

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Badgers Mount Parish Council on Friday 10th June 2022 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**

**Meeting Started: 7:44 PM**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 as well as Annual Parish Meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Approved & Signed
3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: None
4. PUBLIC SESSION: Including items emailed to the Clerk in advance of the meeting (up to 15 minutes)
  - 4.1. A member of the public who did not wish to be named was present to talk about the land opposite Parish Field is owned by the Butlers. She informed the Parish Council that some one was cutting trees down, clearing the land and building a new entrance for which they have not given planning permission. She was advised to complain on the SDC/KCC website
  - 4.2. Email sent by Ken Mansfield regarding Field opposite Parish Field – He wanted to inform the Parish Council the excavators came again to commence clearing the field opposite them. This time they have created ANOTHER entrance which includes removing the grassy verge which they had been told by KCC was illegal. The email was attached with some videos. He had expressed concern that the new entrance was designed to create more space for large machinery and dual access. The Parish Council would like to encourage Ken to make direct complaint with SDC.
  - 4.3. Maintenance of verges along Highland Road by Gary Davies - Since Roger King left, the verges along Highland Road, up past Badgers Mount House and round the corner have been a bit neglected. The long brambles and stingers make it hard to see round the corner if you are driving and tricky to step onto the verge to miss cars if you are walking! The Parish Council would like to encourage BMRA to employ a contractor to complete the works and apply for a grant for approval.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT
  - 5.1. Levelling up & Regeneration De-brief – New legislation that has come from the Central Govt which outlines changes to the Regime of Neighbourhood Plan which is being renamed as Neighbourhood Priority Statement. Developers will do a pre-consultation with the Parish Council, Street consultation for planning permissions, Local Authorities exercising the powers of compulsory purchase are some of the proposed changes. There is likely to be an Introduction of design code as well as a movement from CIL towards Central Funding. Overall, there is a lot more detail that is being stipulated by Central Government than the current norm. Further details are awaited.
  - 5.2. SDC-affordable housing plan was discussed
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
  - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments-Proposed by Cllr McCartney and seconded by Cllr Lake. Approved
  - 6.2. Approval for end of May Bank Reconciliations. April & May bank reconciliations approved
  - 6.3. Renewal of Bank online payments – Cllr Plumb & Clerk to sort out at the earliest
  - 6.4. AGAR & Annual Return: The Council is requested to approve:

#### **6.4.1. Section 1 Annual Governance Statement:**

**It was agreed that having responded appropriately to each of the statements contained within Section 1 of the Annual Return, that the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed.** Proposed by Cllr Dunlop and seconded Cllr McCartney

#### 6.5. Personnel Committee

6.5.1. Approving & appointing Payroll consultant – TaxAssist Orpington has been approved to do the Payroll . Proposed by Cllr Lake Simon and seconded by Cllr McCartney

6.5.2. Lengthsman Contract – Cllr Lake passed a draft contract to Cllr McCartney

#### 7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

7.1. Feedback & De-brief from Annual Parish Meeting – pleased with the level of attendance & interaction. Activities were well organised. Placed on record to thank all those who were involved especially Zena Belton for conducting the Jubilee Quiz

#### 8. CLERKS REPORTS

8.1. Planters update & way forward for maintenance – Josh Novells.

8.2. De-brief on QPJ celebrations in the Parish – BMRA to request a grant towards BMPC for financial support

8.3. Road safety on un-adopted roads-Signages & placement – handed over to the Amenities Committee for their recommendations

8.4. KCC's responses to the Highway Improvement Plan-Discussions on way forward. Carried over to the next meeting

8.5. Parking at Nesbit House – For the interim period the visitors could park on Old London Road. Nesbit House to monitor the excess car parking requirements

8.6. Social Media & Chat groups – To be discussed in the next meeting

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*Due to the shortage of time discussion on the rest of the agenda items have been moved to the next meeting.*

#### 9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS

9.1. Formation of committees to work on specific projects & assign accountability

9.1.1. Unadopted Roads – Cllr Dunlop to chair

9.1.2. Risk Management – Cllr Lake and Cllr McCartney

9.1.3. Financial Regulations – Cllr Plumb and Cllr Grint

9.2. Additional points raised by residents during the Annual Parish Meeting

9.2.1. Speed on Highland Road

9.2.2. Road conditions on unadopted roads.

9.2.3. Signages in the Woods

9.2.4. Movement of goalposts due to temporary hold on Neighbourhood Plan

#### 10. PLANNING

10.1. SE/22/01243/FUL – 7 Hotel Polhill – Change of use of hotel & diner ground floor to offices – No objections

10.2. SE/22/01062/NMA – Brynawel, Highland Road – Nonmaterial amendment to 21/00188/FUL

10.3. SE/22/01303/WTPO – FM Conway Ltd – Various works to trees

#### **Meeting ended 2150**

#### **Dates of next meetings**

16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Thursday – Planning Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Thursday – Full Council Meeting