

Minutes of the Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 1st of September 2022 in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**

Meeting began: 19:30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies from Cllr Grint
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 7th, 2022 approved
3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: None
4. PUBLIC SESSION: None
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT - None
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments – Approved
 - 6.2. Approval for end of July and August Bank Reconciliations-July & August reconciliations done
 - 6.3. Renewal of Bank online payments – In the process, should get sorted prior to next meeting
 - 6.4. Personnel Committee – Lengthsman Contract – moved to the next meeting
7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - None
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. KCC’s Budget Consultation- end date 5th September – A summary of the Budget Consultation was presented and discussed. While the Council understands the importance of adult social care & is supportive of it, with the cost-of-living crises being faced by most households rising taxes may not be the optimum solution. Clerk to respond to the online questionnaire.
 - 8.2. National Highways letter to Oaklea pertaining to the Lower Thames Crossing – The letter was possibly sent to seek permission in order to get base figures. Clerk to ask National Highways to give the Council more information. It would be great to get sight of their predictions.
 - 8.3. Community Payback Scheme – The Council was informed the PCSO Supervisor from Kent Police has recently enquired if the village has any projects that could make use of the Community Payback scheme. It was discussed that while using this scheme could help the village clear up the overgrown areas, in the past there has been a resistance by the residents to use the scheme. It was decided that the question could be asked in the next Newsletter
 - 8.4. Update on Land East of the Cottage and Land opposite Parish Field – no further complaints from anyone.
 - 8.5. Community Newsletter – Autumn edition. Main headlines and news items were brainstormed. Clerk to assign the broad headings to various contributors. All stakeholders to send contributions to the Clerk by mid September.
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
 - 9.1. Unadopted Roads – updates – Cllr Dunlop presented a draft paper & opened the discussion for further brainstorming. Any further comments or way forward to be sent to Cllr Dunlop. Once the paper is ready, it would be presented to Residents to get further viewpoints & support.
 - 9.2. Conversion of Mumbai Central Restaurant to offices – There is no information available as of now
10. PLANNING
 - 10.1. SE/22/02112/FUL – Telecommunication Mast Northeast of Haresfield, Badgers Road – Proposed upgrade of an existing base station comprising the addition of a 5m tower extension. Deadline- 10th September 2022. Council to object & protest on the amount of damage to Badgers Road. Council to request the Commissioning authority to guarantee that all damages will be made good. Visual impact on the AONB would be the strongest objection. Several doubts were raised about the actual benefits to the Community itself.
 - 10.2. SE/22/01448/HOUSE- 2 Shacklands Cottages, Shacklands Road, Shoreham – Amended application- Modified to include the demolition of the existing outbuilding and the removal of the proposed decking. Deadline 15th September 2022. No objection

10.3. KCC/SE/0495/2018- Covers Quarry, Westerham-Potential impact of increased lorry traffic on A224.
Clerk to draft & send an objection to KCC based on the Chevening House case

Meeting ended: 22:05