

**BADGERS MOUNT
PARISH
COUNCIL**

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DRAFT MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 6th February 2020 from 7.30 pm

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

Others present: None.

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

Apologies for absence - Cllr John Grint

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2nd January, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on 16th January were agreed and signed and have been placed on the website.

2. Declarations of Interests

None

3. Public Session

No points were raised under this item. No members of the public were present,

4. District and County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor or District Councillor present.

5. Finance

5.1 Approval of accounts for payment

These were agreed and the payments were made by the clerk on 7th February (see annex 1).

5.2 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for Main Parish and NP Bank Accounts the end of January

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

5.3 Approval of the increase in Clerks pay (annual increment)

This was agreed but Councillors asked to see a copy of the Clerk's contract for information. The Clerks annual appraisal session will be held shortly.

Action: Clerk to circulate contract and date for appraisal session to be agreed.

6. Chairman's report

Nothing to report.

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)

There were no new planning applications this month . However there are ongoing concerns with the Bluebell Cemetery – although this is in Halstead. The Clerk with keep in touch with the Halstead Clerk, not least so that Halstead are aware that Badgers Mount Parish Council support their concerns.

7.2 Next Combined Badgers Mount Newsletter

Cllr McCartney reported things were progressing well and asked that final contributions should be with her by 10th February if possible, to ensure things went ahead as planned.

7.3 Woodland in the Parish

It was agreed that as there were potentially significant cost implications as regards better management of the Parish's woodland that the Clerk should set out an options paper for consideration at the March Council meeting, in discussion as required with SDC.

7.4 Flower beds for village signs

The Clerk reported he was still awaiting the permit from Kent Highways, but was expecting this very shortly, after which he would give Paul Collier the go-ahead and seek more details as requested by Cllrs on precisely what Paul had in mind for the 5 beds.

7.5 Salt Bins

It was agreed two further salt bins should be purchased for Badgers Road and Christies Avenue. Cllr Plumb agreed to provide the details of the preferred supplier for the Clerk to Action.

7.6 Neighbourhood Plan update

It was agreed to save the detailed discussion about the 30th January open meeting event on the Neighbourhood Plan until the next Neighbourhood Plan steering group meeting scheduled for the 20 February. However, all agreed that the direct contact with residents had ensured a very positive turnout to the meeting with residents very engaged and supportive of the process of developing the neighbourhood plan.

8. Items for Future Council meetings

None suggested.

9. Next meetings:

- 12th Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 20th February 2020 (7.30pm) /following any planning issues.
- Full Council meeting on 5th March 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

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Geoff Dessent

Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council 12th February 2020

Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 6th February 2020

Receipts – None.

Main Parish Account

Cheque appropriate	Number	if	Gross Amount (£)	Payee	Description	VAT
000175			807.95	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's January pay plus NP Coordinators pay for January	N/A
000176			300.56	HMRC	NI and Tax due in January	N/A
EP			97.20	SDC	Refuse freighter - 18 th January 20	

Neighbourhood Plan Account - No payments