal of the total cost of the project from **DP**. This will include costs of installation, the purchase of a strip for the team and other ancillary expenses.

796. Budget and Precept 2009/10

MM outlined a breakdown of Council Spending over the last seven years as a basis for discussion of the 2009/10 Budget and Precept bid. After some discussion Council unanimously **AGREED**:

- (i) A precept bid of £27,600 for 2009/10 (representing an increase of 2.2%).
- (ii) Total predicted income of £28,550
- (ii) A budget for 2009/10 of £25,455. Predicted expenditure would consist of:

Salary	£ 6,547
Business Expenses	£ 4,300
Litter	£ 1,502
Open Space	£ 620
Play Equipment	£ 1,386
Whiteshute Ridge	£ 9,000
Donations	£ 2,100
 Total	 £25,455

This would result in an "in-year" under-spend of £3,095 and a net balance at 31 March 2010 of £13,717.

797. Clerk Salary

Council **AGREED** to increase the Clerk's salary by 2.45% plus £100 per annum in accordance with the interim offer by the Employer's Side of the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services pending final resolution of the arbitration process. They also **AGREED** an increase in office allowance of £1:14 per month.

798. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The expenditure limit for S.137 expenditure (Donations) for FY 09/10 will be £6.15 x no. of electors. This equates to £11,912 for Badger Farm.
- b) An invitation to the WCC Annual Housing Forum to be held in the Guildhall on 21 November had been forwarded to **KT** however he will be unable to attend.
- c) Southampton Running Club will hold their annual cross country race on Whiteshute Ridge and Oliver's Battery on January 4 2009 between 08.30 and 10.30. Arrangements will be the same as last year.
- d) A letter from a resident in Elder Close about his near neighbour who had allegedly allowed a considerable build up of rubbish and rotting garbage in his back garden, encouraging rats. **MM** will pass to WCC Environmental Health for necessary action

799. Payment of Accounts

The following payment had been approved and signed on 20th October:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1386	HM R C & A	PAYE & NIC	£ 354.04	-

The following payments were approved and signed:

1387	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 434.49	£ 4.29
1388	Playworld Systems	Equipment Repair	£ 746.14	£ 111.14
1389	British Telecom	Clerk Phone	£ 43.34	£ 5.79

800. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045.

Signed

Date