

BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Badgers Mount Parish Council held on
THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm at the Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

Cllr McCartney recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Present: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr Lake, Cllr McCartney and Cllr Dunlop.
One resident of the community was present.

The meeting commenced at 19.32.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None required, all Councillors present.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Resolved: approved as prepared.
3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
None received.
4. PUBLIC SESSION:

Arthur Evans in attendance.

Arthur thanked the Parish Council for the poppy display throughout the community. Residents liked these.

Could the PC put an article into the Church magazine to update residents?

Resolved: When the new clerk is employed this will be on their work schedule.

A Christmas tree/lamp post decorations for Badgers Mount – to be added to the September 2022 agenda for discussion.

Traffic Islands on Orpington ByPass – need cleaning/repairing/weeding. Correspond with Kent Highways & SDC over this.

Speed on Badgers Mount roads – AE attended the Speedwatch talk at Halstead Parish Council's meeting recently. Some elements of the previous BMRA speed reduction appeal were implemented. As part of our Neighbourhood Plan we are looking into the possibility of a light controlled crossing.

Suggestion of –

- (a) another pedestrian island at the junction with the SR8 footpath on the ByPass.
- (b) improvement works at the junction of Badgers Road/Nesbit House.
- (c) correspondence with Highways England over the termination of the M25 at the Hewitts Roundabout, possible light controlled section at that roundabout to reduce the speed.
- (d) Independent survey of speeds/traffic types etc on BM roads
- (e) Register the concerns of the residents re OBP on our monitoring list for continual consideration.
- (f) Flashing speed signs – investigation into cost etc.

(g) Queen's Platinum Jubilee – an event for the community alongside the invite to Halstead celebrations.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Grint had nothing to report in his role as District Councillor.

No report received from our County Councillor.

6. FINANCE AND STAFFING

6.1 Approve accounts for payment – no payments required.

6.2 Approval of end of November Bank reconciliations – agreed as prepared by Cllr Plumb.

6.3 Bank account changes - in process. Signatories/addresses changed and online banking applied for.

6.4 Clerk – Personnel committee has met to prepare a detailed job description, advertisement and application form. The Personnel committee recommends that a locum Clerk is engaged until a permanent clerk can be employed.

Resolved: All Councillors agree that this is the best way forward.

Resolved: The PC will make a donation of £100 to Geoff Dessent's family's chosen Charity.

6.5 Budget and precept for 2022 / 2023 – draft Budget prepared by Finance committee. Resolved by all present that the Budget be accepted as prepared. Thanks to Cllr Plumb for the work needed to prepare the draft Budget.

6.6 Personnel Committee – see above.

6.7 Policies and procedures – to be worked on .

7. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Cllr Grint has nothing to report.

8. CLERKS REPORTS and correspondence

(1) Letter from Knockholt Goodwill Fund thanking us for our donation.

9. PLANNING

9.1 Planning Applications for PC decision
No new applications at 26 November 2021

Cllr Grint advised that he has raised a formal complaint over the decision on the Tree Preservation Order issue affecting Druids Oak, Milton Avenue by the SDC Development Control committee.

9.2 Planning appeals and correspondence

a) Works at Wheatsheaf Hill – continuing to be monitored.

b) Broke Hill appeal – awaiting a decision from the Planning Inspector.

c) Land next to Sydmonton, Highland Road – continuing to monitor.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN update – everything on hold and O'Neill Homer notified of this.

11. AMENITIES / PROJECTS

a) Remembrance Poppies for lampposts – agreed a successful activity for the community. A vote of thanks to Cllr Lake and Arthur Evans for organising this on behalf of the community.

b) Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage – Resolved: a separate sub-committee to be set up to investigate (b) and (e). Meetings to be held as part of our planning meeting. First meeting provisionally booked for 16.12.21.

c) External storage for Parish Council paperwork – Microsoft office package to be purchased when new Clerk employed.

- d) Strimming of unadopted road verges - defer to 2022.
- e) Ownership of unadopted roads – see (b) above.
- f) Road name boards on unadopted roads - Cllr Plumb has received a response from SDC in relation to additional name boards. They will undertake this and also replace the damaged name boards in the community. Cllr Plumb will monitor this to make sure the work is undertaken.
- h) The Queen’s Green Canopy Project – Cllr Lake is investigating this and will report back.
- j) Bus services – monitor this for future need.
- k) Speed limit on Orpington Bypass – discussed above.
- l) Review of all items on Monitoring list (TM) – to be put onto the Agenda for review. This matter to be put higher on the Agenda to avoid time constraints.
- m) Newsletter – Councillors to come to meeting on 16th December 2021 with suggestions of what needs to be in newsletter.

12. Dates of next meetings:

16th December 2021 – Planning/unadopted roads/newsletter meeting.
6th January 2022 – Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 21.35 pm.