

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st of December 2022 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**

Meeting Started :1930 hours

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive and accept apologies for absence. - NONE
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 3rd, 2022 approved
3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE 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 – None declared
4. **PUBLIC SESSION:** Including items emailed to the Clerk in advance of the meeting (up to 15 minutes). An attending Resident suggested that the BMPC should make editorial contribution to the Parishes Together Magazine. The Council thanked the Resident and confirmed that they would consider the suggestion and implement it when possible.
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** The District Councillor informed the Parish Council that the District Level Budgeting process had started, and it was proving to be more challenging to balance the books. Financial pressures on the District Council are quite daunting. Council Elections have been confirmed to be on the 4th of May.
6. **FINANCE AND STAFFING**
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments-Approved
 - 6.2. Approval for end November Bank Reconciliations-Approved
7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No report**
8. **CLERKS REPORTS**
 - 8.1. **Plan 2040 – Reg 18 Consultation:** The Consultation Document was discussed in detail to identify the Key Topics that directly affected the Badgers Mount Parish. It was decided that it is important to respond to the District Council early on at the Planning Stage to represent the Parish priorities. As the BMPC Neighbourhood Plan must be in sync with the Local Plan, it was decided that response should also have elements taken from the Parish's neighbourhood Plan. To get the Residents involved and to get their responses the Community Newsletter would have an added page detailing the 10 Key Topics with comments from the Neighbourhood Plan juxtaposed on it. Residents would be encouraged to respond to the Clerk who would put the responses together into the Consultation response. Overall, the Parish Council concurs with the Key Themes chosen at the broad level and would not want to add any further topics. However, the Council does believe that the Plan 2040 has an urban bias and believes that 'one size may not fit all'. It has been agreed that apart from responding to the short questionnaire the Parish Council would also send out a written response to the Reg 18 consultation.
 - 8.2. Community Newsletter – Autumn edition: The final draft of the newsletter has been circulated. The Clerk to send it for printing post all feedback
 - 8.3. BMPC Website: The Council discussed on steps to be taken to make the website more attractive for the residents encourage them to visit the website on a regular basis. The website is updated regularly with the Parish Council proceedings and other news from SDC & KCC which has relevance to Badgers Mount, it could be a cost-effective way for communication as well as information dispersion with the residents.
 - 8.4. Move towards email sign-ups & electronic updates – further to the discussion on the point 8.3, it was decided that there would have to be a concerted push towards more email signups amongst residents. This would enable more electronic updates on important Planning matters to the Residents and quicker and more efficient updates.
 - 8.5. Dates for 2023 – In order to plan more effectively for next year, key dates have been provisionally pencilled in for the first half of 2023. 18th March (Annual Charity Bake Sale), 20th April (Annual Parish Meeting), 4th May (District & Parish Elections), 18th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council). The dates are to be confirmed early next year.

8.6. Christmas & New Year Refuse Collection + Christmas Tree Collection: This year SDC collection crews will be working on a bank holiday and Saturdays over Christmas and into the New. There will be no changes to collection days before Christmas day. However, collections will be one day later than usual from Monday 26 December for the next two weeks.

It was also discussed that the Badgers Mount has been satisfied with the recent changes in the Refuse collection in the Parish. The Parish Council are not aware of any problems apart from the teething problems on the 1st day.

8.7. Selection of Charities to support + Fundraising for next year: 18th of March has been tentatively chosen for the Annual Charity Bake sale event. Last year the Bake sale Charity event organised by the Parish Council for Ukraine was a great success. This year the Council is to choose from a list of Local charity to support next year.

9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS

9.1. Christmas 2022: The Parish Council have decided to put up some Christmas lights (solar powered) on the five village gates as well as the Millennium sign to bring festive cheer for the residents during very trying times.

10. PLANNING

10.1. Planning Applications

10.1.1. Chevening Planning Appeal Response has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate re-iterating how this Planning appeal will be very detrimental to Badgers Mount should this be granted.

Dates of next meetings

15th December 2022, Thursday-Planning Meeting (if required)

5th January 2023, Thursday – Full Council Meeting

Meeting ended: 2200 hours