

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2011

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Martin Macpherson (Clerk)
Cllr Charlotte Bailey (HCC)
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)
Cllr Brian Laming (WCC)

APOLOGIES:

PCSO Richard Nolan

996. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2011 were **AGREED** and signed as an accurate record.

997. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

- (i) No report on the monthly crime figures had been received.

JG reported that:

- (ii) PCSO Warren Carne would no longer be the local beat officer as he is in the process of joining the Police. Council expressed their appreciation of his outstanding service.

DU reported that:

- (iii) Residents of Silverwood Close were in the process of establishing a "No Cold Calling Zone". This required the agreement of 50% of the residents and in due course would require a small financial contribution (£36) from the Parish Council for signage.
- (iv) Residents should be aware that the spate of thefts of expensive top of the range bicycles and associated equipment from garages etc continued.
- (v) Unlicensed Mini bikes and scrambling bikes continued to be ridden in the estate. Pass details and registration numbers to the police. **BL** would also appreciate the information.

b) Open Space

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c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) 1 new application had been received:

Barley Down Drive	Resubmission of amended plans for demolition of existing garage and conservatory and erection of a two storey extension to the right and a single storey extension to the rear.
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(ii) No applications had been approved:

(iii) No applications had been refused.

d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

(i) All play inspections were up to date.

e) Transport

NB reported that:

(i) She had received a response from Stagecoach about extending the No 5 service to include Rooks Down Road and Ashbarn Crescent. In essence such an extension would require one additional bus on the route. The cost of this additional bus would not be recovered by additional revenue.

KT had forwarded a report:

(i) The footbridge over the railway closed on March 21 for a maximum of 3 months but has since re-opened.

(ii) Stagecoach bus fares will be increased from 17th April.

(iii) He had responded separately to a proposal for reductions to bus services caused by reduced subsidy from the County.

(iv) All senior bus passes that expired in March should have been renewed by HCC. New bus pass conditions came into force on April 1st.

(v) Rail. There will be engineering work over Easter between Eastleigh and Brockenhurst.

f) Parish Website

In discussion about communications with parishioners it was proposed that the website could usefully incorporate a forum page. **DU** undertook to investigate the

situation with Sarah Munns, the website manager. Changes to the current format will require negotiation with BF & OB RCA and Oliver's Battery Parish Council.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) The cleared bank balance on 31 March 2011 was £38,749.57. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for March 2011 were signed by **JG**.
- (ii) The internal audit of the 2010/11 accounts will be conducted by Mr Nick Caiger on Thursday 14 April. At the end of the financial year (31 March 2011) actual income was £30,165 compared with budgeted income of £28,080 whilst actual expenditure was £24,790 compared with budgeted expenditure of £26,940.
- (iii) The refund of VAT for the second half of 2010/11 of £1,793.02 was paid into the bank by HM R & C on 25 March.
- (iv) The first half precept payment for 2011/12 of £13,950 was paid into the bank on 7 April 2011.
- (v) He had written to Aon Insurance requesting that the three new grit bins and one new dog bin purchased during the last year be added to the Council's policy for theft and damage.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

JG reported that:

- (i) He had received quotes for the new picnic table on Whiteshute Ridge and will now talk to SERCO about installing it.
- (ii) He will publish the new grid before the next meeting.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

MM reported that:

- (i) Rachel Skinner was advertising for volunteer committee members for BF & OB RCA. She has announced that if the committee cannot find more volunteers from the User Groups the operation of the Community Centre may have to be reviewed.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) Following the discussions at the last meeting (minute 991 para j) Page 743 refers) **JG** and **MM** had met Nathan Smith on 29th March. The fence has now been erected and S & SE agreed to put two man sized gaps in it –

wide enough for dog walkers but not for vehicles. This has now been completed. **JG** and **MM** agreed to take professional advice on the planting of the new hedge and then discuss the way ahead with S & SE. **BL** will contact Sparsholt College asking for their advice on hedge replacement.

- (ii) At the meeting **MM** was tasked to write to S & SE in order to formally establish liability.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on the following:

- (i) The Mobile Library Service for Badger Farm had now been withdrawn.
- (ii) Badger Farm Road will be “top dressed” in an attempt to prevent water exacerbating the pothole frost damage.
- (iii) HCC will conduct a speed limit review around Pitt junction.
- (iv) The review of the Blueprint consultation will be worth studying when published.

l) City Council Reps

BL reported on:

- (i) The steps from Silverwood Close to Stanmore. Surveyed by WCC – we await their proposals.
- (ii) Phone mast on the Ridgeway. Planning application has been rejected.
- (iii) Rances Way. A resident has dug a very large hole in his garden and a very large spoil pile has resulted. WCC will issue an enforcement order.
- (iv) The BT fibre optic link is complete giving a vastly improved internet reception speeds.
- (v) Bagged dog waste is being deposited in a metal container by the Ivy Close footpath to the railway bridge. **BL** will get WCC Environmental Health to remove the container.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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998. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) A WCC Notice advertising the Referendum to be held on 5 May 2011 had been passed to **JG** for display on the notice boards.
- b) An invitation had been received for a Representative of Badger Farm Parish Council to attend the Mayor's Sunday Service in the Cathedral and afterwards at a Reception in the Guildhall on Sunday 22nd May 2011. **IT** will represent the Parish Council.
- c) An invitation had been received for a Representative of Badger Farm Parish Council to attend the HCC Annual County Civic Service in the Cathedral and afterwards at a Reception in the Great Hall on Sunday 19th June 2011. There were no takers.
- d) The next PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meeting will be held at St Cross Hospital at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th May 2011. This will primarily be for residents and issues relating to Stanmore, Badger Farm, Oliver's Battery and St Cross and an opportunity to meet the local Safer Neighbourhood Team. **JG** will attend.
- e) At the last meeting **CB** had asked that the Parish Council submit additional requests for grit bins as HCC were likely to provide a second tranche in summer 2011. **MM** reported that he had emailed Mike Pillans of HCC on 21 March with the following requirements:
 - (i) Falcon View - Badger Farm - close to the underpass
 - (ii) St Anne's Close - Badger Farm - top end
 - (iii) Kestrel Close - Badger Farm
 - (iv) Harvest close - Badger Farm

999. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed:

1510	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (Mar)	£	427.80	-
1511	HM R & C	PAYE (4 th Quarter)	£	343.39	-
1512	WCC	Play Area Inspections	£	91.20	£ 15.20
1513	WCC	Dog Bin Emptying	£	455.00	-
1514	SERCO	Play Ground Inspections	£	240.41	£ 40.07
1515	HALC	Annual Subscription	£	437.00	-

1000. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2110.

Signed

Date