

**BADGERS MOUNT  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

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

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 from 7.30 pm

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

Others present: Nick Chard (NC) – County Councillor

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

**Apologies for absence** – None.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December were agreed and signed and have been placed on the website.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

There were no interests declared by Councillors.

**3. Public Session**

No members of the public attended.

**4. District and County Councillor Reports**

NC made the following points:

- He reminded concerned that the proposed new development allocations in particular for housing in the Sevenoaks Local Plan must be supported by the necessary infrastructure
- Agreed to look into why the proposal for a new footpath between Shacklands Road and Badgers road (proposed 5 years ago) had not been taken forward.

**Action:** Clerk to send on to NC the details of this proposal (available on the BMRA website)

- Aware of the concerns about earth movement near Polhill and would keep this under review
- Agreed to find out what actions if any had come from the recent review of local Bus Services

JG made the following points from his District Councillor perspective:

- The future of Jenkins Neck Wood, on which the SDC Cabinet have had a recommendation from the finance committee to pass on to Badgers Mount Parish Council for a nominal amount, will be discussed at the SDC Cabinet meeting on 10 January (JG will report back from this meeting)
- Noted that one of the Badgers Mount entry Gates had been demolished (presumably by a vehicle)

**Action:** Clerk to ensure action is being taken by KCC (Highways) to replace this

## 5. Finance

### 5.1 Approval of accounts for payment

These were agreed and the payment were made by the clerk on 4<sup>th</sup> January (see annex 1).

### 5.2 Precept and Budget Update

The clerk confirmed that as agreed by the Council, the request for the increased precept (£27,420) had now been submitted to Sevenoaks District council.

## 6. Chairman's report

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

## 7. Environment and Amenities (E and A) Committee

TMC was keen to promote a paper version of the survey now available in electronic form on the website.

**Action:** Clerk to ensure paper copies can be made available as requested (and this will be mentioned in the January Newsletter)

SL raised some concerns about safety in Andrews Woods.

**Action:** SL to prepare paper on the above for the next full Council meeting.

AD raised the issue about fallen trees causing blockages and hazards and in particular the role of the Parish Council.

**Action:** AD to prepare an options paper for the next full Council meeting

TMC concerned about the recent graffiti on the gas sub-station.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up with the gas sub-station owner (Southern Gas Network)

## **8. Parish Councillors/Parish Clerk reports**

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

### **8-1 Planning Applications/Determinations**

It was agreed that:

- SE/18/03704TELNOT - the upgrading of a telecommunications mast should not be objected to, as the proposal would not materially increase the size of the mast
- SE/18/035220/FUL – new dwelling on land east of the cottage Badgers Road – Councillors were keen to object to this supporting the neighbours concerns about access concerns, and loss of amenity to their properties.

**Action:** GP will draft an objection for agreement by the Council to be submitted by 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### **.8.2 Jenkins Neck Woods**

See above – item 4.

### **8.3 PC response to SDC Local Plan**

GP and JG will work up a proposed Parish Council set of comments on the SDC Local Plan, for agreement by the Council, which focus on policies. The deadline for comments is 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

### **8.4 Newsletter (January 2019)**

The clerk explained that were still a few sections to complete, namely some more detail on what the parish Council would be flagging on the Sevenoaks Local Plan in its response to the current consultation, the update on Cllr Lake's work with local businesses, and the latest on Jenkins Neck Wood (which would be available following the SDC Cabinet meeting on 10 January). The aim is to finalise the text by 11<sup>th</sup> January with a view to publishing on 15<sup>th</sup> January, and distributing shortly after.

### **8.5 Website Update**

All agreed the website was a great deal better. TMC is still working on her piece about frequently asked questions, which when completed will be added to the website by the Clerk.

### **8.6 Engaging Local Businesses**

Cllr Lake reported progress in engaging a number of Local Businesses, which were very receptive to this approach from the Parish Council.

### **8.7 Clerk's Other roles**

The Clerk explained that now he had been appointed as Clerk of Bletchingly Parish Council, he may well stand down for the Clerk's role at Limpsfield in the Spring to allow sufficient time to take on the Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinator's role at Badger's Mount. (He would though complete the work on the

Limpsfield Neighbourhood Plan, but this work was now very much in the closing stages with the adoption of the Plan expected in the next few months.)

### **8.8 Neighbourhood Plan** (Neighbourhood Area designation; draft terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan steering Group)

The Clerk confirmed that the Neighbourhood Area designation was currently out for consultation via Sevenoaks District Council. This consultation will concluded on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019.

The Clerk had circulated draft terms of reference for the proposed Badgers Mount Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, and proposed monthly meetings starting from February or more likely March to be held directly after the Council's planning meeting (on the third Thursday of the month).

All agreed with the suggestion that the Steering group should be chaired by a Councillor, as it would be a committee of the Parish Council. And ideally not the Chair of the Parish Council. AD proposed that the Parish Council should choose the chair of the Steering Group and that residents including those who may join either the steering group or topic groups, should have the right of appeal to the Chair of the Parish Council as a last resort should they feel their views were not being properly taken into account

AD was prepared to stand for chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and other Councillors supported this.

**Action:** Clerk to make the relevant changes to the draft terms of reference of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

## **9 Items for Future Council meetings**

- Full discussion about the next steps on the proposed Badgers Mount Neighbourhood Plan
- Further report back about the contacts with local business
- Discussion about priorities for parish projects
- Andrews Woods
- Fallen Trees

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

## **10. Next meetings:**

- Planning meeting 7.30pm January 17<sup>th</sup> (If required)
- Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

**Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019**

**January 3rd 2019 - Badgers Mount Parish Council ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS**

**Receipts** - None this month.

<b>Cheque Number if appropriate</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>
<b>000145</b>	390.00	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's December pay	N/A
<b>000146</b>	97.50	HMRC	Tax due in December	N/A
<b>Online Payment confirmation of email agreement)</b>	100.00	Knockholt Christmas Goodwill Fund	Contribution as requested, which benefits those in need and has in the past included Badgers Mount Residents	N/A
<b>Online Payment</b>	249.60	SDC	Emptying Dog Waste Bins (October – December 2018)	41.60
<b>Online payment</b>	131.20	Cllr G Plumb	28 Bags of Rock Salt for Salt Bins, and travel costs to collect.	VAT on Salt 20.07