

**BADGERS MOUNT
PARISH
COUNCIL**

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DRAFT MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 15th November 2018 from 7.30 pm

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

Others present: Mr Roger King, Mr Simon Lake

Clerk Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

Apologies for absence - None.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 4th October and 18th October (planning) 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

The main concerns raised by Roger King were about the future of Jenkins Neck Woods, the SDC Local Plan and in particular the Broke Hill site in neighbouring Halstead. These issues are referred to in other items (See below).

4. Co-Option of a New Parish Councillor

Mr Simon Lake has been co-opted to the Parish Council as its 5th Parish Councillors. This was agreed unanimously and JG welcomed Simon formally.

5. District and County Councillor Reports

JG made the following points from his District Councillor perspective:

- He was expecting SDC to agree that Jenkins Neck wood would be given/leased to the Parish Council for a nominal sum – the decision would be taken in December.
- It was agreed that the PC would put together a response to the forthcoming SDC consultation for agreement in the next month or so. It was also noted that some of the proposed densities of sites in and adjacent to Badgers Mount had changed, some increased and some decreased.
- The Broke Hill site had been removed from the SDC Local Plan. Roger King commended JG for his efforts on this.

6. Finance

6.1 All the accounts for payment submitted were approved. These have now all been paid.

6.2 Councillors felt the draft budget was sensible for 2019/20, though questioned how likely it was to get the Grant from Locality from the Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk felt that this should be forthcoming but could not guarantee it.

6.3 AD felt that a precept of £20k for 2019/20 should be sufficient given the levels of reserves. However, in view of the uncertainty surrounding the possible transfer of Jenkins Neck Woods to the Parish Council and the ongoing cost which may be associated with this, (which would not be known until December), it was agreed to defer the agreement of the proposed precept until the December Council meeting.

7. Chairman's report

JG dealt with two items of correspondence:

- A draft response was agreed to the various points Roy Blamey has raised.

Action Clerk to respond as agreed.

(See below for letter from Knockholt Christmas Good will fund.

8. Environment and Amenities (E and A) Committee

As Councillors had been so focussed on a possible Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish, JG asked that the E and A committee gave a full update at the December Council meeting. It was also agreed that it may be useful to put a summary of the programme of issues and activities on the Parish Council website.

9. Parish Councillors/Parish Clerk reports

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

9-1 Planning Applications/Determinations

It was agreed no action/objections were needed on the two latest planning applications discussed.

.9.2 Feedback from Autumn Newsletter

None. Next Newsletter suggested for December, which might refer to the Parish Council's response to the latest SDC Local Plan consultation.

9.3 Request from Knockholt Christmas Good will Fund

JG asked that the Clerk determine the precise nature of this organisation, as it was not clear it was a registered charity. Once this has been determined, this request would be reconsidered. It was noted that two beneficiaries last year were bereaved residents living in Badgers Mount.

9.4 Possible Approach from Air Ambulance for funding

The clerk indicated that he had been approached informally and that a formal request may be put forward in due course.

9.5 Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk reported that the proposed designation for the Neighbourhood Area for Badgers Mount would be consulted on alongside the regulation 19 SDC consultation of the Local Plan, due to start in mid-December and conclude in late January.

Roger King agreed to volunteer to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk recommended that A Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be established early in the New year to ensure rapid progress.

10. Items for Future Council meetings

- Budget and Precept for 2019/20
- December Newsletter
- Response to SDC Local Plan consultation
- Network Rail Trees activities

11. The meeting closed at 10pm

Next meetings:

- Parish Council meeting on 6^h December at 7.30pm
- Planning meeting 7.30pm Dec ember 20th (If required)

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Geoff Dessent
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council

19th November 2018

Annex 1 - ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPT 15th November 2018

Receipts - None this month.

Cheque Number if appropriate	Amount (£)	Payee	Description	VAT
000140	390.00	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's October pay	N/A
000142	97.50	HMRC	Tax due in October	N/A
Online payment	94.80	SDC	Refuse Freighter for Sat 20 th October	15.80
Online payment – confirmation	550.00	Mr P Collier	Bus Shelters repairs	N/A
Online payment	39.15 (5 hours @£7.83 per hour covering September and October)	Mr A Evans	Lengthsman - 5 hours over period 17 Sept until 28 October.	N/A
OnLine Payment	79.00	Cllr G Plumb	Printing Autumn Newsletter	N/A

Note1 : The Clerk have not yet submitted any costs for paper or ink. These have been small to date and absorbed in the Limpsfield Clerk's expenses costs, given Badgers Mount Parish Council's contribution to Limpsfield PC to the Clerk's annual home office expenses and SLCC membership.

Note2: Cheque 000141 has been voided due to a filling out error