

**BADGERS MOUNT  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

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

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> July 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)

**Note:** Cllr Grint was delayed in arriving due to a District Council meeting, but arrived towards the end of the meeting. Cllr Plumb as Vice-chair therefore chaired the meeting.

Others present: Catherine Southwood

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

**Apologies for absence** - None.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June and the Planning meeting and Neighbourhood Plan meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 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 issues were raised.

**4. District and County Councillor Reports**

No County Councillor present.

JG reported that he had been delayed due to a DC meeting at which he had been supporting residents in Halstead objecting to two planning applications, which had in the end been granted.

**5. Finance**

**5.1 Approval of accounts for payment**

These were agreed and the payments were made by the clerk on 5<sup>th</sup> July (see annex 1).

## **5.2 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for the end of June**

This was approved and signed by the Vice Chairman, in the Chair absence

## **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**

It was agreed that the Clerk would approach KCC to see how much resource KCC would delegate to the Parish Council for them to take over verge cutting in the Parish from 2020/21 **Action:** Clerk

TM agreed to get a quote for flower beds to place in front of all 5 village signs **Action** TMC

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

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

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

Planning Application – SE/19/01595/HOUSE - Starview, Polhill Garden Centre, London Road, TN14 7AD - Proposed rendering to front and rear elevations to replace stonework and wood-burner with flue.

The Council agreed **No Objection**

### **8.2 Jenkins Neck Woods**

No further formal update at the present time. JG expects SDC to write formally to the Clerk about this confirming that the woods will be offered to the Parish Council and on what terms.

### **8.3 Next Newsletters**

Further comments will be taken on board for the July NP Newsletter (see 8.7) The Clerk felt that in distributing this newsletter Cllrs should take the extra time to speak to as many residents as possible by knocking on doors. All agreed this would enhance community engagement.

TMC is taking lead responsibility for a combined newsletter with other local organisation in the Autumn and it was agreed that SL would work with TMC to consider whether local business could buy adverts in this publication.

### **8.4 New Village Gateway Sign**

Cllrs agreed that now that the metal signs had been added and the new signed had been weathered a little, it was a considerable improvement.

### **8.5 Engaging Local Businesses**

SL continues to speak to local businesses whose main interest is in the planning system

## 8.6 Signs and replacement pads for the Defibrillator

It was agreed that 5 signs at A3 size should be purchased along with a set of new pads for the Defibrillator.

**Action** Clerk to take forward.

## 8.7 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Clerk explained that:

- He felt following the advice given from one of the consultants bidding, that although the NP Steering Group had felt it may be better to seek the Locality Grant for 2020/21, the consultants advised it was better to get the bid in quickly and for this year, as there was some uncertainty about Locality funding in the future. AD supported the Clerk's decision, and this motion was seconded by JG.
- He welcomed further comments on the draft NP Newsletter so that he could then finalise this on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July and pass to Cllr Plumb for printing, having first taken on board the points made by Cllr Plumb at the meeting. (A further draft would be circulated on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July)
- He was keen that the NP Steering group made a crisp decision on 18<sup>th</sup> July on the successful consultants, which would allow the Locality Grant to be approved by the end of July Cllrs felt they may wish to interview the proposed consultants, but they would have to take a quick decision on this to allow the grant application to go ahead as soon as possible.

Cllrs asked that SDC provide 6 A0 size maps of the Parish – so that each topic group could have one plus 8 A 2 size maps showing of both (a) the built-up area in detail and (b) the environmental descriptions (eg ancient woodland, AONB etc).

**Action:** Clerk to contact SDC (Simon Taylor)

## 9. Items for Future Council meetings

- Better community engagement
- New CIL procedures

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

## 10. Next meetings:

- Fifth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 18<sup>th</sup> July (7.30pm) /following any planning issues.
- No Council meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August
- Sixth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 15<sup>th</sup> August (7.30pm) /following any planning issues.

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.



Geoff Dessent  
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Receipts** - None this month.

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<b>Cheque Number appropriate</b>	<b>if</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>
000161	793.91	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's June pay + NP Coordinators pay for June	N/A
000162	290.76	HMRC	NI and Tax due in June	N/A
EP	337.53	Came and Company (using Inspire) – and locking in for 3 years	Council Liability Insurance for 2019/20	N/A
EP	100.00	North Weet Kent Citizens advice	Grant	N/A
EP	257.40	SDC	Emptying Dog waster bins (April – June 2019)	42.90