

## BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Badgers Mount Parish Council held on  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021** at 7.30pm at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

Cllr McCartney took the minutes of the meeting.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: to receive and accept apologies for absence – the Clerk is absent from the meeting.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Resolve to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.  
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.  
  
No disclosures.
4. PUBLIC SESSION:  
*Including items emailed to the clerk in advance of the meeting (up to 15 minutes)*  
  
Yewhurst House, Badgers Road – Mr Brown attended for a discussion on a revised application following refusal of the previous application.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS  
  
District Councillor Report – Cllr Grint advised that the planning application in Chevening has been refused by the Development Control committee, SDC.  
  
Cllr Grint will speak as a District Councillor and also a representative of BMPC at the appeal hearing in relation to the Broke Hill site.  
  
County Councillor report – nothing received.
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
  - 6.1 Approve accounts for payment – agreement to pay proposed by Cllr Dunlop and agreed unanimously.
  - 6.2 Approval of end of September Bank reconciliations – approved.
  - 6.3 Clerk (*This contains items of a confidential nature which will be discussed without members of the public in attendance*).
  - 6.4 Annual return - Has been approved by PKF Littlejohn. Approved documents to be put onto Council website. Thanks given to Cllr Plumb on the preparation of paperwork for the Annual Return.
  - 6.5 Personnel Committee – preparing documentation for future use by the Council.
  - 6.6 Policies and procedures – being worked on.
7. CHAIRMANS REPORT – no report.
8. CLERKS REPORTS and correspondence

No report received from Clerk.

Correspondence received:

- (a) KALC Emergency Plan applications – deadline extended to 18.10.21
- (b) KALC AGM – 13.11.21. Councillors invited to attend via zoom.
- (c) KCC Reconnect – locality grant to run projects, initiatives and activities for children and young people.
- (d) Our Insurers are now known as Gallagher & Co (formerly Came & Co)
- (e) Citizens Advice – suggestion they would hold an energy saving talk for local groups. We may consider this for a future Annual Parish Meeting.
- (f) Zoom renewal – agreement to continue with this for one more year.

## 9. PLANNING

- 9.1 Planning Applications for PC decision  
21/03172/HOUSE – Devon, 54 Old London Road, Badgers Mount, TN14 7AE  
Raising of garage roof and raising of internal levels with small extension to the rear, alterations to openings and internal layout (*comments by 22 October*).

*No objection raised.*

- 9.2 Planning appeals and correspondence
- a) Works at Wheatsheaf Hill – ongoing monitoring.
  - b) Broke Hill appeal – See District Councillor’s report above.
  - c) Land next to Sydmonton, Highland Road – ongoing monitoring.
  - d) Brynawel, Highland Road garage - - Cllr Plumb to investigate further.

## 10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN update

No major work being carried out at the moment.

We await developments on the Sevenoaks Local Plan to be able to progress our own Neighbourhood Plan further.

## 11. AMENITIES / PROJECTS

- a) Remembrance Poppies for lampposts (SL) – Poppies received and permission requested from Kent Highways for placing on lamp posts.
- b) Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage – ongoing consideration.
- c) External storage for Parish Council paperwork (AD) – decision deferred.
- d) Strimming of unadopted road verges (GP) -
- e) Ownership of unadopted roads – nothing to report at this meeting.
- f) Road name boards on unadopted roads – suggestion of sign at top of Badgers Road & Milton Avenue not just at the bottom of the roads. Investigation into likely cost of this by Cllr Plumb.
- g) Community Resilience / Emergency Plan questionnaire – to be considered in the future.
- h) The Queen’s Green Canopy Project – to be considered at next meeting when details checked out.
- i) Welcome Back funding – to be considered at next meeting.
- j) Bus services – meeting held recently in Halstead village with Go 2 buses. It was reported that there were so few people using the No 3 bus route that it was highly uneconomic. They now run a Go 2 bespoke service which can be shared or individually booked.
- k) Review of all items on Monitoring list (TM) – held over to next meeting due to time.
- l) Newsletter – items for newsletter to be suggested before next meeting but to include article of bus services. Newsletter items to be submitted for next meeting and newsletter to be prepared as soon as possible thereafter.

12. Dates of next meetings:  
21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – Planning meeting (if required)  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Council Meeting