

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November 2011

PRESENT:

John Godbold (Chair)
Fenella Jarvis (Vice Chair)
Chrissie Sanders
Nicola Blencowe
Will Hawthorne

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

APOLOGIES:

PCSO Gavin Cooper
Dean Upton
Heather Nicholson
Ian Tait
Cllr Lynda Banister (WCC)

1031. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

1032. Reports and Recommendations from Working Parties

a) Police

MM reported that:

- (i) PCSO Gavin Cooper had forwarded a written report of the crime statistics for the period 13 October to 8 November. There had been three reports of criminal damage:
 - (a) Badger Farm Road 24 Oct: Stones thrown at passing bus breaking a side window. 2 males dealt with.
 - (b) Badger Farm Road 26 Oct: Stones thrown at passing bus breaking a side window. 2 males dealt with.
 - (c) Meadow Way 24 Oct: Stones thrown at parked vehicle breaking window. 2 males dealt with.
- (ii) He had received a letter from Inspector Patrick Reddin announcing that Twyford Police Station will be closed on 8 January 2012. Thereafter the Safer Neighbourhood Police Officers and the PCSOs for Badger Farm will be based in North Walls Police Station.
- (iii) He had received a letter from the Chief Constable, Alex Marshall about Operation Nemesis which started in October and targets "burglars and other prolific offenders". He would encourage communities to use SafetyNet to report concerns. Details will follow later.

b) Open Space

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c) Planning

MM reported that:

(i) The following new applications had been received:

Ivy Close	Single storey enlargement of kitchen to side of house
Kestrel Close	Conservatory to rear

(ii) The following application had been approved:

Ivy Close	2 storey side extension
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(iii) No applications had been refused

(iv) One resubmitted application had been withdrawn:

Barley Down Drive	Demolition of existing conservatory and detached garage and erection of a two storey extension to the side to include an integral single garage and single storey rear extension.
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d) Play Equipment

MM reported that:

(i) Play equipment inspections have not been conducted by Serco since 1 October but “in-house” fortnightly inspections are up to date.

(ii) Since the demise of Serco it will be necessary to appoint a new contractor for the fortnightly inspections of the two play areas. Oliver’s Battery PC use Simon White who runs a company called Vita Play Ltd and recommend him highly. He has now submitted a quote of £32 plus VAT per play area per visit or £1,600 per year. This compares with the old SERCO annual charge of £835 although the Vitaplay inspection includes risk assessment and is orders of magnitude more comprehensive. Council **AGREED** that **MM** should negotiate a monthly inspection regime for no more than the old SERCO price.

JG reported that:

(iii) He intended to hold the first sub-committee meeting to select the replacement play equipment for the Davis Kickabout in January.

e) Transport

KT had forwarded a report covering the following:

- (i) The re-introduction of the No 2 bus service run by Black and White Motorways Ltd. of Andover. 4 buses a day will be funded by the county and three more by the operator and will provide an hourly service to Oliver's Battery and Sainsbury's from 10am until 2pm and one more at 5pm, Mon to Fri only.
- (ii) The new Stagecoach timetable is now in operation although there have already been delays on the No 1 route through Stanmore. This service now stops at the railway station on the way into town only.
- (iii) Trains west of Southampton Central will be affected by engineering work on the next two weekends as are trains between Southampton and Romsey.

f) Communications

DU was unable to attend but had reported that:

- (i) Development work on the new website was going well and he hoped to demonstrate it at the next meeting.

g) Finance

MM reported that:

- (i) Expenditure remained within budget.
- (ii) The cleared bank balance on 1 November 2011 was £55,879.30. There were no un-cleared cheques. The bank statements and reconciliation for October 2011 were signed by **JG**.

h) Parish Proposals and Action Grid

MM reported that:

- (i) The Aubade Picnic Table from Marshalls Street Furniture Ltd was delivered to Dave Brockway (Landscape Services 01962 856412) on 11 November. A further site meeting with **JG** must now be arranged prior to installation.

JG reported that:

- (ii) He continues to investigate the provision of a commemorative plaque for the new seat.

WH reported that:

- (iii) The CA continued to investigate the provision of Wi/Fi in the Community Centre and specific problems about telephone lines and service provision, security, costs and administration still needed to be resolved before the project could go ahead.

i) Community Centre Lease Compliance

WH reported that:

- (i) That the Bookings Secretary at the Community Centre had unearthed a copy of the lease between Sainsburys and the Parish Council for the Community Centre and a lease between the Parish Council and the CA sub-letting the Centre. He will pass these to the Clerk for safe-keeping.

j) Whiteshute Ridge

MM reported that:

- (i) David Denby the new contractor replacing SERCO has now completed the annual tree survey. **MM** awaits the report and invoice for £700.
- (ii) He had arranged a site meeting on the Ridge with Garry Humphries of Scandor Ltd, a well established landscape contractor from Eastleigh, on Thursday 24 November with a view to awarding them the annual maintenance contract provided they can offer a satisfactory quote.

BL reported that:

- (iii) Nothing has been heard from Sparsholt College about assistance with advice on hedge planting. Council **AGREED** that reluctantly they could wait no longer. **MM** will seek advice elsewhere.
- (iv) Dog walkers have again been depositing dog waste around Ivy Close. Last time this happened (minute 1011 b) (vi) page 759 refers) **IT** agreed with WCC that a dog bin should be sited in Mead Road. Nothing appears to have happened since. **MM** will investigate.

k) County Council Rep

CB reported on the following:

- (i) HCC Highways Officers are moving from Winchester to Bishop's Waltham co-locating with Amey. She has raised the problems of flooding at Pitt roundabout and the poor road surface in May Tree Close.
- (ii) Buses. HCC is about to put out all Winchester services for tender. Comments should be sent to peter.shelley@winchester.gov.uk
- (iii) Pitt Manor Appeal. This will start on 22 November and **CB** will oppose on highways and design grounds.
- (iv) Olympics 2012. The route has now been published through King's Worthy and Winchester. Details are on www3.hants.gov.uk/2012/Olympians

l) City Council Reps

LB was unable to attend but had forwarded a written report on:

- (i) Pitt Manor Appeal. See para 1032 k (iii) above. **LB** will oppose on highways ground. Other issues should be passed to her by 21 November.
- (ii) Refuse Collection. Teething problems associated with the new contractor, Biffa, are now being resolved at no cost to WCC.
- (iii) Way Forward for Winchester. The Leader of the Council believes that lack of brownfield sites will make it impossible to resist the development of Barton Farm indefinitely.

m). Notice Board Rep

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n). Newsletter Rep

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o). WDALC

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1033. Donation

MM reported that he had received a request for a donation from Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau. They had informed him that last year they had received a total of 197 enquires from 139 clients from Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery. Council **AGREED** that a donation of £500 was appropriate.

1034. Financial Risk Assessment

As part of the continuous internal financial risk assessment process **JG** checked the following:

- a) Clerk's salary – hours and rate to contract
- b) PAYE calculations
- c) Arithmetic on invoices

and then signed the Financial Risk Assessment and Management form.

1035. Correspondence

The following correspondence was discussed:

- a) **MM** registered the Council's interest in taking part in the 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons event on 11 October. **JG** directed that this should become a standing item on the agenda for the next six months.

- b) A copy of the Local Council Journal – the Newsletter of HALC was passed to **JG** for information.
- c) An invitation from the WCC Leader of the Council inviting the Chairman to a discussion of the 2012/13 budget at the Guildhall at 6.00pm on 13 December.

1036. Payment of Accounts

The following payments were approved and signed at this meeting:

1544	M D Macpherson	Clerk Salary (October)	£ 427.80	-
1545	Audit Commission	2010/11 Audit Fee	£ 342.00	£ 57.00
1546	CAB Winchester	Donation	£ 500.00	-
1547	CommuniCorp	Subscription	£ 12.00	-
1548	Marshalls	Picnic Table & Bench	£1,159.20	£ 193.20
1549	BT	Clerk Telephone	£ 50.38	£ 8.40
1550	Biffa	Litter	£ 624.30	£ 104.04

1037. Any other business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2055.

Signed

Date