

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**

In attendance: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr MacCartney, Cllr Lake

Apologies: Cllr Dunlop

Present: Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Dunlop sent his apologies & apologies accepted.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 18th, 2023, and the Annual Parish Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 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
4. PUBLIC SESSION: No questions asked
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT : The first public cabinet meeting of the District Council after the elections on the same evening
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
  - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments - approved
  - 6.2. End of May Bank Reconciliations approved
  - 6.3. **AGAR Reporting**: The Badgers Mount Parish Council will be sending the Certificate of Exemption (from the requirement for a limited assurance review as the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was less than £25,000) to the external auditor after the Internal Audit is complete. The Annual Governance (Section 1) was approved in this meeting before the Accounting Statements (Section 2). The Clerk certified the accounts before presenting it to the Council for consideration & approval and was signed off by the Chairman. The Public Rights period would start as soon as reasonably possible after the Internal Audit due on Monday June 19, 2023. [Note: with reference to last years audit comments on un-presented cheques – they have been considered as part of 2022-23 calculations & are therefore part of the this AGAR ]
  - 6.4. Personnel Committee : Nothing new to discuss
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Nothing new to report
8. CLERKS REPORTS
  - 8.1. Orpington Bypass traffic issues specifically about increased traffic & speed-Amenities Committee to meet and decide on way forward.
  - 8.2. Verge overgrowth on Highland Road/Charles Road/Badgers Road – Amenities committee to look at what action that needs to be taken & bring their recommendations.
  - 8.3. Dog fouling problem & stricter enforcement: The Council would do a comparative analysis with the actions taken by other Councils to solve this problem and then bring the recommendations to the Council
  - 8.4. Speed control measures for sharp turns in the Badgers Road: To be included in the new Highway Improvement Plan for BMPC & Kent Highways
  - 8.5. Surrounding Woodlands coppicing of trees: Council to determine the ownership of the different woodlands surrounding Badgers Mount and then talk to the various organisations to find out the coppicing plan.
  - 8.6. Defib Machine at Memorial Hall: consideration for unlocking it for better access: Cllr Plumb has done a detailed consideration & prepared a paper on the pros & cons of unlocking the Defib. The paper will be published in the next Community Newsletter. The Council would like to thank Cllr Plumb for looking at the matter carefully and making his recommendations.

- 8.7. Construction at The Cottage & related queries – The construction on the Cottage has caused damage to the neighbour’s boundary. They were required to have used a particular method of pile. The Council have decided that they would keep an eye on the problem.
- 8.8. Vandalism near old Polhill road (next to London Furniture Company): KCC have reacted & the Police are investigating the case
- 8.9. Village Planters – The planting strategy has been drawn up. Cllr Lake to take that proposal to Polhill
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
  - 9.1. Emergency Plan Taskforce-way forward - moved to the next meeting.
10. PLANNING
  - 10.1. No new Planning Applications

**Meeting Closed: 21:30**