

**BADGERS MOUNT
PARISH
COUNCIL**

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DRAFT MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 7th March 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), Arthur Evans

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

Apologies for absence – None.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 February 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

Nothing further could be done as regards Yucca Lodge, as the SDC enforcement team had already inspected and felt all was in order.

4. District and County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor present.

JG noted AD's concerns about HGVs on Wheatsheaf hill. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out who was responsible for setting any weight restrictions on the railway bridge by writing to both Railtrack and KCC. The aim would be to identify any applicable weight limits.

5.1 Approval of accounts for payment

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

5.2 Audit (2018/19)

The internal audit is set up for 22 May 2019.

5.3 Dangerous Trees

The Parish Council agreed to meet 50% of the cost of the proposal to deal with dangerous trees as presented by the BMRA – cost £1207.50 (including VAT).

Roger King felt that this would not need to be revisited for about 3 years.

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

Nothing further to report.

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:

- (1) 3 Woodlands View – single storey extension and internal alterations – this seems to be a 100% increase in the AONB and felt inappropriate. GP agreed to draft an objection on behalf of the Parish Council.
- (2) Foxes Garage (New Care Home) – New signage No Objection

Fairlight – JG has referred this to the DC committee will seek to do all he can to support Mr Lucas's concerns.

JG has also referred the application for a new house behind The Cottage, Badgers Road to DC committee..

8.2 Jenkins Neck Woods

No further update at the present time.

8.3 Broken Village Gateway Sign

The PC's 50% contribution now made. KCC are progressing.

8.4 Engaging Local Businesses

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

Cllr Lake was interested in pursuing the options of advertising local business via the PC and securing income for this.

8.5. Neighbourhood Plan (Agenda for the first Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 21st March)

Clerks suggestions were felt appropriate. Given the Council elections, it was likely that an interim chair would be appointed.

8.6 Neighbourhood Plan (Area designation by Sevenoaks District Council)

SDC have advised that owing to pressure on the March Planning Policy meeting regarding the Local Plan, the Badgers Mount area designation would go to the June meeting. SDC also advised that Badgers Mount PC should press on with preliminary work given the lack of concerns raised from the consultation.

9 Items for Future Council meetings

- Further report back about the contacts with local business in May from Cllr Lake
- Next Newsletter

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

10. Next meetings:

- First Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 21st March (7.45pm - 8 pm) /following any planning issues.
- Council meeting 4 April 2019
- Annual Parish Meeting 30 May

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Geoff Dessent
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council

13th March 2019

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

Receipts - None this month.

Cheque Number if appropriate	Amount (£)	Payee	Description	VAT
000149	390.00	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's February pay	N/A
000150	97.50	HMRC	Tax due in February 19	N/A
Confirmation of Online Payment	584.00	KCC	50% of replacement village entry gate.	N/A
000151	13.00	Mr G H Dessent	Black Ink	N/A