

**BADGERS
MOUNT
PARISH COUNCIL**

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MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 1st June 2017 from 8:00pm

Present: Cllr R Blamey (Chair)
Cllr G Plumb (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Grint
Cllr T McCartney

Also, Present: 1 members of the public

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1. Apologies received from Cllr P Richards & County Councillor N Chard
2. Cllr McCartney declared in interest in item 9
Cllr Plumb declared in interest in item 11
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th May 2017 & Extra Ordinary meeting on 18th May 2017 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
4. Finance Notes
Councillors were asked to approve the schedule of payments. Councillors were asked to approve the finance notes for April 2017 month-end
Resolved: That the payments and finance notes are approved.
5. District Councillors Report
none.
6. Chairman's Report
Cllr Blamey, reported that he had recently attended a seminar on the Neighbourhood Plan and advised the council that he will be putting together a guide on Neighbourhood Plans and will present it to the council at the next meeting.
7. Clerk's Report
Nothing to report.
8. Police Report
No report received.
RESOLVED: That the information is noted.
- 9) Donation request – Halstead Primary School
Halstead Primary School have asked for a donation towards energising their playground facilities. The total cost for this is £5000. Halstead Primary School are asking for donation of £500 towards the total cost. Councillors discussed the donation request in detail, Cllr Blamey proposed a donation of £200, with Cllr Grint seconding it.
RESOLVED: That the council donate £200 to the school.
10. Jenkins Neck Wood
Councillors were asked to agree to the proposed terms of reference (appendix A)
RESOLVED: That the terms of reference are agreed.
11. Donation request – BMRA

The BMRA have requested a donation towards strimming areas of Badgers Mount, the cost of strimming is £300, for the 1st 2 strims. Councillors discussed the areas that are to be cut and how many times Shoreham Parish Council cut the areas.

RESOLVED: That the £300 is paid from contingency and that we check with Shoreham Parish Council as to how many times they cut the areas. That any further requests for money for the strimming is brought back to a meeting for agreement.

12. Defibrillator

The British Heart Foundation's grant funding is currently still closed. The Clerk has sought quotes to purchase a defibrillator out right. One received from AEDheart safe at a cost of £1994 plus VAT and one from Welmedical at a cost of £1356.25 plus shipping at a cost of £9.95 plus VAT. Councillors discussed other options and agreed to look at further companies. It was also suggested that we speak to the school to see if they can purchase a defibrillator on behalf of the council at a cheaper rate.

RESOLVED: That more research is done on costs and brought back to a meeting. That Cllr McCartney speak to the school if they could purchase a defibrillator through their contacts at a reduced rate.

13. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm)

- a) Planning Meeting; Thursday 15th June 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
- b) Council Meeting & Planning; Thursday 6th July 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall
- c) Planning Meeting; Thursday 20th July 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
- d) NO MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN AUGUST 2017

Naomi Morgan Clerk to Badgers Mount Parish Council

Meeting closed at 8:25pm

Public Question Time – the timing will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

Q: Mr Woledge thanked Cllr Grint for attending the BMRAs AGM and asked if Cllr Grint had followed up with SDC regarding if any monies changed hands for Jenkins Neck Wood

A. Cllr Grint advised that he is still waiting to hear back from them but will keep chasing.

Q. Mr Woledge advised that the BMRA have set up a working group who are looking at Jenkins Neck Wood's history and they how to measure noise pollution. Mr Woledge also asked what the cost of the woodland is?

A. Cllr Blamey noted that we have asked the question on the cost of the Woodland but we have had no firm figures, but have been advised that woodlands of that size are valued at around £85,000. Cllr Plumb noted that he recently saw an article that advised trees in urban areas significantly improve noise pollution.

Q. Mr Woledge advised the council that we should not spend all our budget on the Mount and ensure if it is used for the whole of Badgers Mount.

A. It was agreed to look at the possibility of planting flowers at the signs/gates for Badgers Mount.

Q. Cllr Plumb noted the e-mail from Cllr N Chard regarding the 402 and that we have had confirmation that they will be putting on a bus route from Orpington to Sevenoaks running 3 ways on way and 4 the other.

A discussion on the new bus route and the proposed meeting at Knockholt on 22nd June 2017.

Q. Cllr Grint advised that he has being in touch with the owners of the nursing home, who have been in touch with the bus company to advised of the new nursing home which in turn will see more people wanting to use the service. Cllr Blamey noted that the bus company could afford to run a service at a loss for the community.

Public Questions closed at 8:45pm

Chairman signature _____

Date: 6th July 2017