

BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Badgers Mount Parish Council held on
WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2022 at 7.30pm at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

The meeting opened at 7.37 pm.

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

Cllr McCartney recorded the minutes of the meeting in the absence of a Parish Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
No apologies required – all Councillors present.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Resolved : Both sets of Minutes agreed as prepared.
3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:
Nothing declared.
4. PUBLIC SESSION:
Nothing raised and no member of the public present.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:
District Councillor – nothing to raise.
County Councillor – no report received.
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING:
 - 6.1 Approve accounts for payment – nothing needing to be paid.
 - 6.2 Approval of end of December Bank reconciliations – none available.
 - 6.3 Bank account changes – still ongoing. Cllr Grint & Cllr Plumb will try to get this sorted before the next Meeting.
 - 6.4 Clerk position – Several expressions of interest for both a permanent and locum clerk. Further information on the appointee will follow shortly.
 - 6.5 Personnel Committee – to meet following the closing date for applications.
 - 6.6 Budget & Precept 2022/23 - Subsequent to the approval of our budget for 2022/23 we have been notified that the tax base has increased. The reduction in the precept payable will now be approximately 38%.
7. CHAIRMANS REPORT:
Nothing to report.
8. CLERKS REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:
 - 8.1 Document retention scheme – agreed as prepared and adopted by the Parish Council. This document will be added to the Website.
 - 8.2 Correspondence received since last meeting:
 - (1) Residents concern over the new structures that have been erected on the FM Conway Site in Shacklands Road. Cllr Plumb has been in touch with the SDC Enforcement Team on this matter and it is being monitored.
9. PLANNING:
 - 9.1 Planning Applications for PC decision -

- No new applications at 31 December 2021.
- 9.2 Planning appeals and correspondence -
- a) Works at Wheatsheaf Hill – monitoring continuing.
 - b) Broke Hill appeal – nothing heard on Inspector’s decision so far.
 - c) Land next to Sydmonton, Highland Road – monitoring continuing.
 - d) Yewhurst House, Badgers Road – household appeal submitted against recent planning refusal.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:
Nothing further to update on our Plan.

11. AMENITIES / PROJECTS:

- a) Newsletter -
 - Clerk news – Cllr Grint
 - Precept for 2022/23 – Cllr Grint
 - Planning matters – Cllr Plumb
 - Poppies on lampposts – Cllr Lake
 - Neighbourhood plan update – Cllr Dunlop
 - New salt bins – Cllr Plumb
 - Residents always welcome at meetings – Cllr McCartney
 - NHW/WI/Road Fund/BMRA updates – Cllr McCartney
 - Speed reminder on unadopted roads – Cllr McCartney
 - Nesbit house + others - great Christmas displays around the community etc – Cllr McCartney
 - Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy project – planting a tree
 - Looking ahead – summer hanging baskets
 - Resurrecting a speed watch team – Arthur Evans
 - Local walks being arranged – BMRA?
 - Food Bank – Cllr McCartney
 - Dog fouling etc – Cllr Plumb

All contributions for newsletter to be received no later than Thursday, 20th January 2021.

- b) Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage – to be considered in future.
- c) External storage for Parish Council paperwork – office 365 agreed but pending when new Clerk employed.
- d) Strimming of unadopted road verges – Cllr Plumb to obtain quotes for a spring trim.
- e) Ownership of unadopted roads – being investigated.
- f) Road name boards on unadopted roads – SDC are dealing with this and it should be completed by the end of February 2022.
Cllr Plumb is to investigate ownership of the signs at the end of Badgers Road/Highland Road with a view to changing the wording from “private road” to “privately maintained roads”.
- g) The Queen’s Green Canopy Project – Cllr Lake and Cllr McCartney liaising on this.
- j) Bus services – nothing to report. Continue to monitor.
- k) Speed limit on Orpington Bypass – continue to monitor.
- l) Review of all items on Monitoring list (TM)- continually being monitored.

12. Dates of next meetings:

20th January 2022 – Planning meeting and/or Neighbourhood Plan meeting (if required)
3rd February 2022 – Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 21.12 pm.