

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th of September 2023 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**

Councillors Clinic at 7:00 pm

Meeting Started

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Alistair Dunlop sends his apologies. Apology accepted
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 6th, 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 declared
4. PUBLIC SESSION: Ian Butler & his brother attended the session & they were asked about their land which they have had ownership (land opposite the Parish Fields) for 70 years, They explained that they periodically clean it up. In recent times many activities in terms of allowing temporary passing of vehicles & usage of the land for depositing machinery & material had been requested of them & they had agreed. Their longer term aspirations is to explore development opportunities, sympathetically. They said that some trees had to be removed as they were rotting, and they were proving to be dangerous. They have assured the Parish Council that the banking would be made good once the construction in nearby areas is completed. They would like their immediate neighbours in the area to start discussion on how to make use of the land. They are open to suggestions on usage of the land on a temporary basis.

The Secretary of the BMRA mentioned that he had received a request from Harold's nephew regarding scattering of ashes next to the donated bench in the woods. He also requested if the District Council could inform the Parish in advance of the grass cutting schedule, so that the trash could be cleaned in advance

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: No new report.
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments – Accounts approved
 - 6.2. Approval for end of August Bank Reconciliations – approved
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman informed the Council that the Clerk had now completed the ILCA certification
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. Ideas for top 3 priorities for the Parish Council – the 3 main priorities sent to SDC are to obtain control of the Woodlands in the Parish, to become self sufficient in renewable energy production within the village & surrounding areas, access to facilities like medical, retail & recreational services within the village
 - 8.2. Land North of the public footpath next to Nesbitt & Land opposite Parish Field – update requested from with Kent Highways
 - 8.3. Exploring Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for car racing at Hewitts – Parish Council to support Halstead Parish Council in their lead to a solution to this problem.
 - 8.4. Village Planters – Parish Council to start fresh conversation with Polhill garden centre.
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
 - 9.1. Orpington Bypass traffic issues specifically about increased traffic & speed- ATC Surveys starting September 18th for 7 days.
 - 9.2. Fly tipping on Highland Road/Land north of Hunters Retreat– As it doesn't fall within the purview of the Parish Council, the PC can only depend on the District Council for enforcement.
 - 9.3. Signages at the crossroads of Badgers Road/Highland Road – To initiate discussions with PROW & seek their advise on what can be done to make the area safe for residents.
 - 9.4. Neighbourhood Plan strategic group to set up a meeting in the near future and discuss on next steps
10. PLANNING
 - 10.1. Application: 23/02434/HOUSE – Keepers Cottage, Orpington Bypass – Part single, part double-storey rear extension with rear facing balcony. Internal alterations. Alterations to fenestration. Patio. New Steps – No Objection

- 10.2. Application: 23/02285/FUL- Polhill Garden Centre, London Road, Badgers Mount – Continued use of 2 storage containers and an open sided canopy for use as home delivery service ancillary to the garden centre – No objection it remains temporary for a defined period of time rather than permanent structure
- 10.3. Application: 23/02370/HOUSE – 7 Woodlands View. Proposed conversion of existing roof space to habitable room with associated front dormer. No Objection
- 10.4. Amended Application: 23/01107/OUT –Cedar Holme: Outline application for demolition of existing dwelling & proposed erection of a replacement 2-storey detached dwelling. Parish Council objections are still valid except for the objection about the tree.

Meeting Ended: 22:30