

# BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

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*Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.30pm by VIDEO CONFERENCE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS, AND PERMITTED BY THE VIRTUAL MEETINGS REGULATION*

Present: Cllr J Grint (JG) Chair  
Cllr G Plumb (GP)  
Cllr A Dunlop (AD)  
Cllr S Lake (SL)

Others present: None

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Geoff Dessent (GD), Clerk to the Parish Council and Cllr T McCartney.

1. **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July were approved.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:**

None received from Councillors in relation to items on the Agenda.

3. **PUBLIC SESSION:**

None

4. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

District Councillor report:

Our MP Laura Trott will be visiting the area next Wednesday. JG & GW have been asked what areas to show her. Suggestions included Broke Hill, Fort Halstead & Orpington Bypass.

County Councillor report:

No report received.

5. **FINANCE AND STAFFING:**

5.1 Approve accounts for payment:

These were agreed and the payments were made by GP on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (see annex 1). Wet signed copies will be provided in due course. **Agreed:** GP will print and sign and then JG will sign.

5.2 Approval of end of July Bank reconciliations

Bank reconciliations have been prepared and will be passed to JG for signing.

5.3 Clerk's absence due to sickness:

Clerk is on temporary sick leave from Council. Certificate to mid September has been received. JG has obtained advice from KALC that it is in order for councillors to act on the clerk's behalf providing they are not paid. This is not a problem at the moment but may need to be reviewed in October if absence is extended.

5.4 Clerk's Annual Appraisal update:

Appraisal carried out by JG. JG has discussed with GD and agreed the appraisal will be issued when he returns to work.

## 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing else to report at this time.

## 7. PARISH COUNCILLORS/PARISH CLERK REPORTS:

No report available from Parish Clerk due to absence.

### 7.1 Planning Applications for PC decision - PLANNING COMMITTEE (Cllr Plumb)

#### Planning Applications-

- a) SE/20/01955/LDCPR – 2 Sandersons Avenue – single storey side and rear extensions. Rear hip to gable roof alteration with side dormers to facilitate loft conversion. Alterations to fenestration. Noted. (We are not consulted as this is a LDCPR application.)

#### Planning Determinations – for discussion (Cllr Plumb).

- a) Urban Farm, Wheatsheaf Hill – determination by LBB still awaited.
- b) Land adjacent to Knockholt Station – LBB has declined to determine because “the application includes matters which are included within a pre-existing enforcement notice and it is therefore considered to be in the public interest to decline the application”.
- c) Polytunnel construction at the rear of Polhill Garden Centre – referred to SDC Planning Enforcement due to size of tunnel. The enforcement officer has visited and is taking action.

### 7.2 BSP SKIP site by Roundabout

Nothing further to report. SDC enforcement are looking into the site and we will continue to monitor.

### 7.3 Neighbourhood Plan

Awaiting latest Vision Note from O'Neill Homer.

AD to contact O'Neill Homer for update.

New rules from central government may change NPs and Local Plans. First indications are that brownfield sites will be given greater planning freedom but green belt and AONB will be protected.

- 7.4 Strimming of verges and footpaths was discussed. It was agreed that GP should update the previous schedule and map and obtain at least 2 quotes for the next meeting.

### 7.5 Correspondence

- a) It was agreed that we would join with HPC in their proposed playground upgrade as a number of BM children use it.
- b) emails re accessibility regulations – clerk has asked our web host if we comply. No response seen. To be progressed.
- c) Email from Rural Kent asking if we want to join. Agreed that at the present time no as we don't own a village hall.
- d) Email re Woodys – clerk has sent email to KCC, no response seen. To be progressed.
- e) Email from Nesbit House supporting proposal for a pedestrian crossing to be acknowledged.
- f) Email from HGBFG inviting to meetings. Cllrs can be members as individuals. PC should not be a member to remain neutral but can attend meetings.
- g) Website contact asking about BSP Skips site by roundabout to be acknowledged and situation advised.
- h) Email from BMRA a) re litter & dog bins – SDC to be asked their position on dual use bins. b) re strimming – see 7.4
- i) Website contact asking whether / when refuse freighter will return. GP has asked SDC, response awaited.

## 8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

- (1) SL has spoken to the SDC Ranger in Andrews Wood. He has noted a considerable amount of litter which the Ranger has to clear up. Consideration to be given whether to organise a clean-up.

## 9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – Planning Meeting (if required)

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 – Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Minutes prepared by GP on behalf of Geoff Dessent, Clerk to the Parish Council.