

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

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 5th April 2018 from 7.30 pm

Present Cllr J Grint
Cllr G Plumb
Cllr A Dunlop

Also present: 4 members of the public

Clerk Geoff Dessent

1. To elect a chair for the meeting – Gordon Plumb proposed and Alistair Dunlop seconded that John Grint be elected as chair for this meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T McCartney.
3. The appointment of Mr Geoff Dessent as Clerk to the Council was confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.35 for the planning committee meeting.

The meeting resumed at 8.00 after the planning committee meeting.

4. No disclosures of interest from members were received.
5. The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2018 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.02 for questions from the public.

Q Can a District Councillor chair a Parish Council meeting?

A Yes

Q Who is responsible for repairing damage to verge of the Orpington Bypass where a car was burnt out?

A KCC - report to be put on the KCC roads faults website

The meeting resumed at 8.15

6. Finance Notes
 - a) The revised format financial spread sheet was approved.
 - b) The schedule of payments was approved.
 - c) Budget figures and Audit - The items where expenditure exceeded the budget figures for 2017/18 were noted. Sections 1 and 2 of the annual return were approved and signed by the chair and Clerk.

7. District/County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor present – no report provided.

District Cllr J Grint reported that KCC Cllr N Chard has invited all District Cllrs in his area to a meeting, Date to be arranged.

KCC have not yet taken any action about the amount of mud outside Oak Tree Farm.

8. Chairman's Report

There has been no success yet in co-opting a new councillor

9. Acting Clerk's Report

Many emails received, mainly from SDC and KALC. Also copies of letters from BMRMF about the construction of the Vodaphone mast and BMRA about the cemetery fence in Old London Road. A preliminary reply has just been received from KCC about the possibility of BMPC doing some of their work. More information will follow.

10. Police Report

No report has been received.

11. Outstanding actions

(a) Cycling Event – John Grint has not yet done this.

(b) Advertising on the roundabout – ongoing issue. To be monitored.

(c) Proposed Meeting on 431 Bus Route – nothing heard from Cllr Nick Chard but he has said that he will attend the APM.

(d) Lorries queueing on the A224 to do overnight roadworks at J5, M25 – these were Tarmac Ltd vehicles but the Company has been notified and they have ceased this from happening. This will be monitored in case it restarts.

12. Jenkins Neck Wood

Nothing further heard from SDC following issue of letter.

13. Casual vacancy for a councillor

SDC confirmed that no request for an election was made and that a new councillor can be co-opted. Notices have been on the noticeboards for nearly 5 weeks but no applications have been received. The vacancy will be advertised in the newsletter to be distributed shortly.

14. Annual Parish Meeting 19th April 2018

Format – start with presentations / reports then open for residents to talk to guests.

Confirmation received so far in addition to BMPC from:

KCC Cllr Nick Chard

Age UK

PCSO (in telephone call a few weeks ago).

15. Badgers Mount clean-up day

Saturday, 28th April. Meet in the hall car park at 10.00am.

Put details in newsletter to go out shortly.

Reported in this weeks Sevenoaks Chronicle that Shoreham had a clean-up recently and they had borrowed litter pickers and equipment from SDC.

16. GDPR

This comes into effect on 25th May 2018.

We will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer who is independent of the Council. Clerk indicated that Satswana Ltd seem to fit the requirement and charge £150 per year. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

17. Schedule of meetings
The proposed schedule of meetings was approved.
18. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm)
- a) Annual Parish meeting and Planning Meeting: Thursday 19th April 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall (if required)
 - b) AGM and Main Meeting & Planning Committee meeting; Thursday 3rd May 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall
 - c) Planning Meeting (if required): Thursday 17th May 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall
 - d) Main Meeting & Planning Committee meeting; Thursday 7th June 2018, Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Public question time

Q Have emailed letters been received? No acknowledgement had been given.

A Yes. Agreed that an acknowledgement should be sent when no response required.

Q Vodaphone mast is now erected. R King is meeting Vodaphone and their contractors next week, probably Thursday.

A Noted. Cllr Dunlop will represent BMPC.

After the public had left, Cllrs discussed the Clerks Contract of Employment – agenda item 4

19. **Resolved** That the contract is accepted.
The contract was signed by Cllr J Grint and Geoff Dessent.

Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Geoff Dessent
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council