

Badgers Mount Parish Council Minutes – Thursday 7th April 2022 at 1930 hrs in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

Meeting Started: 1942 hours

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllr McCartney. Cllr Dunlop was present via a virtual media platform which does not constitute attendance as recognised by the Local Government Act 1972
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Resolve to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 3rd2022 and Planning Meeting held on March 17th2022-Minutes approved & signed.
3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: None
4. PUBLIC SESSION: There were no members of the public present. No requests were sent in via email
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS – Clerk to send Agenda to Nick Chard
 - 5.1. Standards Committee met earlier on in the District to resolve issues about Parish Councillors with cases of complaints. All cases were dismissed.
 - 5.2. No other reports
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Approve accounts for payment – Cheques approved & signed
 - 6.2. Approval of end of March Bank Reconciliations - Bank statement not received yet
 - 6.3. Bank Account changes – Outstanding. To be sorted last week of April
 - 6.4. Personnel Committee – Met via Zoom couple of times in March. Finalised the Clerk Contract & to be forwarded to the Clerk for comments. Date for Appraisal set for either 4th or 5th of May
 - 6.5. Policies & Procedures – Clerk is in the process of reviewing papers. IT will be finalised & presented after the Internal Audit
7. CHAIRMANS REPORT – Nothing to report
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. Newsletter – There were some questions raised as to whether the newsletter should have a stronger Parish Council branding. A historical perspective was provided to explain that a few years ago it was decided that the BMRA & BMPC

would join efforts to jointly produce a Community Newsletter. The final draft of the Newsletter is ready and should be ordered at the earliest as it was time sensitive.

- 8.2. Parish website upgrade – The Parish Council website needs an upgrade to make it more user friendly as well as be more WCAG 2.1AA Compliant. It was proposed that the website should also move to an easier URL from the current one. The new URL for the Parish website would be www.badgersmountparishcouncil.org.uk. The move to the upgraded website would take place in the 1st week of April.
 - 8.3. Meeting with KCC Highways – The date for the Kent Highways ‘village-walk through’ has been set for Wed 27th of April at the Badgers Mount Memorial Hall. Clerk to prepare an extensive list of issues to discuss with the visiting officials of Kent Highways.
 - 8.4. E-mail Plan for Residents- The first sign up of emails from residents will be attempted through the newsletter as well as the website. After this a door-to-door campaign will take place to enlist into the email database
 - 8.5. AGAR 2021-22 – Timings have been released by PKF Little John. Internal Audit has been set for May 18th 2022
9. Neighbourhood Plan – Discuss way forward –Summary has been documented in the newsletter. SDC plans to release their Local Plan in autumn. There are still some big issues for the NP to address before it can be adopted. To be discussed in greater detail in the next full PC meeting

10. AMENITIES / PROJECTS

- 10.1. Annual General Meeting of the BMPC – 1st meeting of May.
- 10.2. Risk Assessment for the Parish – Financial, Power outage, Nesbit house, movement of patients in memorial hall – there has been several unprecedented events in the 1st quarter. The need is now felt to conduct a proper risk assessment for the Parish. Cllr Lake & Cllr McCartney to formulate a risk assessment strategy by producing a document on the possible factors that create risk. This should be tied up with the risk assessment document produced by SDC. Contingency & Resilience also must be considered. Cllr Grint to provide Cllr Lake with the SDC document
- 10.3. Ownership of unadopted roads – A number of questions need to be answered before we finalise action points. The pros & cons of ownership of unadopted roads must be weighed. Whether there should be a trust/private limited company? What problem are we trying to define? What does the community want us to do? What exactly are we asking the subcommittee to do? Cllr Dunlop has offered to take the lead on the unadopted roads including going through the historical data and recommend a way forward.
- 10.4. Change of Parish Council Meeting from May 5th to May 4th – Cllr Plumb to contact Cllr McCartney finalise the date.
- 10.5. KCC Bus Funding Reduction Public Consultation www.kent.gov.uk/bussavings. We do not have a bus service & we would like to have a bus service. Cllr Lake to take a lead on drafting a reply for the consultation. School buses form outside the ambit of public consultation
- 10.6. Expansion of London ULEZ – It is a concerning issue. One must weigh in

Economics versus the environment. Community is dependent on cars to be connected. Most cars will be compliant. More data on this scheme is required in order to communicate to the residents.

11. Dates of next meetings

21st April Thursday - Planning meeting (if required)

4/5th May 2022 – Full Council Meeting

Meeting ended: 2150