

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd of March 2023 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**

In attendance: Cllr Plumb (Acting Chair), Cllr Dunlop, Cllr McCartney, Cllr Lake

Present: Clerk + 10 Parishioners + 1 PCSO

Meeting Started: 19:30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Grint 's apologies for absence accepted.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 2nd, 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:

Emails sent by Parishioners & representations made by Parishioners in attendance. There was a discussion on whether a Solar powered camera could be installed on Highland road possibly take power from the Hall.

Another suggestion was made to take the Defib code off. Cllr Plumb informed those present that the Code was essential for the security of the machine and also the fact that the defib equipment was registered on a central system which would guide those who required it in case of an emergency would be guided to the closest available one.

A Parishioner had written in earlier to ask if the Parish Council would be able to install a Defibrillator in Andrews Wood

The Parishioners also wanted to know how the Bake sale for Charity had performed. The Council informed the Residents that the Charity Bake Sale had raised £700 to be sent to DEC towards earthquake relief in Turkey & Syria.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT - None
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments – Payments approved for Feb 2023
 - 6.2. Approval for end February Bank Reconciliations – Bank reconciliation done & signed.
 - 6.3. Personnel Committee - None
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – No reports
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. Parish Elections May 4th, 2023. – Clerk advised those present that the Parish & District Council Elections to be held at the Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on May 4th. The only change in the process for this election would be the mandatory requirement of voters to bring in Voter ID
 - 8.2. Implementing effective Community engagements- Council to brainstorm on various ways to increase community engagement as well as more suitable ways to communicate with residents in the next meetings
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
 - 9.1. Emergency Plan Taskforce (Community preparation for flooding, storms & snow): Cllr Dunlop gave a brief overview of the Risk Assessment exercise that the Parish Council is currently working on. He requested the Parishioners to give feedback on what aspects of Risk & Emergency Planning were of specific interest to residents once it was presented to the Parishioners.
 - 9.2. Coronation Arrangements – One of the Parishioners Maureen presented some ideas for celebrating the Coronation for the children of the Parish. The Parish Council thanked her for her initiative. The ideas would be incorporated into the overall plans for the Coronation weekend.

10. VILLAGE/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- 10.1. Recent burglaries in the village- The Parish Council had invited our PCSO Sue Harwood to answer the Resident's questions after some recent burglaries in the village. The PCSO started with a brief background on the pressure on PCSO's due to staffing shortages and the re-organization that Kent Police is expected to go through in the near future. She also gave some practical tips on how to make it difficult for burglars from gaining access to houses, sheds, cars etc. like removing ladders, planting brambles for fences, installing light timers to name a few. She encouraged residents to report anything suspicious on 101 or report online. But if anyone witnesses a theft or burglary taking place in front of them or they feel threatened then they should call 999. The PCSO also encouraged more people to sign up to My Community Voice – a messaging service that helps Kent Residents and community groups to keep in touch with their policing teams. She also warned the residents against scams which are getting more sophisticated & urged them to be very careful.
- 10.2. Kent Police updates & updates on the Met Police Meeting in Halstead on 22nd February, 2023 : Post the Met Police presentation on car racing Sgt Wells, PC Lane and PC Wilcox are putting together advice on contacting the police in the event of a car meet being held in the area. We are awaiting to receive further information on this.
- 10.3. TPO enforcement in land next to Sydmonton – The SDC Planning Enforcement have looked into this & responded that the trees in question do not form part of the TPO order. The LPA have served an Enforcement Notice for the hard standing works.

11. PLANNING

- 11.1. No new Planning Applications
- 11.2. Mumbai Central – It was brought to the PC's attention by a Councillor that more builds are coming over & some trees have been cut down which could have been a TPO. The Councillor will raise a formal complaint to go through the triage process.

Meeting ended: 21:35