

MINUTES of the Badgers Mount Parish Council held on **Thursday 7TH November 2024** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.00 pm.**

Present: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr Dunlop, Cllr McCartney, Cllr Lake, Clerk

Meeting started: 19:05

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** To receive and accept apologies for absence-None
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Resolve to approve the minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October, 2024-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:** Including items emailed to the Clerk in advance of the meeting (up to 15 minutes). None
5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:** The District Councillor informed that the Boundary review is underway and should be kept an eye on
6. **FINANCE AND STAFFING**
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments: Approved
 - 6.2. Bank Reconciliation: Completed and approved
 - 6.3. Bank Deposit Account: Signatories will have to put in a request for opening a Interest account. It is still worthwhile doing, even though the interest rates are coming down.
7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT :** Nothing new to report
8. **CLERKS REPORTS**
 - 8.1. Ordering & installation of new litter bins, flower beds & bench – The Litter bins have been ordered though SDC (the supplier remains the same as the value/quality equation was better). SDC will install the Litter bins and subsequently will be clearing the bins on a regular basis.
 - 8.2. Saturday Freighter Service – It was decided that since the residents valued the service of the Saturday Freighter, the Parish Council will continue to pay for the services.
 - 8.3. Kent Highways HIP finalisation -
 - 8.4. Badgers Mount Community Newsletter – Winter Edition
 - 8.5. Knockholt Christmas Goodwill Fund – They will need to apply through the formal Grants application process to the Parish Council
 - 8.6. Team Christmas Dinner: date finalised for the 5th of Dec just before the Parish Council meeting
9. **AMENITIES/PROJECTS**
 - 9.1. Badgers Road/Highland Road Junction – Hedge cutting workmen to be identified to cut down the laurels for better visibility on the blind turn. Signage to be installed to inform speeding vehicles to slow down/Give way/Halt. Letters to be sent to affected residents in the area to inform them of the works taking place in the area.
 - 9.2. Salt Bins & Salt – Cllr Plumb presented comprehensive plan to get ready for winter – especially unadopted roads as well as footpaths. It was identified that more Salt bins are required. More salt would need to be purchased by the Parish Councils as some of the bins on the unadopted roads are not serviced by KCC. Salt for the KCC bins have already been ordered through Kent Highways. It was unanimously agreed that a handyman would be deployed to fill the salt boxes, once the order the salt bags have been placed and order received.
10. **PLANNING**
 - 10.1. 24/02762/WTPO: FM Conway Ltd. Various Works to Trees. For Information Only - Noted
 - 10.2. 24/01612/FUL : Land South of Polhill Garden Centre. Erection of 3 nos outdoor Padel Courts. Amended application – Amended Fencing Design. For Information only - Noted

10.3. Perryn Update : The Council believes that the amendments made to the Planning application still lead to the same outcome to which the Parish Council had objections to and therefor the Planning team should not consider or entertain it.

Meeting ended : 21:30