

**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> September 2017 from 7:50pm

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

Also, Present: 3 members of the public & Cllr N Chard

Clerk: Naomi Morgan

1. Apologies received from Cllr R Blamey & Cllr Peter Richards
2. None
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 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 June, July & August month-end  
**Resolved:** That the payments and finance notes are approved.
5. County Councillors Report  
Cllr N Chard expressed his pleasure at being elected in May to represent Badgers Mount Parish at Kent County Council. Cllr Chard noted that Cllr Gough had actively managed to install roundels at Badgers Mount and advised that he will do all he can for Badgers Mount, but noted that he would not be attending every meeting. Cllr Chard noted that there would be an open session in November regarding the 431-bus route to see how the new route is working, initial feedback however is the new service is going well. Cllr Chard noted that Kent County Council are viewing options to see if, possible to take over control of the bus service. Further discussion was held, on how that could work and what it would mean for the surrounding areas. Cllr McCartney advised that we had contracted TFL regarding the R5 & R10 bus extending their circular route to include Badges Mount. Cllr Chard advised that he work with Kent County Council and TFL to see what else can be done.  
Cllr Plumb asked about the proposed Road Safety Campaign and the outstanding new footpath proposal, Cllr Chard asked that all items that are outstanding be sent to him so that he can view and see what can be done, however he did mention budget constraints. A long discussion was then held on Kent County Council and their budget limitations and again Cllr Chard, asked councillors to send in what is wanted/required for Badgers Mount and he will work with the council to see what can be done. Cllr Chard advised that Kent County Council, are wishing to empower parish council to do more rather than wait for the County Councillor to complete.  
District Councillor Report  
Cllr Grint, wish to make a public apology for comments he made regarding St Margaret's Church donation. He advised that what he was trying to say came across wrong and he will be speaking directly to the residents that had complained and who he unintentionally offended.  
Cllr Grint noted about a raised enquiry regarding cycling events, he noted that he made enquiries with Kent County Council, Sevenoaks District Council, the police and the cycle clubs. First, there are many cycling clubs who use the road for time trial routes, which are approved by a national body. Any time that there is a time trial, the local police must be informed however the police have no authority not to allow the event, but must advise if any other events are planned for that time. The police had been notified of some 20 events for last year. Cllr Grint asked for a list of the cycling clubs, however was told that they were unable to, due to data protection. Cllr Grint noted that clubs as far as Catford use the surrounding area for time trail. Cllr Grint has contacted the chair of the cycling club from Catford, who has advised that he would be happy to discuss with local resident and Parish Council to discuss any concerns. Further discussion was held as to the safety aspect of the time trials and how some of the cycling clubs need to consider where the Marshall's stand. Cllr Grint agreed to respond directly to BMRA to advise them of his findings.

6. Chairman's Report  
Nothing to report.
7. Clerk's Report  
Ms Morgan noted the change of the new address for correspondences for the Parish Council.  
Ms Morgan noted that the council has recently being awarded of a Grant for a Defibrillator, with the council having to pay £600 only towards the purchase of this, the council also need to purchase a cabinet, which will be brought back to the next main meeting.  
Ms Morgan, also noted that the British Heart Foundation are organising a re-start your heart day and she will look further into this.
8. Police Report  
No crimes to report.  
**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.
- 9) Jenkins Neck Wood  
Cllr Grint noted that the Conway's site has being included in the Sevenoaks District Council call for sites. Mr Woledge expressed certain feelings of some residents, stating that residents think the Parish Council should not be taking over the woodland area. Mr A King, noted he has names to put forward for the working party, as noted in the terms of reference. Mr Woledge, noted that the terms of reference have no indication on cost implications, Cllr Plumb advised that nothing will be spent without consulting the residents of Badgers Mount, Mr Woledge argued that money has already been spent, Cllr Plumb noted that a very small amount was spent on a survey. Mr King noted that facts are being brought out such as yearly maintenance before residents are asked if the Parish Council should purchase the woodland area. A further heated discussion was held, and Cllr Plumb and Cllr McCarthy tried to explain that no decision has being made on Jenkins Neck Wood and would not be made until after a full consultation with the residents of Badges Mount.  
**RESOLVED:** That the information is noted.
10. Update on the 431 Bus route  
Ms Morgan noted that a letter had being received from TFL, however it does not answer the question on diverting the R5 & R10. Councillors discussed the response from TFL and agreed that we need to approach TFL again, asking them to answer the questions regarding the diverting R5 & R10. Cllr Grint noted that he would speak with Cllr Chard and ask for him to support our request for the diverting. Cllr T McCartney also suggested that we ask residents to write to TFL asking for the diversion.  
**RESOLVED:** That we respond to TFL asking them to answer the question about diverting the R5 & R10
11. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm)
  - a) Planning Meeting; Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
  - b) Main Meeting & Planning; Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Badges Mount Memorial Hall
  - c) Planning Meeting; Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
  - d) Main Meeting & Planning; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, Badgers Mount Memorial hall (if required)

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Meeting closed at 8:45pm

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

- Q: Mr A Dunlop, noted that BMRA whole heartily support the use of letter from the BMRA regarding the R5/R10. He also advised that he has names of people who are interested in being involved in the working group for the Jenkins Neck Wood project. He also noted that he has passed a letter to the council regarding the strimming.
- Q: Mr Woledge noted that the BMRA could not, apparently, do the strimming legally and there are many overgrown footpaths
- A: Cllr Plumb, will pass information onto Nicky Biddle.
- Q: Mr Woledge, asked what the council was going to do about it, as Badgers Mount is deteriorating
- A: Cllr McCartney noted that the public footpaths are not owned by the Parish Council. Following this, a discussing was held as what issues people had with Badgers Mount.

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Q: Mr R King, complained that the Parish Council is not doing a good job, and he commented that the meetings were not advertised in the Chronicle or anywhere else

A: Ms Morgan, advised that they are advertised, on all the noticeboards & website (as required by law)

Q: Mr R King, complained that the website does not show all the councillors

A: Ms Morgan, advised that it does, all except Cllr Richards had a photo as well. It was agreed to double check the website. (which since the meeting this has been checked, and confirmed that the councillors were all on the website already)

A further heated discussion was held, on behaviour and issues. Cllr Grint, noted that to it would be helpful to have more comments from residents, and for more residents to attend the meeting's

Q: Mr King, complained that the fly posters on roundabouts was not on the agenda

A: Ms Morgan, noted that Sevenoaks District Council had been contacted as to the rules and she was currently waiting to hear back, hence why no comments were made on the clerk's comments.

Q: Mr Dunlop noted that all the footpaths need to be cleared, sight lines need to be cleared and entrance gates need to be cleaned. Mr Dunlop noted that further issues are noted in the letter regarding the strimming, which had been handed into the Cllr Plumb that evening.

Q: Further complaints were received regarding the council spending money on strimming, and money spent on the Mount.

A: Cllr Plumb noted that some trimming was done on the Mount, on Orpington by-pass & the Old London Road.

Q: Mr Woledge advised that council that they should produce policies on strimming

A: Cllr McCartney, advised that the council would consider starting an annual parish walkabout, to look at issues throughout the village.

Public Questions closed at 9:25pm

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Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017