

**BADGERS
MOUNT
PARISH COUNCIL**

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MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 5th October 2017 from 7:50pm

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

Also, Present: 1 member of the public

Clerk: Naomi Morgan

1. No apologies for absence were received.
2. None
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th September 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 September month-end
Resolved: That the payments and finance notes are approved.
5. County Councillors Report
Nothing to report (not in attendance)
District Councillor Report
Nothing to report
6. Chairman's Report
Cllr R Blamey, noted the council that Shoreham Parish Council will be using the Community Payback scheme, he suggested that Badgers Mount Parish Council consider the scheme with a view of using them in Badgers Mount also.
7. Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Sevenoaks District Council, regarding the signage on the roundabouts, SDC have informed us that it is Kent Highways remit, have forwarded the complaints to Kent Highway Services and currently waiting to hear back from them.
Annual Audit has been returned all signed off.
Bluebell cemetery mobile home, complaint received from a resident, Ms Morgan, has passed this complaint to SDC enforcement.
The Clerk, reported that the SDC consultation responses have been submitted.
The cheque for the contribution towards the defibrillator has not being cashed, but Ms Morgan, reported that she will chase BHF, early next week, and try to get a date for delivery of the defibrillator.
The Clerk, reported that a list of meeting dates had been forwarded to Halstead magazine and Alan for inclusion in Sevenoaks Chronicle from the next meeting. A full list of dates has been forwarded to them both.
The Clerk, reported that she is currently still waiting for 2 articles from Cllr John Grint.
The Clerk, reported that she has responded to TFL asking them to answer the question regarding the re-routing of the R5 & R110, to date no response from them

8. Police Report
No crimes to report.
RESOLVED: That the information is noted.
- 9) Cabinet for Defibrillator
Councillors were asked to consider which lockable cabinet to purchase for the defibrillator.
RESOLVED: That the council purchase AED Cabinet – digital locked and heated cabinet at £375.00 PLUS VAT.
10. Jenkins Neck Wood
Sevenoaks District Council have been in touch with the Parish Council, regarding Jenkins Neck Wood. They are asking the following
“I am contacting you to request an update on the progress Badgers Mount Parish Council has made in acquiring Jenkins neck Wood from Sevenoaks District Council.
At SDC Cabinet on 03/12/15 it was agreed that SDC would enter discussions with BMPC for a period of 6 months regarding the disposal of the above land. I have had several discussions with Cllr Grint regarding how this is progressing and Cllr Scholey, SDC Finance Portfolio Holder, has set a deadline of 31/12/17 for actions to be taken.
Councillors discussed the situation again in detail. Cllr Blamey, noted that Badgers Mount Parish Council, have asked Sevenoaks District Council, for further information several times but to date never received the requested information. The information requested from Sevenoaks District Council, is how much would it cost to get the wood in a saleable state? The cost of maintenance, etc. Badgers Mount Parish Council, need this information prior to being able to take the information to the residents to allow them to decide as to how the parish council should proceed. Cllr McCartney, wanted to know was Sevenoaks District Council, going to make the woodland into a saleable state or sell as it is.
Councillors discussed the setting up a of the sib-committee again in detail,
Cllr Grint suggested that a letter is drafted prior to the next main meeting, for approval. Cllr Grint noted that the Parish Council’s wishes for the woodland, was the protection and perseveration of the woodland.
Mr A Dunlop, resident of Badgers Mount, noted that, residents from the Old London Road, and the lower road, feel the woodland would be nice to keep hold of, but not if the council needed to find a significate amount of money. It was noted that when the M25 was built, there was a necessity for noise and pollution protection from the M25 for the residents of Badgers Mount, and there is a duty to maintain environment protection. It was noted that there is a woodland TPO on Jenkins Neck Wood which covers everything including shrubs.
- RESOLVED:** That Cllr Grint drafts a letter, for the council’s approval, to Sevenoaks District Council. That the draft letter is brought back to the next main meeting
- 11) Parish Council Roles & responsibilities
Councillors were asked to discuss the roles & responsibilities of the council, especially regarding strimming, considering the recent letter received by BMRA, regarding undertaking strimming works. Cllr Blamey noted that the community payback scheme should probably cover the issues raised from the letter.
- RESOLVED:** That the use of the community payback scheme, is further investigated to help the Parish Council, tackle the strimming issues raised.
- 12) Communication with residents
Councillors were asked to discuss a way forward to ensure all residents are informed and kept up to date, following on from comments from a few residents at the last main meeting.
Councillors discussed ways in which to get information to all the residents.
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council always welcome suggestions from residents on how to get information to all residents.
12. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm)
- a) Planning Meeting: Thursday 19th October 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
 - d) Main Meeting & Planning; Thursday 2nd November 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial hall
 - c) Planning Meeting: Thursday 16th November 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

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Meeting closed at 8:33pm

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

Q: Mr A Dunlop, asked how do matters arising get followed up

A. Ms Morgan noted that councillors, clerk follow up on the questions, and bring any items that need to back to agenda. Cllr Blamey suggested that matters raising from the questions were added to the minutes, Ms Morgan, noted that a new item could be added to the agenda for each main meeting, for outstanding actions. Councillors agreed that this could done to agendas from now on.

Q. Mr A Dunlop asked for a formal reply to be sent to the BMRA regarding the strimming to be sent, regarding the possible use of community payback scheme.

A. Cllr Blamey, noted that a formal reply would be sent

Q. Mr A Dunlop, asked for a formal replay to be sent to the BMRA regarding Jenkins Neck Wood regarding the names sent to the parish council regarding the sub-committee

A Cllr Blamey noted that a letter of thanks would be sent.

Q Mr a Dunlop, advised that the BMRA would be interested in a joint venture on the CPR training

A. A formal response will sent, with further details on possible CPR training, when the council have a date for delivery of the defibrillator and housing.

Public Questions closed at 8:45pm

Chairman signature _____

Date: 2nd November 2017