

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 6th of July 2023 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Lake sent his apologies, apology accepted.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Draft minutes approved for the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on June 15th, 2023.
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
4. PUBLIC SESSION: Call received from Nesbitt home regarding parking by the care home employees on Old London Road. The Caller, an employee of Nesbitt Home commented that residents had made rude comments and vandalised a car of an employee as a reaction to them parking on the public road. The Parish Council have acknowledged the complaint and are very sorry to learn that such antisocial behaviour has occurred in the Parish. No charges have been pressed by the affected employee.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – The District Councillor reported that plans for next year are being discussed by the SDC. Sevenoaks Local Plan will be discussed in the next month. Nominations for the County Council elections is coming up. Cllr Grint has been re-elected as the Chairman of Finance & Investment Advisory Committee at SDC
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Accounts for Payments approved.
 - 6.2. End of June Bank Reconciliations complete
 - 6.3. AGAR & Internal Audit – The Internal Auditor has submitted his report and the AGAR process for the Financial Year 2022-23 has been completed successfully. The documents have been uploaded on the Parish Council website.
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None to report
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. Exercise of Public Rights 2022-23: The period has been set for Wed 21st June to Wed 2nd Aug, 2023. The Financial documents will be available for the residents to view should they wish to, by getting in touch with the Parish Clerk
 - 8.2. Beat Officer PC Peter Wilson of Kent Police has been assigned to Badgers Mount and has already visited the Parish to get familiarized. He will be coming to patrol the area on a regular basis and talk to residents.
 - 8.3. Signages for No Cold Calling: The Council decided that there was no need to put out the notices.
 - 8.4. Village Planters – The planters are in need of a long-term solution both in terms of planting as well as ongoing maintenance. The Clerk to get quotes from Cooling's Garden Centre for maintenance.
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
 - 9.1. Orpington Bypass traffic issues specifically about increased traffic & speed- Debrief by the Amenities Committee regarding the way forward to engage with Kent Highways in order to resolve the traffic issues. A revised Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) with just the top priority issues to be submitted to Kent Highways and meeting to be organised with them to take further action.
 - 9.2. Verge overgrowth on Highland Road/Charles Road/Badgers Road – Parish Council to source three quotes for clearing to be done annually.
 - 9.3. Signages Badgers Road & Highland Road junction– The document as discussed by the Amenities Committee meeting on June 28th was presented to the Council. The Council are in agreement and will start the process of implementing the report.
 - 9.4. Emergency Plan Taskforce-Cllr Dunlop to purchase sand bags, pickets & warning tape to be stored safely in case an emergency should occur. Cllr Plumb to purchase salt.
10. PLANNING

- 10.1. Application: 23/01669/REM – Haresfield Badgers Road, Badgers Mount TN14 7AY – Reserved matters to pursuant to condition of 21/00628/OUT for erection of single detached dwelling on infill plot. No objection
- 10.2. Application: 23/01779/FUL- Land at Rosemount & Hengist, Badgers Road, Badgers Mount – Demolition for existing dwellings; erection of 4 no. dwellings with associated works – The Parish Council objects to the current application on counts of no variation in design of the four dwellings which does not keep in character of the surrounding area, which has primarily got varying designs. The roof pitch on this application also appears to be higher than the ones approved earlier for Rosemount. Vehicular access for larger vehicles to both the building site as well as Badgers Road from the A224 would also be problematic. Provision for parking for each site seems to be inadequate. The Parish Council will send a detailed planning comment to SDC.
- 10.3. Information only: 23/01526/WTPO – 19 Johnsons Avenue, Badgers Mount. Application for consent to cut down, prune or uproot trees covered by a TPO-Top Holly trees by 35% in rear garden. Noted

Meeting ended 21:45