

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd of November 2022 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **8.00 pm**

Meeting Started: 20:00 hours

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 6th, 2022
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 declared
4. PUBLIC SESSION: A resident attended the meeting to seek advise on Planning permission. The Council advised him of the pre-application advisory services provided by the Sevenoaks District Council for further help.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Finance committee at SDC have kicked off budget setting for the Year 2023-24. The outlook is challenging as the Council needs to make savings of slightly less than a million. Budget setting exercise is expected to finish by Feb 2023
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments - Done
 - 6.2. Approval for end October Bank Reconciliations - Bank reconciliation done.
 - 6.3. Draft Budget 2023-24- Draft budget approved by all Councillors.
 - 6.4. Personnel Committee – Lengthsman Contract finalised and to be sent to Arthur
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Elections 2023 for both District as well as Parish Councils will be announced shortly by SDC. The Parish Council will be led by SDC for proceeding with the elections. The current Halstead Parish Council Clerk has resigned & HPC will be starting the process to hire a new Clerk
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. Racers on Hewitt's Roundabout & OBP: Many Residents have complained to Kent Police as well as Met Police about racers The Local PCSO is asking for more videos & evidence, but only when it's safe to do so. The Parish Council has spoken to Peter Fleming is aware of the problem. Complaints have been made. Notify Mathew Scott – Police & Crime commissioner
 - 8.2. Wheatsheaf Hill development – Court injunction on the Wheatsheaf Hill site has been made permanent. The granting of the injunction followed activities at the site including clearing the field of vegetation & presence of 6 mobile homes within the field. It has also come to the attention of the Council that BSP skips have been liquidated. The Council has also informed Kent Highways of the skips being stationed very close to the old London Road. Kent Highways have responded that their enforcement teams are working on the case.
 - 8.3. Community Newsletter – Autumn edition to include the Consultation to be launched by SDC in mid-November
 - 8.4. Study on Adoption of Green Energy – Written report and cost-benefit analysis to be prepared by the Clerk & presented to the Council for discussion
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
 - 9.1. Unadopted Roads – Cllr Dunlop has prepared additional work & document has been produced. Comments to send to Cllr Dunlop

- 9.2. Remembrance Day Poppies – The Poppies have gone up on lamp posts on Orpington Bypass & Old London Road as well as the Millenium sign
 - 9.3. Christmas 2022 – Discussions postponed for the next Council meeting
 - 9.4. Defibrillator Pad Replacement – Cllr Plumb informed the Council that the Village Defibrillator needs to have the pads & batteries replaced. Cllr Plumb to make a recommendation and purchase.
 - 9.5. Salt Grit for snow – The existing Salt bins are all ready for winter! The Parish Council needs to purchase 2 salt bins one for the junction of Badgers Road and Johnsons Avenue and another for Christies Avenue. Cllr Plumb to come with quotes for salt bins
10. PLANNING
- 10.1. Planning Applications/Appeals – The Trustees of Chevening Estates have decided to appeal the decision of the Development Control Committee to refuse Planning application to create a Parkland. The Badgers Mount Parish Council strongly objects to this appeal and would like to get this appeal overturned. The Council does not believe the scheme is undertaken for environmental reasons and would massive disruption & damage to the Parish with the sheer volume of HGV's that would need to pass through this village should permission be granted. The Parish Council will be submitting a revised stronger objection in writing to the Planning Inspectorate.

Meeting ended: 22:25