

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2009

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender
Cllr Brian Collin
Cllr Charlotte Bailey
Sgt Ally Hibberd
David Taylor (WCC)
2 members of the public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard

808. Resignation of Councillor

SK had tendered her resignation on 30 December 2008. Notices of a Vacancy had been posted on Council Notice Boards on 7 January 2009 and the Returning Officer, WCC had been informed. **KT** thanked her for her valuable service.

809. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

810. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

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

- (i) 1 Burglary Lowden Close – garage
- 1 Suspicious Person Ivy Close - cold calling
- 2 Criminal Damage Charfield Close & Lowden Close – cars
- 2 Thefts Sainsburys & Community Centre – purses
- (ii) Emma Smith, the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Silverwood Close introduced herself.

b) Open Space

David Taylor (WCC Environment & Landscape) reported that:

- (i) HCC (Highways) policy for maintenance of beds was less rigorous than WCC's. They only intended to carry out maintenance every three years unless there was a safety requirement.
- (ii) In light of the above WCC had agreed with HCC that all their beds should now be converted to hedge or grass only.
- (iii) HCC budget does not allow all this work to be done at once. Discussions were ongoing.

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 December 2008 were signed by the Chairman.

h) Community Project

MM reported that:

- (i) The next User Group meeting of the Badger Farm & Oliver's Battery Residents Community Association will take place at 8.00pm on Wednesday 21 January in the Community Centre. **KT** will attend.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

NTR

i) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had now received a quote for the annual maintenance of the ridge from SERCO for 2009. The increase is 4.9% meaning the annual cost will be £7,364.47 plus VAT. This quote includes a cost £2,839 for Ragwort spraying which may not be necessary depending on the growth after last year's treatment. Council **AGREED** to accept this quote subject to satisfactory outcome of the ragwort issue.

KT reported that:

- (ii) He had received a response from the Church Commissioners to his letter about the future of Bushfield Camp. This stated that Strutt & Parker, Salisbury had become their new agents. No decisions will be taken until the Local Development Framework has been finalised.
- (iii) Environmental Protection Strategies Ltd have been contracted by Sainsburys to investigate groundwater under the filling station. It may be necessary to drill a bore hole on the Ridge adjacent to Badger Farm Road.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) The Countryside Access Plan has now been published and is available on the HCC website.
 - (ii) HCC Councillor Grant. She pointed out that Badger Farm PC could apply if they had a suitable ongoing project.
 - (iii) In response to **KT**'s questioning she undertook to hold a meeting with David Taylor (WCC) to discuss the highway beds. See paragraph 810 b) (iv) above.
- l) City Council Reps
- BC** reported on:
- (i) Safer Neighbourhood Panel is to consider if membership should be extended to include outlying parishes.
- DS** reported on:
- (ii) Development of Oliver's Battery Recreation Ground. This is going ahead and will include the provision of a new tennis court.
 - (iii) Sainsbury's Compressors. The situation is now satisfactory but the situation will be reviewed in the summer to ensure that the noise remains tolerable.
- m). Notice Board Rep
- NTR
- n). Newsletter Rep
- NTR
- o). WDALC
- NTR

811. Football Equipment

DP reported that:

- a) A single FBL 133 8' x 4' Five-a-side Heavy Duty Steel Socketed Goal and 2 nets has now been delivered by Safari Sports Ltd.
- b) The sockets have now been dug-in and the goal erected.

MM reported that:

- c) The present project financial situation is therefore:

HCC Grant	£926.00
Less	
Purchase of Goal and Net Subscription	£262.24
Erection costs	£ 26.76
Balance:	£367.00

- d) He went on to say that the balance must be spent on authorised items by the end of February or returned to HCC by the end of the financial year.

812. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) WCC has adopted the Oliver’s Battery Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document to the Winchester District Local Plan.
- b) Rural Affordable Housing for Local People. WCC are currently asking for comments on their Draft Rural Housing Development Action Plan however Badger Farm is not identified as one of the communities with an identified need.
- c) The Parish Council has been invited to join a new “not for profit” membership organisation known as the Rural Services Network set up to “argue the case on behalf of rural services and the financial provision to them”. The cost would be £60 per year. Council **AGREED** that membership would not be appropriate given the character of the parish.
- d) Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC) will be holding free “Low Carbon Champions Training” sessions starting on Monday 26 January and every subsequent Monday in February at 1930 at West Downs Campus, Winchester. No councillors could spare the time to attend.

813. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1394	HM R & C	3 rd Quarter PAYE & NIC	£ 390.99	-
1395	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 420.09	-
1396	T Tostdevine	Erection of football goal	£ 26.76	£ 3.49

814. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2130.

Signed

Date