

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th February 2011

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis (Vice Chair)
Ian Tait
Dean Upton
Will Hawthorne
Chrissie Sanders

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Nicola Blencowe
Heather Nicholson
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
PCSO Warren Carne

983. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2011 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

984. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

PCSO WC had forwarded a report on the monthly crime figures. There had been:

St Anne's Close	Burglary. 2 sets of golf clubs from garage
Bushfield Camp	2 incidents on 29 January and 8 February of motor cycle nuisance. Police have arrested and charged one suspect.

b) Open Space

MM reported that:

- (i) There are currently only seven Parish Councils in the district, out of a total of 48, who receive no "Open Space Funding". They are: Badger Farm, Beauworth, Bishops Sutton, Durley, Kilmeston, Northington and Sparsholt.

CS reported that:

- (ii) The open space beside the fence between the Davis Kickabout and Lowden Close was very overgrown and requires cutting back. **MM** will take up with WCC.

c) Planning

MM reported that:

- (i) 1 new application had been received:
Broad Chalke Down Conservatory to rear.

- (ii) No applications had been approved:
- (iii) No applications had been refused.
- (iv) He had received advanced warning of a Vodafone/O2 application for a new base station on Badger Farm Road.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

- (i) All play inspections were up to date.
- (ii) On 21 January SERCO had reported that the gap between the safety surfacing and the kerb on the Davis Kickabout had become bigger and now represented a trip hazard. After consultation with **JG** he had contracted SERCO who had filled the gap with wet pour at a cost of £338.58.
- (iii) He had arranged for the annual independent play equipment inspection sponsored by WCC to be conducted on 7 February for £76.00 plus VAT.
- (iv) He had received quotes for the 2011/12 SERCO play ground inspections which will be £868.14 plus VAT. This represents an increase of 2.75%. Council **AGREED** to accept this quote.

WH reported that:

- (v) When he had conducted the most recent Central Kickabout inspection he noticed that the hole in the safety surfacing from the recent repair had been filled with wet pour by person or persons unknown. It now transpires that the SERCO contractors working on the Davis Kickabout had done this on their own initiative. Councillors applauded this helpful act.

e) Transport

KT had forwarded a report:

- (i) Bluestar buses are introducing a new timetable on 27th February with some minor changes on the No.1 service to improve time-keeping.
- (ii) On the trains, midweek engineering works will affect late trains to London on 21-23 Feb and all day on 26/27 Feb. and 6th March.

CS reported that:

- (iii) She had received a complaint about the state of the Barley Down bus shelter. **MM** will pass to WCC.

f) Parish Website

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g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared bank balance on 1 February 2011 was £41,221.38. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for January 2011 were signed by **JG**.
- (iii) Payment of the Biodiversity Grant of £1,202 was authorised by Jo Thornton of HCC on 13th January but has yet to be received in the bank account.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

- (i) **MM** had circulated the latest version of the grid to councillors

JG reported that:

- (ii) He intended to form a sub-committee and hold a meeting at his house within two weeks to formulate a way ahead. **DU, CS & WH** volunteered to get involved.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) He had emailed Rachel Skinner drawing her attention to the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England & Wales) Regulations 2007 and suggesting that the RCA might care to consider their position with regard to the Doctor's Surgery and the hire of the facilities by User Groups.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) He had received quotes for the 2011/12 maintenance work on the Ridge from SERCO which is for £5,722.69 plus VAT. This represents an increase of 2.75%. Should ragwort spraying prove necessary this will cost an additional £2,997. Council **AGREED** to accept this quote.
- (ii) The dog bin on the path up to the ridge had been vandalised when the top had been ripped off during the snow. Procurement of a new hinge has been delayed by the untimely death of the WCC Dog Warden.

CS reported that:

- (iii) A tree had come down and was blocking the steps from Harrow Down onto the Ridge. **MM** will have it removed.

JG reported that:

(iv) He had obtained 3 duplicate keys to the gate from Whiteshute Ridge Lane onto the Ridge. These were distributed to **CS**, **DU** and **MM**.

k) County Council Rep

No Report

l) City Council Reps

BL read a written report forwarded by **LB** covering:

(i) Doorstep Glass Collection. This will start in October although the projected weekly waste food collection is unaffordable at present.

(ii) Trees & Shrubs. WCC sub-committee will produce a new strategy for Landscape and Tree Management.

(iii) Sunday Parking. City Centre charging has now started.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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985. Donations

MM reported that:

a) He had received an application from BF & OB RCA for a donation to help with the production of Community News. Council **AGREED** a donation of £400.

b) He had received an application from the Carroll Centre for a donation to assist with the funding of two part time youth workers. After a discussion about the Centre's financial statement that appears to be very healthy Council **AGREED** that they would invite a representative to the next meeting before making a decision.

986. Rubbish Bins

MM reported that:

a) He had ordered two 240 litre litter bins on T bars from SERCO and they had been installed as follows:

(i) Central Kickabout on the triangle of grass at the St Anne's Close end.

- (ii) Davis Kickabout 4 metres uphill from the top dog bin.
- b) He had discussed the signing of the Trade Litter Collection agreement with SERCO (pat.archer@serco.com) on 14 February who will forward the form shortly.

987. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) Complaints from residents about the Fish & Chip van that has been trading in the vicinity of the junction of Ridgeway, Meadow Way and Rooks Down Road. **LB** has reported that the trader does not require a licence unless trading late at night and provided he parks without causing an obstruction he is not committing a traffic offence. He does not intend to trade in the summer months. **MM** has subsequently spoken to the trader Mr Steve Morris (07765 393571) Froggy Man’s Fish & Chips who is aware of resident’s concerns.
- b) The next HCC Winchester Highways HAT meeting will be held in Wickham Community Association on Tuesday 5 April at 3.00pm. The agenda will be issued in late March.

988. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1498	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (Jan)	£ 448.08	-
1499	BF & OB RCA	Section 137 Donation	£ 400.00	-
1501	WCC	Provision of 1 grit bin	£ 270.00	£ 45.00
1502	SERCO	WSR Tree surgery	£1,085.95	£ 180.99
1503	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 50.54	£ 9.84
1504	WCC	Provision of 2 grit bins	£ 600.00	£ 100.00
1505	J Godbold	Repayment for keys	£ 11.80	£ 1.97

989. Any other business

FJ reported on her attendance at the WCC sponsored Parish Forum which covered:

- (i) The Localism Bill and the Big Society
- (ii) Blueprint and the LDF
- (iii) Implications for the Planning Process and Parish Councils

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055.

Signed

Date