

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2010

PRESENT:

Keith Taylor (Chair)
John Godbold
Dean Upton
Fenella Jarvis
Ian Tait

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Brian Collin (WCC)
Cllr David Spender (WCC)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Sgt Chris Hills
PC Joe Zubaidi
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Ray Stannard
Daniel Phelps
Will Hawthorne

910. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2010 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

911. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

PC Joe Zubaidi reported that during the last month the following had been reported:

Elder Close	Suspicious vehicle
May Tree Close	Untaxed vehicle
St Anne's Close	Suspicious Male caller – reported to Trading Standards
The Ridgeway	3 men with dogs loitering. Reported retrospectively
Badger Farm Road	Youths throwing mud onto road. Warned by police
Harrow Down	Criminal damage. Glass in front door of vacant property smashed

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) **DP** had informed him that he had been unable to contact the University Community Help team because of exams and holidays and therefore recommended that the Pyracantha Mohave and the Red Robin planting be postponed until the Autumn. Council **AGREED**.
- (ii) The Grit Bin on the corner of Badger Farm Road and The Ridgeway had been reported overhanging the footpath. **KT** had inspected it and felt that it was not causing an obstruction.

(iii) The first half of the 2010/11 Precept amounting to £13,950 had been received in the bank on 12 April 2010.

(iv) The 2009/10 internal audit will be conducted on Thursday 15th April.

h) Community Project

MM reported on **DP**'s Parish Survey:

(i) He was in the process of updating the action grid **AGREED** at the last meeting (Minute 905 h) (ii) refers) and will table for discussion at the next meeting.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

KT questioned whether the BF & OB RCA Trustees had succeeded in finding a new Chairman (Minute 899 page 669 refers). **MM** will contact Rachel Skinner, Vice Chairman for an update at the next meeting.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

(i) He had contracted SERCO to fell trees 204 and 225 and crown clean tree 306 as recommended in the Tree Survey (Minute 905 j) (ii) page 675 refers). Tree 285 (Dying crown) will last another year without becoming a hazard and will therefore not require work.

(ii) He had received quotes for the 2010/11 maintenance work on the Ridge from SERCO which is for £5,366.20 plus VAT. This represents an increase of 2.4%. Council **AGREED** to accept this quote.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on

(i) Falcon View Beds. HCC had failed to repair and re-point these satisfactorily and they were now becoming dangerous. She would pressure HCC for action.

(ii) HCC had received additional money from Central Government for pot hole repairs.

(iii) Park & Ride Opening. (See Minute 911 e) (ii) Page 679 above).

She also thanked **KT** for his ten years of helpful Chairmanship.

l) City Council Reps

DS reported on:

- (i) Biodiversity. He had been encouraged by residents' responses to his article in the Community Newsletter.
- (ii) Gritting in winter (see Minute 912 a) Page 681below).

BC reported on:

- (iii) Commuter parking in Ashbarn Crescent. He had provided residents with a cautionary letter for use when pavements were obstructed.
- (iv) Andover Road. Closed from 12 April for twelve weeks – bridge work.
- (v) Broadband improvements from BT Open Reach were expected to be implemented in mid 2012.

KT thanked both **DS** and **BC** for their valiant efforts on behalf of Badger Farm residents during their time as City Councillors.

m). Notice Board Rep

NTR

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDALC

NTR

912. Grit Bins

MM reported that:

- a) **CB** had suggested to HCC that the No5 Bus gritting route be extended by continuing along from Meadow Way, along Rooksdown Road and Ashbarn Crescent and back to the Ridgeway. This extra circuit would allow better access for some 11 previously untreated roads. HCC are considering the proposal.
- b) He had ordered three new grit bins from WCC (Neville Crisp) on Wednesday 10 March. They will be located as follows:
 - (i) Harrow Down. Near the junction of Harrow Down's two legs beside the garage block serving bungalow No. 57 next to the lamp post.
 - (ii) Lowden Close at the bottom of the hill behind the garage adjacent to No. 52 beside the lamp post.
 - (iii) Broad Chalke Down by the brick wall behind the street sign to service both hills.
- c) Council identified a further 3 bins to be located as follows:

- (i) Falcon View beside the junction with Meadow Way adjacent to the parking area.
- (ii) St Anne's Close at the junction with the Ridgeway.
- (iii) Harrow Down at the lower end.

These will now be identified to HCC before the 30 April deadline.

913. Correspondence

There following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Hampshire ALC had a meeting with NALC on 17 March to discuss the way ahead with the delivery of "value for money" services. Little progress was made and the issue of ALC membership remains unresolved.
- b) BF & OB RCA had announced that the room hire costs will increase by 2% and at the same user discount facility will be reduced by 2% from April. This represents an increased expenditure of about £10 per annum.

914. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1456	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 441.33	-
1457	HR & C	4 th Quarter PAYE & NIC	£ 362.80	-
1458	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£ 241.80	-
1459	HALC	2010/11 Subs	£ 415.00	-
1460	SERCO	Litter collection	£ 199.87	£ 29.77

915. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2115.

Signed

Date