

**BADGERS MOUNT
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COUNCIL**

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DRAFT MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 7th February 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: Roger King (BMRA), Chris Lucas.

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

Apologies for absence – None.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd January 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

Mr Lucas is concerned that the windows in Fairlight which is under construction next to his house are not in accordance with the approved plans and conditions 7 & 8 of the approval letter (SE/15/03115/FUL) and asked for support in his complaint to SDC enforcement as it appears that there will be overlooking of his windows and garden. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact SDC enforcement.

Following contact with the enforcement officers at SDC, concerns about Yucca Lodge have been dealt with. No further action needed.

4. District and County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor present.

JG will continue to feedback on progress on the Sevenoaks Local Plan. Currently comments from the most recent consultation are being examined.

5. Finance

5.1 Approval of accounts for payment

These were agreed and the payments were made by the clerk on 8th February (see annex 1).

5.2 Audit (2018/19)

It was agreed that the same internal auditor should be used as last year (Peter Frost from Lindfield)

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

Dangerous Trees: It was agreed that the BMRA would produce one preferred quote for the action on trees. The Parish Council were prepared to contribute 50% of the costs but not take responsibility for the Parish Trees.

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:

18/03520/FUL - Land to east of The Cottage, Badgers Road. Amended drawings received removing the gate from the fence facing Badgers Road. No comment. Previous comments will still be considered.

18/03941/HOUSE - Starview, Polhill Garden Centre. Demolition of existing conservatory and chimney stack. Erection of single storey side extension with rooflights and infill. Alterations to fenestration. (This was previously submitted as 18/03367/LDCPR which we were not consulted on, which was refused as it failed 2 points so is now a full application with small amendments). No objection provided the relevant Green Belt and AONB conditions are met.

18/03929/MMA - Watercrofts Woods, Old London Road. Minor amendment to reposition external windows and doors (applicants' description) but it includes a 20% increase in the floor area and other works. This is in Halstead and we have not been formally consulted although a number of nearby BM residents have.

Objection: because of no mention of increase in size other than an aside in documentation, and increased in size suggests larger funerals which means increased traffic on Old London Road.

.8.2 Jenkins Neck Woods

Awaiting formal communication from SDC.

8.3 PC response to SDC Local Plan

Parish Council comments submitted on 2nd February and posted on the PC website.

8.4 Community Plan Priority Survey

Councillors agreed to offer their thoughts to the Clerk by 23 Feb, for the Clerk to put in a PC response

8.5 Broken Village Gateway Sign

The clerk reported that he is still awaiting a quote from SDC and that SDC are prepared to pay 50% of the costs with the PC making up the other half. Councillors were content with this.

8.6 Engaging Local Businesses

Cllr Lake reported progress in engaging a number of Local Businesses, and agreed to provide a formal report for the April meeting.

8.7 Appointment of Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator [closed session]

The Council agreed to appoint Mr G H Dessent as Neighbourhood Plan Coordinator @10 hours per week from April. This will be in addition to the 9 hours per week as Clerk, making a total of 19 hours per week.

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

The only two comments received have been supported and therefore Area designation is expected within the next few weeks. The first Neighbourhood Steering Group is planned for 21st March at 7.45pm, following the Planning meeting.

9 Items for Future Council meetings

- Further report back about the contacts with local business in April from Cllr Lake
- Agreement on funding for contribution to tree management costs.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

10. Next meetings:

- Planning meeting 7.30pm February 21st (If required)
- Parish Council meeting on 7th March 2019 at 7.30pm
- First Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 21st March (7.45 pm) /following any planning issues.

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 7th February 2019

Receipts - None this month.

Cheque Number if appropriate	Amount (£)	Payee	Description	VAT
000147	390.00	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's January pay	N/A
000148	97.50	HMRC	Tax due in January 19	N/A
Online Payment	94.80	SDC	Bulky Waste Freighter (19 January 2019)	15.80
Online payment	79.95	Clr G Plumb (Reimburse costs paid out)	Printing of January Newsletter	N/A