

# BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2010

### PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)  
Keith Taylor  
Ian Tait  
Daniel Phelps

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)  
Nicola Blencowe  
Heather Nicholson

### APOLOGIES:

Fenella Jarvis (Vice Chair)  
Will Hawthorne  
Dean Upton  
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)  
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)  
Cllr David Spender (WCC)

### 932. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

### 933. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

#### a) Police

- (i) PCSO **WC** was unable to attend but had forwarded a report on the monthly crime figures. There had been:

Elder Close	1 burglary of fishing gear from a garage
Elder Close	2 thefts of lead and guttering from garage roofs
MayTree Close	1 case of littering – passed to WCC
Bushfield Camp	1 suspicious incident – police attended – legal shooting
Bushfield Camp	1 indecent exposure – description of suspect issued
Bushfield Camp	1 case of vehicle nuisance – scrambler bike – police warned owner about using bike on private land.

**MM** reported that:

- (ii) The next Parish Policing Partnership Forum will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Beeston Room, North Walls Police Station. **JG** will try to attend.

**JG** reported that:

- (iii) There had been further cases of illegal parking on the corner of Barley Down Drive. Police had made a further visit and the situation had improved recently.



- (ii) The cleared balance on 1 July 2010 was £41,318:99. There were no un-presented cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for June 2010 were signed by **JG**.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Despite the decisions reached at the last meeting (Minute 927 Page 694) he had been unable to prioritise the Grid as he had only received two Councillor responses to his requests for submissions.

**JG** observed that:

- (ii) A far more proactive attitude will be required from Councillors in responding to minuted actions in future if the grid system is to be effective.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

**MM** reported that:

- (i) Following earlier discussion (Minute 920 i) (ii) Page 686 refers) **WH** had checked whether the Community Centre is properly insured in accordance with the terms of the lease and had been assured verbally that it is.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

NTR

k) County Council Rep

**CB** was unable to attend but had reported on:

- (i) Badger Farm Road. The work on the footpath railings should be completed during this school holiday.

l) City Council Reps

No Reports

m). Notice Board Rep

**JG** reported that:

- (i) The lock on the Ridgeway notice board is broken. **MM** should arrange for Bridgers to fit a new barrel lock.

n). Newsletter Rep

NTR

o). WDALC

**KT** reported that:

- (i) He had attended the AGM on 24 June where the following had been discussed:
  - (a) Rural Development Plan for England
  - (b) South Downs National Park
  - (c) Grants for part funding of Parish Lengthsmen

### 934. Bench Seats

**JG** reported that:

- a) He had questioned walkers on WSR about the provision of a picnic table on the Ridge; they had generally been in favour. He still felt concerned about litter, particularly as it is impossible to site a bin on the Ridge, but felt that it was worth going ahead with.
- b) He had identified a relatively cheap (about £400) composite picnic bench and table made of recycled plastic that might be suitable.
- c) He proposed that this should be sited on the concrete hard standing next to the millennium monument and that the metal bench currently on this site should be moved to a new location at the top of the steps from Ivy Close at the north eastern end of the Ridge.

Council unanimously **AGREED** this proposal within the budget set at the last meeting – Minute 928 Page 695 refers. **JG** will now obtain quotes for this work.

### 935. Biodiversity Grant

**MM** reported that:

- a) He had obtained a Small Grant Scheme application form from HCC.
- b) Before proceeding further and arranging a site visit it will be necessary for the Parish Council to decide what work they wish to undertake. This could be one or more of the following:
  - (i) A new project encouraging biodiversity.
  - (ii) Scrub clearance and weed control.
  - (iii) Long term tree management
  - (iv) Tree thinning to improve biodiversity

Council **AGREED** that rather than create a new biodiversity plan Council should seek a grant aimed at defraying the current substantial maintenance costs. **MM** will now take the matter forward with the Land Management Advisor at HCC (Joanna Thornton).

### 936. Donation

**MM** reported that Victim Support, Hampshire had written seeking a donation to assist in their work supporting victims of anti-social behaviour, low level crime, criminal damage and domestic abuse which are excluded from the government grant they receive. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £200 was appropriate.

### 937. The Parish Councillor's Guide

**JG** reported that:

- a) His copy of the Parish Councillor's Guide (ISBN 0721905145) was out of date and proposed that Council should purchase 8 new copies at £15 each for issue to all Councillors. Council **AGREED**. **MM** will action.

### 938. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) The BF & OB RCA AGM will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 21 July at 8.00pm. **WH** will be asked to attend.
- b) The Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau AGM will be held at United Church, Jewry St, Winchester on Monday 26 July at 7.30pm. No Councillor will be able to attend.
- c) A letter seeking financial support for a boy scout to attend a World Scout Jamboree. **JG** had informed the applicant that Council was not allowed to make grants to individuals.

### 939. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

Cheque	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT
1470	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary June & July	£ 882.66	-
1471	HM R & C	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter PAYE & NIC	£ 287.79	-
1472	Victim Support	Donation	£ 200.00	-

### 940. Resignation of Councillors

**MM** reported that:

- a) **KT** had tendered his resignation as a member of the Parish Council. **JG** thanked him most sincerely for his sterling work on behalf of all the residents of the parish and for the improvements he had achieved for the community as a whole. These sentiments were whole heartedly endorsed by the entire Council.
- b) **RS** had tendered his resignation as a result of illness. The vacancy will be advertised and if no by-election is called will be filled by co-option.

### 941. Co-option of New Council Member

The resignation of **KT** had created a vacancy on the Parish Council which had been advertised on parish notice boards between 19<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. No by-election had been claimed by members of the parish. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Nicola Blencowe should therefore be co-opted onto the Parish Council. **NB** 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 were also completed by **NB**.

**942. Any other business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2045.

Signed .....

Date .....