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Minutes of the meeting of Badgers Mount Parish Council held on **Thursday 4th November** 2021 at 8.00 pm at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Cllr McCartney took the minutes of the meeting.

Present: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr Lake, Cllr Dunlop and Cllr McCartney.

The meeting commenced with the reading of a statement informing of the death of our Parish Clerk, Geoff Dessent on Monday, 25th October 2021. The statement will be published on our website and passed on to residents via other community links immediately following the meeting.

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect by those present before commencement of the following items.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None received.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Resolved: minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th October 2021 were approved as prepared.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:

To receive any disclosure by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interests, and whether the member regards the interest to be prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

Cllr Dunlop – item 9.1 Planning. Cllr Dunlop will leave the room when this item is discussed.

4. PUBLIC SESSION:

No one present from the community.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Grint spoke at the Broke Hill appeal. A copy of his presentation will be circulated to all Councillors.

The District Council has adopted a new Woodland strategy. Cllr Grint will pass this onto Cllr Lake.

6. FINANCE AND STAFFING:

6.1 Approve accounts for payment – see attached sheet.

6.2 Approval of end of October Bank reconciliations – approved by all and signed by Cllr Grint.

6.3 Clerk – see reference at start of meeting minutes.

- 6.4 Personnel Committee – a draft job description and advertisement for a replacement Clerk will be prepared by the Personnel committee and circulated to all for approval asap together with a draft contract.
- 6.5 Policies and procedures – to be prepared by the personnel committee and the new clerk in due course.

The Finance committee will work on the proposed Budget and precept for 2022-23 for presentation at the December 2021 full Council meeting.

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Nothing further to report.

8. CLERKS REPORTS and correspondence:

- 8.1 CIL report request, SDC – we are the only parish in Sevenoaks that has yet to receive a CIL supplement. Cllr Plumb will respond to the email from SDC on this matter.
- 8.2 Fire Hydrant initiative & map – map received of the hydrant locations in our community.
- 8.3 Knockholt Xmas Goodwill fund – agreed that we should contribute to this.
- 8.4 Sevenoaks Settlement hierarchy – email received from SDC 08/10/21. Cllr Grint & Cllr Plumb will look into this.

9. PLANNING:

- 9.1 Planning Applications for PC decision
21/03368/HOUSE – Balcarres, Milton Avenue, Badgers Mount, TN14 7AU
Conversion of existing garage to form new bedroom, wheelchair accessible access, and accessible bathroom, rear extension to replace existing lean to utility room with level access extension to kitchen. Associated internal alterations. (*comments by 12 November*).
Resolved: no objection
- 9.2 Planning appeals and correspondence
- a) Works at Wheatsheaf Hill – continuing to be monitored.
- b) Broke Hill appeal – Appeal hearing taking place this week. Cllr Grint spoke on behalf of the BMPC and as a District Councillor. Halstead PC and local residents put forward many valid reasons why the appeal should be rejected. A decision will be given in due course.
- c) Land next to Sydmonton, Highland Road – continuing to be monitored.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

It has been agreed that Cllr Dunlop will write to O'Neill Homer putting all work on hold until Sevenoaks District Council has a new District Plan prepared so that our Neighbourhood Plan coincides with this.

11. AMENITIES / PROJECTS:

- a) Remembrance Poppies for lampposts (SL) – all done. Thanks given to Cllr Lake for the installation.
- b) Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage – for a future discussion.
- c) External storage for Parish Council paperwork – recommendation to use Microsoft Office cloud storage when new Clerk is employed.
Resolved: Approved by all Cllrs.
- d) Strimming of unadopted road verges (GP) -
- e) Ownership of unadopted roads – suggestion to set up a sub-committee to look into this matter. To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting for a decision.
- f) Road name boards on unadopted roads – some need replacing, new ones at the top of Milton Ave, Badgers

Road.

Resolved: Cllr Plumb will investigate costs and report back to the next full Council meeting.

g) Community Resilience / Emergency Plan questionnaire – held over to another meeting

h) The Queen’s Green Canopy Project – planting a tree in the community.

Resolved: Cllr Lake will look into this on behalf of the Council.

i) Welcome Back funding – COMF funding – all Councillors to consider how we could utilise any grant monies that we apply for.

j) Bus services – it has been pointed out that we are the only community in SDC without a bus service.

Resolved: Cllr Plumb will liaise with the Arthur Evans, Badgers Mount Residents Association on this. There has been a suggestion to get our local MP, Laura Trott involved in this. The Council is in full agreement with this.

k) Review of all items on Monitoring list (TM) – list to be re-circulated.

Resolved: Cllr McCartney will re-issue this to all Councillors for consideration at next meeting.

l) Newsletter – all ideas for draft to be prepared following next meeting

Resolved: all Councillors will come to the next meeting with suggestions.

m) Salt bins and replacement salt – further bins & salt previously agreed will be purchased shortly.

12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

18th November 2021 – Planning meeting and/or Neighbourhood Plan meeting (if required)

2nd December 2021 – Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.