

Badgers Mount



PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER



The Sevenoaks Local Plan.

Sevenoaks District Council are now consulting on their draft Local Plan. All residents should look at this and consider responding. The Parish Council will be making a formal response to this, by the 10 September deadline.



Broke Hill

See latest update at:

<http://www.halsteadparish.org.uk/Local-Information/Broke-Hill/broke-hill>



A Neighbourhood Plan ?

The Parish Council has had a couple of recent long discussions between themselves and concluded that they feel developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish is the right way forward. And that they now have a far better understanding of what is involved. Whilst such a plan will bring with it a range of benefits, in particular the better management of future developments in the Parish, there is a price tag which inevitably means increasing the Precept. With this in mind, the Parish Council will be seeking to engage with residents to get their views, before moving forward.

An open meeting about the proposed Badgers Mount Neighbourhood Plan is therefore planned for Friday 28th September at 8pm.



Tick Bites - a few simple tips

The south of England in general is considered to be a high risk area for Lyme disease, a bacterial infection mainly spread by some ticks. Our area is not listed as being in the highest risk category, but there is still a possibility of infected ticks being present. The risk of getting tick bites can be reduced by taking the following precautions:-

- Wear insect repellent for outdoor activities
- Avoid walking through long grass and stick to pathways
- Wear light coloured clothing and brush off any visible ticks
- Shower and check for ticks when you get home
- If you have to walk in long grass tuck trousers into socks



Data Protection Regulations

Badgers Mount Parish Council has engaged a specialist contractor to help ensure they are fully compliant with the new regulations on data protection. To this end, the Parish Council have had an independent assessment carried out and published a new privacy policy, which is on the website



Community Bus Services

In June 2018, Kent County Council launched its 'Big Conversation' consultation with a series of meetings throughout Kent to engage with residents on rural transport issues. You can find out more about this by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation and reading all about KCC's thoughts on

possible new ways to provide rural transport to villages such as ours.

On Wednesday, 4th July at the Sevenoaks meeting, KCC were faced with a packed room of residents who wanted to have (a) their say on the existing bus services in and around the district and (b) listen to what KCC were putting forward in their rural transport consultation. KCC made it very clear that the following are not set in stone and it may be that, after consideration of all of the responses, a proposal incorporating various parts of each/one or two of the ideas below is put forward.

Here's a brief summary of the 3 main ideas up for consideration:

- (1) Feeder services – these would use either a small bus or taxi to connect you to an existing commercial bus service for an onward journey.
- (2) Bookable flexible bus services – a service like this would collect pre-booked passengers from certain points

in the village using smaller buses/mini buses and drop off at a range of destinations in a given area.

(3) Use of taxi-bus style services instead of a bus – this would run to an agreed timetable and route and would stop at agreed points in each community it serves.

Even if you do not use the current bus service it would be good to read about the ideas in full in their consultation document and fill in a questionnaire with your views on future rural bus services – you never know when you or a member of your family might need the service! Local libraries have paper copies of the documents or you can ask for these from alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk

(03000 421553).

The consultation runs for 8 weeks from 13th June to 8th August inclusive.



Environment and Amenities

A new Environment and Amenities committee has been formed to monitor all aspects and issues of concern within the Parish. A first review listed nearly 50 items, and no doubt more will be added at the next meeting. In due course the schedule will be published on the website so that you will be able see the items being considered and action being taken. If you have anything you consider we should be looking at, please let us know.



Do you want to be a Badgers Mount Parish Councillor?

The Parish Council is still one Councillor short, so if you want to join us, and make a real difference to Badgers Mount Parish, please get in touch.



The Parish Council Website

We are continually improving this to bring you all the latest news and ensure you are fully up to date with the latest developments in the Parish (See address below).

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