

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2009

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr David Spender (WCC)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Ian Tait
Cllr Brian Collin (WCC)
PC Joe Zubaidi

823. Co-option of New Councillor

It was unanimously **AGREED** that Dean Upton should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. **DU** had completed the Declaration of Acceptance, which was countersigned by the Clerk and placed on file. Forms for Registration of Gifts and Hospitality and for the Register of Financial and Other Interests have also been completed by **DU**.

824. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2009 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

825. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

JZ was unable to attend and no monthly crime figures were therefore available.

b) Open Space

FJ reported that:

- (i) The bench seat on the Davis Kickabout required cleaning and oiling / painting. **JG** undertook to survey all the benches in the parish and obtain quotes as necessary.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 2 new applications had been received:

Barley Down Drive
Kestrel Close

Open sided car port to side
Conversion of existing garage with a single extension to rear and conservatory to the rear of the dwelling.

- (ii) The bank statements for February 2009 had not yet been received from the bank. A telephone reconciliation had been conducted by the Clerk.
- (iii) The 2008/09 VAT rebate claim for £3,826.79 had been submitted on 9 March 2009.
- (iv) The 2008/09 Internal audit would be carried out by Eleanor Greene on 14 May 2009.

h) Community Project

Council discussed possibilities for the next community project. A proposal to install some sort of fitness trail, perhaps taking in the lower ground on the Davis Kickabout, was a possibility. **JG** undertook to do some preliminary investigation into equipment availability and costs. Involvement of the WCC Recreation Officer might be helpful in due course.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

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i) Whiteshute Ridge

JG reported that:

- (i) Despite discussing the issue with SERCO their contractors appeared to have done nothing about the fallen trees. **MM** to investigate.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on:

- (i) May Tree Close. She had reported the potholes to HCC
- (ii) Work on the Park & Ride (S) had now started and it is expected to be open in Spring 2010.
- (iii) 2009/10 Council Tax has been set at 1.9%.
- (iv) Discovery Centre. An exhibition of "Winchester Treasures" will open shortly.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) LDF Meeting on 11 March will discuss Barton Farm development and the proposed Knowledge Park on Bushfield Camp.
- (ii) The two Bus Stops on the Ridgeway required cleaning. He had reported this to WCC.

- (iii) The St Anne's Close telephone mast. All agreed that it was totally out of character and did not comply with the requirement for "no significant visual impact" however it had inexplicably satisfied the Planning Committee. The temporary generator will be removed shortly.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDALC

NTR

826. Football Equipment

MM reported that:

- a) Since the last meeting it had been decided to spend the outstanding balance of this grant on further weekly subscriptions. Cheque 001406 for £142.00 originally intended as repayment to HCC had therefore been cancelled. The final balance is therefore:

HCC Grant	£ 926.00
Less	
Purchase of Goal and Net	£ 262.24
Subscription	£ 270.00
Erection costs	£ 23.27
Further Subscription	£ 360.00
Total Expenditure	£ 915.51

The balance to be returned to HCC is therefore £ 10.49. All the above figures are exclusive of refundable VAT.

827. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The European Parliament and Hampshire County Council elections will take place on Thursday 4 June. Statutory notices will have to be posted as follows:

27 April 2009	Notice of Election
11 May 2009	Statement of Persons nominated
12 May 2009	Notice of Election Agents

- b) The Winchester District Community History Partnership will hold a meeting at Winchester College on Tuesday 24th May at 7.00pm to discuss Parish Council involvement.
- c) The national pay arbitration for Local Council Workers has resulted in a final backdated pay award of 2.75% compared to the interim award of 2.45%.

828. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Since the last meeting cheque 001406 has been cancelled (see para 826 c above).

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1407	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 434.33	-
1408	Hampshire ALC	2009/10	£ 413.00	-
1409	SoccerclubUK	Subscription	£ 135.00	-
1410	Hampshire CC	Return balance of Football Grant.	£ 10.49	-

829. Any other business

The next meeting and Parish Assembly will now take place on 20th April.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110.

Signed

Date