

BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

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*Minutes of the meeting of the Badgers Mount Parish Council held on Thursday 1st October 2020 at 7.30pm.
THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY VIDEO CONFERENCE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS,
AND PERMITTED BY THE VIRTUAL MEETINGS REGULATION*

Minutes of the meeting prepared by Cllr McCartney.

The meeting commenced at 19.43 pm.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: to receive and accept apologies for absence – Geoff Dessent, Clerk unable to attend due to sick leave.

1. MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd September and planning meeting held on 17th September held by video conference were agreed as prepared.
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – none received.
3. PUBLIC SESSION – nothing received for consideration from members of the public.
4. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Councillor : District Councillor John Grint reported that Thames Water have advised that Badgers Mount may require a water supply upgrade in advance of the possible proposed developments in the area detailed in the Sevenoaks Local Plan. This is listed in the Sevenoaks Infrastructure Delivery Plan and has recently been upgraded to a high priority on the infrastructure list. There is currently no indication how the cost of the work is to be funded.

County Councillor: No report received.

5. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 5.1 Approve accounts for payment – all agreed.
 - 5.2 Approval of end of September Bank reconciliation – approved as prepared. It was mentioned that £13710 has now been received in relation to the second half of the precept payments.
 - 5.3 Clerks absence due to sickness / strategy for temp if prolonged absence including advice from KALC – further Certificate received, extending leave to 22nd October 2020. It was agreed we should seek a locum clerk for an initial 3 month period. Cllr Grint will get in touch with KALC to get support with this.
 - 5.4 Annual Council returns – Cllr Grint has been in touch with PFK Littlejohn in relation to the AGAR return and is dealing with the matter on behalf of the Council.
6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – nothing further to report.
7. PARISH COUNCILLORS / PARISH CLERK REPORTS

7.1 Planning Applications for PC decision - PLANNING COMMITTEE (Cllr Plumb)

Planning Applications –

- a) SE/20/02567/FUL – Polhill Garden Centre, London Road, Badgers Mount, Kent TN14 7AD
Continued use of 2 storage containers and an open sided canopy for use as home delivery service ancillary to the garden centre – no objection on the basis that the structure is, as indicated on the planning application, temporary for a period of no more than 3 years.
- b) Government proposed changes to the planning system – The Council does not intend to submit a response to the consultation. Sevenoaks DC are responding on behalf of the district.

c) Worsley, Badgers Road – application going before Development Control committee, SDC on 22.10.2020. Cllr Plumb will speak on behalf of the Council. Cllr Grint confirmed that he has received correspondence on this matter from R. King.

7.2 SDC - Shoreham Woods management plan – Cllr Lake has asked to be present at the intended SDC/Ranger/Other interested parties walk through the Woods. No date has been set for the walk yet.

7.3 Neighbourhood Plan – We await a response from our Planning Consultants, O’Neill Homer on how to progress the Plan further. Housing needs survey being carried out in early January 2021.

7.4 Unadopted road verge maintenance – Cllr Plumb will prepare a document for consideration at the next meeting.

7.5 Future community newsletter – to be put onto the next Agenda for discussion.

7.6 Correspondence

a) Laura Evans, Fawkham PC – request for information on how the Council has found the Neighbourhood Plan process so far. Cllr Dunlop will respond on behalf of the Council.

b) Kent Police – PCSO ward allocations changing shortly. We will be notified of our new PCSO in due course.

c) Website enquiry from resident concerned over the rubbish dumped on land adjacent houses on Old London Road and asking if the Council knows who the land belongs to. Cllr McCartney has responded to say that the Council believes the land in question is either owned by Kent Highways or Network Rail.

8.ITEMS for future meetings – nothing raised.

9.Dates of next meetings

15th October 2020 – Planning meeting (if required)

5th November 2020 – Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.57 pm.