

**BADGERS MOUNT
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COUNCIL**

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DRAFT MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 2nd January 2020 from 7.30 pm

Present Cllr J Grint (JG) Chair
Cllr T McCartney (TMC)
Cllr S Lake (SL)
Cllr G Plumb (GP)
Cllr A Dunlop (AD)

Others present: Roger King (RK) , Catherine Southwood.(CS)

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

Apologies for absence - None.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5th December, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 16st December were agreed and signed and have been placed on the website.

2. Declarations of Interests

AD declared an interest in the Planning Application being discussed at item 7.1 (b) and left the room whilst this discussion took place.

3. Public Session

RK made the following points:

- He has made representations about the recent TV mast planning application, with respect to access road concerns about works traffic damage. The Clerk agreed to share any feedback he received from Telefonica where he has made similar points.
- Bluebell Cemetery concerns – although in Halstead Parish – the impact of these concerns is felt in Badgers Mount. In particular as regards – additional buildings near the site which seem to be permanent, spoils appearing on the adjoining land and excessive site lighting not as per planning permission.

Action: Clerk to raise these points with Halstead Parish Council

- Will be objecting to the planning application as listed under 7.1 (b) and will be happy to share this response with the Parish Council for them to draw on in their objection.

4. District and County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor present.

JG reported the following key points:

- Important that the PC considered any local infrastructure needs which might not be met from impending developments and for which a bid might be made to the SDC CIL pot.
- Important to put the various concerns about the Bluebell Cemetery to Halstead Parish Council

Action: Clerk to contact Halstead Parish Council

- A further concern arose from the “Kloof” passing place, arising from proposed actions of the owner.

Action: Clerk to write to the owner raising concerns about the proposed restrictions to the much needed passing place near “Kloof”.

5. Finance

5.1 Approval of accounts for payment

These were agreed and the payments were made by the clerk on 3rd January (see annex 1).

5.2 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for Main Parish Bank Account the end of December

These were approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk/RFO at the meeting.

6. Chairman’s report

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

7. Parish Councillors/Parish Clerk reports

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

7.1 Planning Applications/Determinations – Planning Committee (Cllr Plumb)

- (a) Various works to the Oak Tree, Charis House, Badgers Road, Badgers Mount. Kent TN14 7AY

The Parish Council were not consulted on this, which is work to clear a telephone line.

- (b) Worsely ,Badgers Road, Badgers Mount Kent - Demolition of existing family dwelling and erection of replacement 5 bedroom family dwelling with integral garage and replacement entrance gate.
Landscaping alterations

GP to formulate an objection from the Parish Council based on concerns of overlooking, development which is out of character with the local street scene etc.

- (c) Telecom Mast works – see above.

7.2 Next Newsletter

Cllr McCartney confirmed that she was collecting items for the next edition, which should feature the feedback from the 30th Open meeting on the Neighbourhood Plan, as well as a lot of other developments.

7.3 Installation of Arrows for Defibrillator assigns

This has now been done, and Cllrs agreed the Clerk should make prompt payment as detailed at annex A.

7.4 Flower beds for village signs

Cllr McCartney confirmed the proposal for £880, which Councillors have agreed. However, before the Clerk was to commission this work, he was asked to seek what permissions if any were needed from Kent Highways as the flower beds will be on the highways verge.

Action: Clerk to speak to Kent Highways

7.5 Feedback from Halstead PC re Book of Condolence

The Clerk has indicated Badgers Mount Parish Councillors agreement to co-fund this, but had not yet received a response from Halstead PC.

7.6 Neighbourhood Plan update

AD circulated his proposed slides for the NP open meeting, and he received comments on these and agreed to update them accordingly.

JG felt it would be appropriate that he introduced the 30th January session and in particular introduced AD to residents as the chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. This was agreed.

Topic Groups are well advanced in working up the material needed for the table discussion and this will be finalised at the NPSG meeting on 16th January.

8. Items for Future Council meetings

None suggested.

9. Next meetings:

- 11th Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 16th January 2020 (7.30pm) /following any planning issues.
- OPEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING 30th January 2020 (7.30 pm)

- Full Council meeting on 6th February 2020 at 7.30pm
- 12th Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting (preceded by planning meeting if needed) will be on 20th February at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Dessent', with a long horizontal line underneath it.

Geoff Dessent

Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council 10th January 2020

Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 2nd January 2020

Receipts – None.

Main Parish Account

Cheque Number if appropriate	Gross Amount (£)	Payee	Description	VAT
000173	793.91	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's November pay plus NP Coordinators pay for December	N/A
000174	290.76	HMRC	NI and Tax due in December	N/A
EP	257.40	SDC	Dog waste bins collections (Oct – Dec 2019)	42.90
EP	24.00	Arrow signs for the Defib	Martin Johnston	N/A

Neighbourhood Plan Account - No payments