

**BADGERS
MOUNT
PARISH COUNCIL**

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MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 6th April 2017 from 8:25pm

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

Also Present: Cllr R Gough (County Councillor)
4 members of the public

Clerk: Naomi Morgan

1. Apologies received from Cllr T McCartney
2. No disclosures of interest
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd March 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 February 2017 month-end
Resolved: That the payments and finance notes are approved.
5. District Councillors Report
none.

County Councillor Reports

Cllr Gough reported that the roundels have received confirmation for all the funding, however he is unsure if they would be done before Cllr Gough leaves Badgers Mount.

Cllr Gough noted that the footpath at Orpington Bypass, has being re-submitted to the LTP, but has not being decided yet. If it does not get funding this time around he advised that we should keep submitting the request.

Cllr Gough also noted that the Fix my Street reports were not being followed up by KCC however he is unsure if this was a KCC issue or a Fix my Street fault and he will find further information and report back to the council.

Cllr Gough noted that he had no further update on the grass cutting on rural areas and would chase for the information.

Cllr Plumb advised Cllr Gough that as you walk the Footpath SR7 near the M25 underpass at Badgers Mount, there is a width restracgion sign,. Cllr Gough will investigate.

Cllr Gough reported that the pothole blitz has now started, with £2 million from the government and ½ million from KCC for the pothole blitz.

6. Chairman's Report
Cllr Blamey, reported that it is still unclear as the rumours are still happening saying that the bus service 402 would be ceasing in June. It was agreed that we would write to arriva and ask for an official confirmation that the service is not stopping.
Cllr Blamey noted that he attended the lifesaving skills course, which he found really good. He also noted that the defibrillator did require a power supply. A long discussion was held about the position of the defibrillator.
7. Clerk's Report
Ms Naomi Morgan, noted that she is currently populating the new website and asked councillors to view the site, and advise if they are happy for it to go live. She noted that she would only upload the minutes

from January 2017 and if any resident required minutes from before January 2017 to contact the clerk direct for a copy.

Ms Morgan, noted that the entrance gates to Badgers Mount are owned by KCC.

8. Police Report

The police sent in the following report;

There had been 2 recorded crimes in Badgers Mount for the Month of March; 1) attempted burglary, the injured party was on holiday at the time of the report. Neighbours have all been given crime prevention advice and when the injured party returned from holiday he was visited by a Detective Constable who had dealt with the crime who gave him the relevant advice. 2) Theft – the report is a little confusing as it was Met officers that dealt with it but the injured party refused police action, which resulted in a caution only.

RESOLVED: That the information is noted.

9) Clerks Hour 2016/2017 – Budget

Councillors are asked to relocate some of the contingency budget funding to the following budget items, due to overspending/under allocation on budget items;

Dog Bins, requires £129.75

Elections, requires £552.26

Insurance, requires £25.96

Audit, requires £100.

RESOLVED: That the budget changes are made.

10. APM Format

Councillors are asked to discuss the format and order of the APM. Also, councillors are asked to allocate budgets for the APM

RESOLVED: That we use the Chairman's allowance of £100 and £150 from contingency budget for the refreshments. That we invite the BMRA to attend and have a stall. That we organise a card for Cllr Gough.

11. 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

RESOLVED: That the item is brought back to the next meeting, and further information is requested from Halstead Primary School.

12. Jenkins Neck Wood

Cllr Grint gave a verbal update on the position of Jenkins Neck Wood, he recently met with Mr John Scholey the finance portfolio holder for SDC and Mr Adrian Rowbotham Chief Finance officer for SDC and their 1st item discussed was the correct name of the wood, and they agreed to call the wood Jenkins Neck Wood, Shacklands Road. Also discussed was when SDC require a letter from the Parish Council, informing them of our interest, SDC advised they would require the letter by the end of the year, however the letter does not need to give full commitment, more of the "council are minded to". Further discussion was held on the Conways site and possible CIL monies. Cllr Blamey asked what properties are exempt from CIL money and what properties would the council be due any CIL monies. Further discussion was then held on how, if the wood was purchased, would it be purchased and ran, such as a charitable trust. Cllr Blamey noted that this all needs to be considered and put to the residents before the council makes any decision on the wood. Further discussion was held regarding the information which had been circulated by Cllr Plumb from the Woodland Trust. It was agreed that the council would send their letter of interest in before the end of the year. Cllr Blamey to draft the letter.

13. CPRE

Councillors are asked to consider renewing their membership to CPRE at a cost of £36.00

RESOLVED: That the membership is renewed

14. KALC membership

Councillors are asked to consider renewing their membership to KALC at a cost of £256.04 + VAT total cost £307.25

RESOLVED: That membership is renewed

for the wine at the APM.

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

- a) APM: Friday 28th April 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall – from 6pm
- b) Planning & Council meeting, Friday 5th May 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall
- c) Planning meeting; Thursday 18th May 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
- d) Planning & Council meeting; Thursday 1st June 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

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Meeting closed at 9:27pm

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

Q: Mr King, noted that the Woodland burial ground in Halstead built their entrance walls right to the boundary line.

A. Cllr Plumb advised that it was SDC that gave them permission.

Q: Mr Evans asked what the charge was from SDC for dog bins?

A: The clerk advised that it was for emptying and taking away the dog mess in the bins

Q: Mr King asked for confirmation on when the next refuse freighter would be?

A: The clerk advised that she would check with SDC and advise everyone.

Public Questions closed at 9:35m

Chairman signature _____

Date: 5th May 2017