

Minutes of the meeting of Badgers Mount Parish Council held on **THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2022** at 7.30pm at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr Lake, Cllr Dunlop.

Meeting Start: 1932

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Received and accepted from Cllr McCartney
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Resolved : Both sets of Minutes agreed as prepared.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: none**
4. **PUBLIC SESSION:**

Parishioner and newly appointed Secretary of the BMRA addressed the council to discuss the Parish celebrations for the Queens Jubilee specifically with respect to planting Trees and landscape improvement. He also informed the council of the offer by Nesbitt House to provide planting & maintenance support for the trees. He also proposed improving the landscaping on the north side of the footpath beside Nesbit House. The trees chosen for planting have been identified as Field Maple, Yew & Field Cherries

The Chairman's comments were – the Parish Council may be able to help with funding once a specific proposal has been presented. He also informed the BMRA not to have competing dates/times of celebrations with the Halstead Parish Council so that Residents could enjoy all celebrations without having to choose.

5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

District Councillor – Updated the Council on the latest Broke Hill ruling. He updated the Council on Aaron Hill's debrief session. Due weight was given to the fact the location was in the Green Belt when the Inspector gave for the decision

County Councillor – no report received.

6. FINANCE AND STAFFING:

- 6.1. Approve accounts for payment – payments made
 - 6.1.1. £30 paid for putting up Poppies
 - 6.1.2. Salt Bags x 15 for £6
 - 6.1.3. Mileage for collecting documents from previous Clerk's house
- 6.2. Approval of end of December and January Bank reconciliations – not available.
- 6.3. Bank account changes – still ongoing. Cllr Grint & Cllr Plumb to sort this out at the earliest
- 6.4. Clerk position – Personnel sub-committee have agreed to appoint a local Resident, Sejuti Roy to the position of the BMPC Clerk. Date of commencement decide as 3rd of Feb, 2022

- 6.5. Personnel Committee – Committee to finalise the Clerk’s Contract
- 6.6. Policies and Procedures – Newly appointed Clerk to review the current Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, propose changes and update

7. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** No Changes

8. **CLERK’S REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 8.1. Document retention scheme – agreed as prepared and adopted by the Parish Council. This document will be added to the Website.
- 8.2. Email from Whitegate Farm, Shacklands Farm – It was proposed that the BMPC will send an email to KCC to ask them to put chevrons in the turns

9. **PLANNING:**

- 9.1. Planning Applications for PC decision – No new applications up until February 3, 2022
- 9.2. Planning appeals and correspondence –
 - 9.2.1. Works at Wheatsheaf Hill – monitoring continuing.
 - 9.2.2. Land next to Sydmonton, Highland Road – monitoring continuing.

10. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Plan is on hold till Sevenoaks Local Plan is completed

11. AMENITIES / PROJECTS:

- 11.1. Newsletter – To be published every quarter – both email and paper versions
- 11.2. Improvement of corner between Badgers Mount House and Broom Cottage
- 11.3. External Storage for Parish Council Paperwork – Clerk to identify how much paperwork exists and how much is a statutory requirement to hold and how much can be scanned and kept electronically. Clerk to also find space in the house to store required paperwork. Formulate a plan to come up with recommendations
- 11.4. Strimming of unadopted road verges – Cllr Plumb
- 11.5. Ownership of unadopted roads – Still in progress
- 11.6. Road name boards on unadopted Roads – In progress
- 11.7. The Queen’s Green Canopy Project – The BMRA Secretary to implement the project & update the Council
- 11.8. Bus Services – The Council to continue to monitor the KCC developments
- 11.9. Speed limit on Orpington Bypass – continue to monitor
- 11.10. Review of all items on Monitoring List – Cllr McCartney

12. Dates of next meetings:

17th March 2022 – Planning meeting (if required)

7th April 2022 – Council Meeting

Meeting Closed: 2140