

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2008

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
PCSO Warren Carne

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Will Hawthorne
John Godbold
Cllr Charlotte Bailey

801. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

802. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

WC reported on the monthly crime figures. There had been:

- (i) 1 assault in Silverwood Close. Investigation ongoing.
- 1 forced entry in Harvest Close - nothing stolen.
- 1 criminal damage – graffiti – removed by WCC
- 1 rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour - Silverwood Close
- 1 suspicious incident in Rooks Down Road

b) Open Space

DP reported that:

- (i) The doors on the NTL telephone connection box in May Tree Close were broken. **MM** will report defect to NTL.
- (ii) The bark chips deposited on the open space behind May Tree Close have been cleared up.

DS reported that:

- (iii) Some leaves still require sweeping up particularly in Rances Way. He will take up with WCC.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 3 new applications had been received:

Sainsburys	Retention of relocated recycling centre and 2m high acoustic barrier.
Sainsburys Falcon View	Fascia Signage and indicator signs on Garage Two storey front and first floor extension over existing single storey. Additional front parking. (Resubmission)

(ii) 1 application had been approved:

Broad Chalke	Hipped lean-to conservatory to rear
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(iii) No applications had been refused.

KT reported that he had objected to the Sainsbury's application to re-site the recycling centre.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

(i) Play Equipment inspections were up to date.

e) Transport

KT reported that:

(i) He had noticed that no bus shelters had been provided on the new route for the No 1 service in Cromwell Road. Under investigation.

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 November 2008 were signed by the Chairman.

(iii) The sum of £275 had been received from Allianz in respect of the claim for the Burma Bridge.

(iv) The Audit Commission had finally certified the 2007/08 Internal Audit on 29 November 2008. It had been submitted on 13 June 2008. They raised no matters of concern with regard to the relevant legislation and regulatory requirements nor did they wish to draw the attention of the Council to any matter. They made no comments in Section 3 of the Annual Return.

- (v) Notices of Conclusion of the Audit and Rights to Inspect the Annual Return were passed to **KT** for display on Notice Boards. The Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account and sections 1 & 3 of the 2007/08 Annual Return had been placed on the website.

h) Community Project

KT reported that:

- (i) The Parish Survey questionnaire had been published in the most recent edition of the Newsletter. **DP** will prepare an insert of useful telephone numbers for the next edition.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

SK reported that:

- (i) She had received a request for the diagonal footpath from Harrow Down onto the Ridge to be covered in wood chips to prevent it becoming muddy. **MM** replied that he had recently contracted SERCO to keep this path cut back but there was an alternative access from the same point in Harrow Down up the steps and the Parish could not afford to maintain another footpath. Council **AGREED**.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had written to Cluttons about the future of Bushfield Camp but had yet to receive a response.

k) County Council Rep

CB was unable to attend but had forwarded a written report on:

- (i) Hampshire Countryside Access small grants scheme.
- (ii) Oliver's Battery School. The school is keen to involve the local community by providing access to the school grounds.
- (iii) Flashing Speed Lights. Guidance on the use, siting and evaluation of these lights will be forwarded to Parish Councils shortly.
- (iv) Review of Councillor Allowances. Phased increases of 2.45% have been agreed for HCC councillors.
- (v) Council Tax. Currently HCC are looking at freezing all budget increases to maintain Council Tax at 3.5%.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Sainsbury's Fridge Compressor. WCC's environmental noise survey continues in order to establish whether the acoustic shield is effective enough.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDALC

MM reported that:

- (i) A General Meeting of WDALC had taken place in Winchester Guildhall at 7.00pm on Thursday 4 December. **KT** had been unable to attend. The minutes have yet to be received.

803. Football Equipment

MM reported that:

- a) A single FBL 133 8' x 4' Five-a-side Heavy Duty Steel Socketed Goal and 2 nets had been ordered from Safari Sports Ltd on 27 November. Cost is £262.24 (plus VAT) and a cheque has been forwarded.
- b) A cheque for £270 has been forwarded to Soccerclubuk for the subscription for the 2008/09 league.
- c) The present project financial situation is therefore:

HCC Grant	£926.00
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Purchase of Goal and Net	£262.24
Subscription	£270.00
Balance:	£393.76

- d) **DP** will report on how the club intends to spend the balance of the grant at the next meeting.

804. Parish Council Meeting and Annual Assembly 2009

The second Monday in April 2009 falls on Easter Monday. Council **AGREED** that the April Council Meeting and Annual Assembly should be held on Monday 6 April.

805. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) 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** had written to WCC Environmental Health on 11 November.
- b) An invitation to the opening of the Carroll Children's Centre on Saturday 13 December from 1pm had been passed to **KT**.
- c) The 2008/09 Register of Electors dated 1 December 2008 has now been received with details of 1,921 electors.

806. Payment of Accounts

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
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The following payments had been approved and signed since the last meeting:

1390	Soccerclubuk	BF Football Team Sub	£ 270.00	-
1392	Safari Sports Ltd	Goal and Nets	£ 308.13	£ 45.89

The following payments were approved and signed:

1391	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 469.88	-
1393	Serco	WSR – Annual Maintenance	£ 2,908.51	£ 379.37

807. Any other business

FJ reported on the archaeological dig being conducted on the site of the southern Park & Ride.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045.

Signed

Date