

**BADGERS MOUNT
PARISH
COUNCIL**

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DRAFT MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 16th May 2019 from 7.30 pm – The Council's Annual meeting at which officers are elected to posts

Present Cllr J Grint (JG) Chair
Cllr G Plumb (GP)
Cllr T McCartney (TMC)
Cllr Simon Lake (SL)

Others present: Roger King (BMRA), Arthur Evans

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr John Grint was duly elected Chairman and accepted this office.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Gordon Plumb was duly elected Vice-Chairman and accepted this office.

3. OTHER COUNCILLORS – Declaration of Acceptance of Office

All Councillors Present accepted their office. Cllr Dunlop will do so on his return from leave.

4. UPDATE Register of Interests

All Councillors present agreed to update their register of interest as required.

5. Apologies for absence

Cllr A Dunlop was unable to attend.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th April and Planning and Neighbourhood Plan meetings held on 18th April were agreed and signed and have been placed on the website.

7. Declarations of Interests

There were no interests declared by Councillors.

8. Public Session

Following a representation from Roger King about the need for road safety improvements at the junction of Badgers road and the Orpington Bypass, the Council agreed in principle to contribute £400.00 (a third of the cost) of the recommended works.

This will be formally agreed at the Council meeting on 6 June, after which this payment will be made to the Badgers Mount Road Maintenance Fund – who will make full payment to KCC.

9. District and County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor present.

JG reported that he and other conservative District Councillors were re-elected – this meant the District Council remained in Conservative control.

10. Allocation of Councillor Responsibilities

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group – it was agreed that the chair will be Cllr Dunlop, supported by the vice chair Cllr Lake, and Cllrs Grint, Plumb and McCartney would all sit on the group. The aim will also be to coopt a number of residents to help maximise Community engagement.

Environment and Amenities Committee – it was agreed this committee would be led by Cllr Plumb and Cllr McCartney

KALC rep – it was agreed this will be Cllr Plumb

CPRE rep – it was agreed this will be Cllr Lake

11. Update from Environment and Amenities Committee

It was agreed that it was important to get more responses to the survey on the website to inform future priorities.

12. Finance

12.1 Approval of accounts for payment

These were agreed and the payments were made by the clerk following the 16 May meeting (see annex 1 for full details).

12.2 & 12.3 Approval of Parts 1 and 2 of the Annual Return/Internal Audit

This was agreed and then JG signed this off on behalf of the Council. The internal Audit will take place on 22 May (P J Consultants will visit the Clerk). As the same auditor is also conducting the internal audit for the other Council the Clerk looks after, there should be some sharing of costs as the audits will be done on the same day. The Council is exempt this year from an external audit.

12.4 Initial Allocation to the Neighbourhood Plan Account

The Council agreed that £10,000 should be transferred from the main parish account to the Neighbourhood Plan Account (see annex 1)

12.5 Agree DD for Annual Parish Council Data Protection Registration saving £5

This was agreed – see annex 1 for payment details.

13. Chairman's report

JG explained he had nothing further to add beyond what would be covered in other items on the agenda.

14. Parish Councillors/Parish Clerk reports

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

14.1 Planning Applications/Determinations

Immediately before item 14.1 (1) Cllr Grint left the meeting

(1) SE/19/01058/HOUSE - Merryn, Orpington Bypass, TN14 7AG. First floor rear extension and internal alterations.

The Council decided to OBJECT to this planning application – an objection will be lodged by Cllr Plumb to SDC. There were concerns about overlooking and the Council noted Mr Evan's concerns in this regard.

Immediately after item 14.1 (1) Cllr Grint rejoined the meeting

(2) SE/19/01097/HOUSE - Kyri, Orpington Bypass, TN14 7AG. Demolition of existing rear projection and erection of new single storey rear extension.

The Council agree not to object to this application.

14.2 Jenkins Neck Woods

No further update at the present time. A further update is expected once the new District Council is fully in place. The position remains that in principle the ownership of these woods will pass to the Parish Council

14.3 Annual Parish Meeting

A flyer had been agreed and this would be circulated shortly to all households – preparations for the session were in hand.

14.4 Update – Latest Newsletter

Cllr Plumb reported the May Newsletter had now been printed and circulation to all households in the Parish was underway.

14.5 Broken Village Gateway Sign

The Clerk reported that there had been a slight delay in the contractor getting the work done, but had been reassured by KCC that the new sign would be in place by the end of May.

14.6 Update on Dangerous Tree Felling

This would be completed shortly – the permission for the TPO having being approved

14.7 Neighbourhood Plan update

Updates about the Neighbourhood Plan were left until the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting, held immediately after this meeting.

15. Next meetings:

- Annual Parish Meeting 30 May
- Full Council meeting 6 June
- Planning meeting (if required) followed by Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 20 June

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Geoff Dessent
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council

24th May 2019

Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 16th May 2019

Receipts - None this month.

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Cheque appropriate	Number	if	Payee	Description	VAT
000155		Amount (£)	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's & NP Coordinators April pay	N/A
000156		97.50	HMRC	Tax and NI due in April	N/A
EP		97.20	SDC	Bulky Waste Freighter	16.20
000157		58.50	Mr G H Dessent	Pro-rata Contribn to Clerks SLCC membership	N/A
EP		79.95	Cllr G Plumb	Reimbursement of printing costs – May Newsletter	N/A
000158		216.00	Mr G H Dessent	Home Office costs	N/A
EP		1140.00	BMRA	50% of costs of dealing with local dangerous tress (as agreed at the March Council meeting)	190.00

Note: A DD was set up to pay the Parish Council's annual data protection registration to the Information Commissioners' Office (£35) as required by law – the DD arrangement saves £5.

This was paid on 22nd May.