

**BADGERS MOUNT  
PARISH  
COUNCIL**

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

on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 7.30 pm

THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY TELECONFERENCE DUE TO THE CORONARIVUS RESTRICTIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE EMAILED IN ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (Mr R King and Mr J Collier)

Present: Cllr J Grint (JG) Chair  
Cllr G Plumb (GP)  
Cllr T McCartney (TMC)  
Cllr A Dunlop (AD)

Others present: None. But see above for residents' email questions.

Clerk Geoff Dessent (GD) - in attendance.

**Apologies for absence - Cllr Simon Lake.**

Introduction

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and the decision agreed at the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and Planning Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April were agreed and will be signed in due course (as can be arranged) and have been placed on the website.

**2. Declarations of Interests**

None.

**3. Public Session**

(1) Letter from the BMRA Roger King

The application for a seat was approved. This will become an asset of the Parish GP felt that Roger King should check with the Land owner. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Roger to contact the land owner to ensure they were content, but that they supported the erection of memorial seat.

(2) Letter from James Collier

Traffic control on old London Road.

GP wondered whether a Speedwatch might be re-introduced. JG felt no new evidence but wondered if NP survey of traffic might be beneficial.

**Action:** It was agreed that further evidence should be sort. When new planning applications being considered a speed survey could be commissioned. TMC suggested that a speed sign might be investigated.

**Action.** Clerk to ask people to come forward to attend course for a Speedwatch.

**Action:** Clerk to ask Knockholt PC what they are doing on Speedwatch issues.

**Action:** Forward James Collier's letter to KCC as situation has not improved – Clerk to seek permission to do this – seeking range of options to be considered.

There also some concerns about parking on old London road.

This issue might also be referenced in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Could we ask Police to do some speed monitoring.?

**Action:** ask Kent police to look at some speed monitoring on old London Road.

#### **4. District and County Councillor Reports**

No County Councillor present or report provided.

Cllr Grint reported that

- Obligation on DC to get homeless people off the street – the Diner at the top of Polhill is now being used for this purpose.

#### **5. Finance**

##### **5.1 Approval of accounts for payment**

These were agreed and the payments were made by the Clerk on 8<sup>th</sup> May (see annex 1). Wet signed copies will be provided in due course.

**Agreed** – JG proposed. TMC will print and sign and then JG will sign.

##### **5.2 Approval of Bank Reconciliation for Main Parish and NP Bank Accounts for the end of April**

These were approved and by the Chair and the Clerk/RFO at the meeting. Wet signed copies will be provided in due course.

JG asked for print outs of bank statements so he can initial.

GP should be given online access to the bank account.

## **ANNUAL AUDIT**

### **5.3 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement**

Agreed.

### **5.4 Approval of Annual Accounting Statements**

Agreed.

### **5.5 Note Internal Auditors Report and Comments**

Agreed. No concerns raised. Once the Chair has signed the relevant sections of the Annual return (2 pages), the Clerk will then forward this to the external Auditor P K F Littlejohn., adding the minute reference of the Council's agreement.

JG requested list of assets to be circulated. GP agreed to do this.

The Council wished to record their thanks to the Clerk for his sterling work on the Audit.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **5.6 Elections of Officers – to be deferred until May 2021 (as allowed under the Coronavirus Regulations)**

This was agreed. SDC have also agreed this.

### **5.7 Arrangements of the Clerks Annual Appraisal**

It was agreed that the Chair of the Council should undertake this, inviting comments from all Councillors to feed into this process.

**Action:** Clerk to agree a date for the appraisal session with the chair. This would be conducted (virtual face to face).

## **6. Chairman's report**

Nothing further to add.

No questions.

## **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)**

Planning Applications –

Notification about Wheatsheaf Hill - area for polytunnels and allotments parking. This site is in Bromley but could impact on Badgers Mount The SDC, and thus the BM boundary is along the site side of

Wheatsheaf Hill so BM should have been consulted, but SDC only consulted Halstead PC. (GP has circulated an objection) This was agreed. GP will add a note this was retrospective.

Also query as to why Badgers Mount were not formally consulted

**Action:** Clerk to ask SDC why was BM not consulted.

Planning Complaint – Beecholt – work done not in agreement with application – JG felt those concerned should take this up. Agreed to pass on complaint passed on by a resident for enforcement action.

**Action:** GP to advise SDC.

Selworthy – JG has referred to development control committee.

Woodys – waiting to hear an update from Cllr Lake.

## **7.2 Next Combined Badgers Mount Newsletter (May)**

TMC explained this was on hold until June meeting.

## **7.3 Woodland in the Parish – update**

Paper now sent to SDC – we await their response.

## **7.4 Skips**

No planning permission for skips on site. SL has referred to enforcement. News awaited. Ongoing concerns.

## **7.5 Neighbourhood Plan Update - defer until NP meeting on 21 May.**

There was a brief discussion and the Clerk updated the meeting on the latest position.:

- Land Registry search – this is in hand about the land between the roundabout and Polhill
- Funding for a Pedestrian Crossing – Clerk happy to add in footpath request - to be discussed further at the next np meeting


## **8. Items for Future Council meetings**

- Any additional items to be sent to the Clerk
- Clerk to circulate in good time

**9. Next meetings:**

- Reflections of meeting format (telecon seems to work OK – no changes needed)
- 15th Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 (7.30pm) /following a planning meeting.
- Full Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at



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Geoff Dessent  
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Receipts –None**

**Accounts for Payment –May 7th 2020 - Badgers Mount Parish Council**

**Main Parish Account**

<b>Cheque Number or EP</b>	<b>Amount (£) Gross Inc VAT</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>VAT</b>
EP	816.71	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's April pay, which includes NP Coords pay.	N/A
EP	290.01	HMRC	Tax/NI for April	N/A
EP	292.50	Peter J Consultants	Internal Audit 2019-20	
EP	100.00	Spectualise	Annual Support fee for Website	

**NP Account**

None this month.