

**BADGERS  
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PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL**

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 from 7:45pm

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

Also Present: 3 members of the public

Clerk: Naomi Morgan

1. No apologies received.
2. None
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2 November 2017 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
4. Minutes of the previous planning committee meeting held on 16 November 2017 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
5. Finance Notes  
Councillors were asked to approve the schedule of payments. Councillors were asked to approve the finance notes for October month-end  
**Resolved:** That the payments and finance notes are approved.
6. County Councillors Report  
Nothing to report (not in attendance).  
District Councillors Report  
Nothing to report
7. Chairman's Report  
Cllr R Blamey, reported that he had recently been speaking to Cllr R Gough, who advised that KCC are reviewing all the proposed bus route terminations, and trying to find other companies that would be willing to run the services. It was noted that if the bus route was not a viable run it is not classed as a public service. Councillors discussed at length the people who suffer when bus routes are terminated. Cllr McCartney asked that we write to our County Councillor Cllr N Chard, to ask what he is doing to support the parish councils in trying to keep bus routes working. Bus consultation will be in January 2018. It was noted that there had been an online petition on the proposed termination of bus routes set up.
8. Clerk's Report  
The Clerk noted her goodbyes, and wished the council luck in the future.
9. Police Report  
Nothing reported this month
10. Outstanding actions  
Councillors were asked to review the list of outstanding actions from three months or more (appendix A)  
**RESOLVED:** That all the outstanding items had been sent to Cllr Chard. That the ordering of the 2 salt bins would be completed within the next week. That the remaining actions are still outstanding.
11. Draft budget 2018/2019  
Councillors were asked to approve the draft budget for 2018/2019

**RESOLVED:** That the budget is approved

12. Jenkins Neck Wood  
Councillors were asked to agree the drafted letter for the council's response to Sevenoaks District Council regarding Jenkins Neck Wood.

**RESOLVED:** That the drafted letter is agreed and sent to Sevenoaks District Council.

13. Casual vacancy  
Due to Cllr Richards standing down, councillors are asked to agree the way forward. The Clerk has informed SDC of his resignation, and the casual vacancy notices have been put up, the end date for this is 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

**RESOLVED:** That the council wait for the formal period to be finished and if no-one steps forward, councillors will look to co-opt someone onto the council.

14. Clerk  
Due to the Clerk stepping down on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, councillors are asked to agree the next step on finding a new clerk. A discussion was held on what best way to approach finding a new clerk. Cllr Grint noted that Halstead had just appointed a new clerk, and would see if she would be interested in doing both.  
**RESOLVED:** That the position is advertised. That Cllr R Blamey will act as clerk until a new one is appointed.

13. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm)  
a) Planning meeting; Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall  
b) Full Council meeting; Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall  
c) Planning meeting; Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)  
d) Full Council meeting; Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

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Meeting closed at 8:25pm

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

- Q: Cllr Grint asked the council their view on the proposed development of Broke Hill golf club.  
A. Councillors noted that they would be against any development at the golf club, and would support Halstead any way they could. Further discussion was held on SDC's policy on housing, as they are currently behind the Governments demand for new housing. Cllr Grint noted that he is meeting with the developer in January 2018. It was also noted that the green belt area where the golf club is situated, separates Badgers Mount from Greater London. A long discussion was held on the proposed development.

Q: Mr Dunlop asked when the defibrillator would be installed, and it was noted that the BMRA have booked the hall for a CPR training day on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, for a joint venture with the council.

A: Cllr Plumb advised that the cabinet is installed, and the lock code will be set and the defibrillator put inside within the next day or two.

Public Questions closed at 8:45m

Chairman signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018