

BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on **Thursday 30th June at 7.30pm** at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr McCartney.

In attendance: Zoe Brookman (Clerk), 2 Parishioners.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dunlop, Cllr Lake.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd June 2021 were reviewed. An amendment was suggested. The clerk is to make amendment and the minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

4. PUBLIC SESSION

An email received from Secretary of the Badgers Mount Residents Association reporting feedback from their last meeting. Items to be reported to the Parish Council were:

Missing cats' eyes

A suggestion of planting wildflower seeds between Nesbitt House and Hewitt Roundabout.

Poor road signage on the Mount.

An email received from resident with concerns regarding the traffic speed on Old London Road. The Parish Council are aware of the issue and are taking further steps in regard of speed watch and will continue to monitor carefully.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr Grint reported that he had recently attended a briefing at Sevenoaks District Council regarding the Local Plan.

A 2023 deadline to produce a new plan has been confirmed and Sevenoaks are currently seeking clarity on the steps needed for the new plan production in line with the new planning regulations.

It was reported that Neighbourhood plans remain important but must be consistent with the current local plan in place which is the one produced in 2011.

6. FINANCE AND STAFFING

6.1 Accounts approved for payment as prepared and attached to these minutes. Proposed Cllr McCartney, Seconded Cllr Grint.

6.2 End of June bank reconciliations were produced by Cllr Plumb and signed off by the Chairman.

6.3 It was resolved to seek advice into reviewing the policy with regards to the Clerks return to work ahead of the next meeting.

6.4 The clerk advised that Lionel Robbins has attended to carry out the internal Audit for 2020/21. The Internal auditor was unable to write his report due to missing documentation. Further documents have since been sent to him and the written report should be completed and received for review imminently.

The Council is requested to approve:

6.4 a Section 1 Annual Governance Statement:

It was agreed that having responded appropriately to each of the statements contained within Section 1 of the Annual Return, that the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed. Proposed Cllr. Grint, Seconded Cllr. McCartney.

6.4. b. Section 2 Accounting Statement

It was agreed that the Accounting Statement for 2020/21 (already signed off by the Clerk in accordance with the regulations for the Annual Return) be approved & signed. Proposed Cllr.Grint, Seconded Cllr.McCartney.

6.5 It was resolved to establish a new Personnel subcommittee to deal with staffing and complaints. Members are to be nominated and Terms of Reference to be agreed at the next meeting.

6.6 Cllr McCartney proposed establishing policies and procedures for various aspects of the Parish Council. Cllr McCartney is to review the standard policies and procedures set out by KALC for discussion at the next meeting.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Grint reported that the Halstead Green Belt Future Group are continuing with the fight to prevent the major development being proposed at Broke Hill. They are asking for donations to help with court fees. Cllr Grint proposed a £1000 donation to the cause. Seconded Cllr McCartney. Resolved for the donation to be made.

8. CLERK REPORTS

The Clerk reported that many attempts have been made to contact the IT company regarding restoration of lost emails and documents to no avail. The Clerk will keep trying to get in contact with them.

9. PLANNING

9.1 Planning Applications

a. 21/01864/HOUSE Yewhurst House, Badgers Road, Badgers Mount, TN14 7AT
New electric entrance gates on new gate piers and front low wall with railing over between pillars and landscaping.

OBJECT:

The proposal is out of keeping with the character of the area due to the height and number of lights

b. 21/01886/FUL Rosemount, Badgers Road, Badgers Mount, TN14 7AT

Demolition of existing dwelling; erection of 2no. dwellings with associated works.

OBJECT:

Badgers Mount Parish Council is not opposed to the principle providing that the new dwellings are never modified to add additional bedrooms so we request that permitted development rights are removed if permission should be granted.

The site is at a critical point in Badgers Road. The D&A statement describes Badgers Road as "lightly trafficked" (para 6.20) but it is the primary access for over 80 houses. Delivery lorries will obstruct this access, and site operative's vehicles are likely to cause problems as has happened with other developments.

The site is within the AONB, and we request that a condition is added if permission should be granted that no trees should be removed without permission being obtained.

9.2 Planning appeals and correspondence

a. Works at Wheatsheaf Hill

It was noted that a court injunction has been obtained forbidding any development work associated with the stationing of any mobile home or caravan on site.

Bromley Enforcement are submitting evidence to the judge to be enable the relevant action against the landowner.

b. Broke Hill Appeal.

It was noted that further comments on the application need to be submitted by 8th July.

10. AMENITIES/PROJECTS

a. Remembrance Poppies for lampposts

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

b. Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

c. External storage for Parish Council Paperwork

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

d. Strimming of unadopted road verges

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

e. Road name boards on unadopted roads.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

f. The review of the monitoring list was deferred to the next meeting.

Dates of next meetings

Planning meeting (if required): Thursday 15th July 2021

Council meeting: Thursday 5th August 2021

Meeting ended: 22.20

Accounts for payment – June 30th 2021 – Badgers Mount Parish Council

Receipts – None

Main Parish Account

Cheque Number or EP	Amount (£) Gross inc VAT	Payee	Description
Cheque 181	288.25	Zoe Brookman	Temp clerk May pay
EP	330.00	Arthur J Gallagher	Insurance
Cheque 182	528.00	PKF Littlejohn	Audit fee (replacement as original cheque not received)
EP	257.40	SDC	Emptying dog bins

NP Account

Receipts – £528.00 (T/F from main a/c)

Cheque Number or EP	Amount (£) Gross inc VAT	Payee	Description
Transfer	528.00	Main account	PKF Littlejohn audit fee

Original cheque to PKF Littlejohn not received and has now been cancelled. New cheque from main account to be issued as above.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....