

BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on **Thursday 1st April at 7.30pm** via ZOOM

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

In attendance: Zoe Brookman (Clerk), Jon Dowty (ONEILL HOMER) Rosemary Selling (Action with communities in Rural Kent) and 1 parishioner.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Grint sends apologies; he is recovering from an operation.

2. PRESENTATION OF HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY REPORT

The results of the recent housing needs surveys were presented by Rosemary Selling of Action with communities in Rural Kent. A disappointing response rate of only 18% was reported with 53% of those in support of more affordable housing. The overall result proved the need for affordable housing in the village to be extremely low.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021 we approved to be signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Dunlop. Seconded Cllr McCartney.

4. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

None reported.

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nothing to report.

7. FINANCE AND STAFFING

7.1 Accounts approved for payment as prepared and attached to these minutes. Proposed Cllr Dunlop, Seconded Cllr Plumb.

7.2 End of March bank reconciliations were produced by Cllr Plumb and will be signed off by the Chairman on 2nd April.

7.3 It was noted that the Clerk is still off on compassionate leave and due to return at the beginning of May. Zoe Brookman (Clerk to Knockholt Parish Council) will cover clerk duties in the interim.

7.4 Cllr McCartney advised that the new clerk laptop has been purchased, received, and set up and proposed purchasing an annual office 365 subscription. Resolved: Cllr McCartney will undertake purchase of office 365 subscription. Seconded Cllr Plumb.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing further to report.

9. PARISH COUNCILLORS / PARISH CLERK REPORTS

An email received from FM Conway Ltd proposing a local liaison as there have been several complaints regarding noise. It was resolved for Cllr Plumb to attend on behalf

of BMPC.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Planning Applications

a. 21/00462/FUL Hollows Wood, Chelsfield Lane, Shoreham, BR6 7QT – Construction of a new loading/Turning bay.

OBJECT:

We accept that woodland needs regular management by coppicing and that Hollows Wood has not been very well managed for many years as evidenced by the number of fallen trees throughout the woods. We object to the proposed loading / turning bay as it requires the felling of mature oak and beech trees. While the proposed working area is at an existing gateway into the woods, it could have been located to a different position so that these hardwood trees do not need to be removed. Similarly, having a public footpath through the middle of the work area on the north side of Chelsfield Lane presents an unnecessary hazard which could be avoided. The Design and Access Statement states that 44 tonne articulated lorries will be used to transport the wood away from the site. This seems to be extremely inappropriate for such a narrow road as Chelsfield Lane which has a number of tight corners and only a few passing places so smaller lorries should be used.

b. 21/00807/HOUSE Four Winds, Orpington Bypass, Badgers Mount, TN14 7AQ – Two storey side/rear extensions, single storey side and rear extensions with front porch and alterations to fenestration.

No objection lodged.

10.2 Planning appeals and correspondence

a. Works at Wheatsheaf Hill

There are still ongoing concerns regarding works being carried out on the site. It is now on the public domain that the site has been deregistered by the Environmental agency. It was resolved to collate flyer to deliver to concerned residents.

11. AMENITIES/PROJECTS

11.1 The Monitoring list was reviewed and updated accordingly. Items to go on the next meeting agenda are:

Remembrance Poppies for lampposts.

Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage.

External storage for Parish Council paperwork.

Strimming of unadopted road verges.

12. Dates of next meetings

Planning meeting and Neighbourhood Watch Meeting : Thursday 15th April 2021

Council meeting: Friday 7th May 2021

Meeting ends: 21:39

APPENDIX 1:**Accounts for payment – April 1st 2021**

Main Parish Account

Cheque Number or EP	Amount (£) Gross inc VAT	Payee	Description
EP	180.00	Satswanwa	Renewal of GDPD service due April 2020 (not paid)
EP	257.40	SDC	Emptying dog bins Jan-March 2021
EP	61.40	A Evans	Lengthsman wages 7 hours litter picking
Transfer	549.00	NP Account	New laptop for Clerk

Neighbourhood Plan Account

Cheque Number or EP	Amount (£) Gross inc VAT	Payee	Description
EP	4140.00	ONeill Homer	Community hub proposal revisions/preparation
CHQ 10	549.00	Cllr McCartney	New Laptop for clerk