

**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> October 2019 from 7.30 pm

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

Others present: Roger King (RK)

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

**Apologies for absence** - None.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 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**

RK raised a number of points:

- KCC will be resurfacing Badgers road (from Highland road to Sunnyside) The council proposed a vote of thanks to RK for his sterling efforts in making this happen.
- Concerns about the state the footpath was left in next to the care home – RK agreed to press KCC for some clean up action.
- Concerns about the pressure reducing station housing near the roundabout on the way into Badgers Mount from Sevenoaks.

**Action:** Clerk to determine whether there is any enforcement action which SDC might be able to take, and failing this consider what might be done in directly approaching the gas company.

#### **4. District and County Councillor Reports**

No County Councillor present.

Cllrs were disappointed by the continued lack of presence of a County Councillor at Parish Council meetings.

JG reported

- he attended the Fairlight landscaping plan discussion – more trees have been included, but the plan still fell short of other residents' hopes, but it was at least an improvement. The application was granted.
- the two Badgers Mount Local Plan hearing on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November should be attended by a BM Cllr – and owing to availability JG agreed to attend these – seeking guidance from colleagues from the NPO meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October on their position
- there was a need in general to make the point about lack of infrastructure investment, which would be needed to support the size of the new developments being created, which amounted to a very large increase in the size of the Badgers Mount/Halstead/.Knockholt community.
- JG also seeking to attend the session on 12 November to make points about housing density
- JG noted that if the SDC Local Plan was found wanting by the Inspector in terms of housing numbers, then a re-consideration of the Broke Hill site was not beyond contemplation

#### **5. Finance**

##### **5.1 Approval of accounts for payment**

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

##### **5.2 Second Precept instalment**

The Clerk reported that this has been received on 30<sup>th</sup> September (see annex 1)

##### **5.3 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for the end of September**

This was approved and signed by the Chair and the Clerk/RFO.

#### **6. Chairman's report**

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

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

TMC and GP are working up a report for the next full Council meeting to focus on priorities and make clear which areas might feature in the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

### **8-1 Planning Applications/Determinations – Planning Committee (Cllr Plumb)**

Preliminary discussion on SE/19/02616/OUT - Former Broke Hill Golf Course. Outline application for redevelopment

It was agreed that Cllr Plumb would draft a Council objection, taking account of a number of key points including the objections already made to the Local Plan (which to date has rejected this site), and ideally some traffic volume projections based on the NP transport report (independently produced)

It was also felt important to flag very clearly that the number of houses should be presented with more transparency which were  $850 + 130 = 1030$ .

Cllrs welcomed the Halstead Parish Council Flyer opposing the Broke Hill site development.

The aim agreed was to agree the draft at the next planning meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **8.2 Next Newsletters**

Cllr McCartney asked for all final inputs by 11<sup>th</sup> October, with a view to publishing this broader Newsletter (jointly produced with other local organisations) by 14/15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **8.3 Installation of Arrows for Defibrillator assigns**

. Cllr Plumb is taking this action forward.

### **8.4 Flower beds for village signs**

Cllr McCartney is awaiting a quote she has requested, to put to Councillors.

### **8.5 Jet washing for Badgers Mount local signs**

Cllr McCartney has not yet identified a suitable contractor. Cllr Lake agreed to pass on the details of a contractor who looked to be able to provide the required services.

### **8.6 Business cards**

Cllr Lake felt these would be useful for better community engagement, which the Council agreed.

**Action:** Clerk to come up with a proposal for Cllrs

### **8.7 BMPC Email addresses**

Cllrs felt that under GDPR it was preferable to use only parish Council email addresses, following point made by RK. The Clerk agreed and explained that all but Cllr Lake has such addresses, but a commitment needed to be made to use them.

**Action:** Clerk to set up a parish email address for Cllr Lake. Then give a go live date for only PC emails use.

### **8.8 Neighbourhood Plan update**

It was agreed to defer discussion about the Neighbourhood Plan until the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October.

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

None suggested.

### **10. Next meetings:**

- 8th Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 17<sup>th</sup> October (7.30pm) /following any planning issues.
- Full Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Dessent', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Geoff Dessent

Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

**Receipts** – Second instalment of the Precept £13,710.00

### Main Parish Account

<b>Cheque appropriate</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>if</b>	<b>Gross Amount (£)</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>
000167			793.91	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's September pay plus NP Coordinators pay for September	N/A
000168			290.76	HMRC	NI and Tax due in September	N/A
EP			257.40	SDC	Emptying Dog waste bins (July – September)	42.90

### Neighbourhood Plan Account

<b>Cheque appropriate</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>if</b>	<b>Gross Amount (£)</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>
EP			2,507.08	TRANSFER to Main Parish Account for NP Coordinator costs (April – September 2019) – these are paid in the first instance from the main Parish Account.	This is computed as 10/19 of the Clerk's costs charged to the Parish Council, as NP coord job is 10 hours per week and the Clerk's job 9 hours a week.	N/A