

BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Badgers Mount Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd September 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm.

The meeting was held by video conference due to the Coronavirus restrictions and permitted by the virtual meetings regulation.

Minutes recorded by Cllr McCartney in the absence of the Parish Clerk.

Present : Cllr J Grint
Cllr G Plumb
Cllr S Lake
Cllr A Dunlop
Cllr T McCartney

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from the Parish Clerk due to ongoing sick leave.

1. MINUTES: Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th August held by video conference were agreed by all present.
2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSIBLE 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. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question. Anyone with a prejudicial interest must unless an exception applies, or a dispensation has been issued, withdraw from the meeting.*

Declaration of Interest noted from Cllr Dunlop in relation to an item covered under correspondence in relation to Worsley, Badgers Road.

3. PUBLIC SESSION: *items emailed to the chairman given the Coronavirus restrictions.*
 - (1) Email from Secretary, BMRA asking whether dog waste can be placed in all community rubbish bins and likewise if general waste can be placed in dog waste bins.
Cllr McCartney will respond confirming that SDC state that dog waste can go into ALL bins but it has no plans to put stickers on the bins to advise residents of this. No clarification was received on general waste into dog waste bins and further enquiries are being made of SDC.
 - (2) Email from Secretary, BMRA asking for enquiries to be made of Go Coach in relation to information received that suggests that the No.3 bus route (formerly the 431) to Orpington is to cease.
Cllr McCartney will contact Go Coach for clarification on the situation.
 - (3) Email received from a resident in relation to the recent noise levels at the FM Conway site.
Cllr McCartney to respond.

4. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Councillor Grint highlighted the Government consultation on changes to the planning system and to the general permitted development order. These will be discussed fully at the Planning Meeting to be held on 17th September 2020.

No report received from our County Councillor.

5. FINANCE AND STAFFING

5.1 Approve accounts for payment – agreed as prepared.

5.2 Approval of end of August Bank reconciliations – to be approved at the next full meeting of the

Council.

5.3 Clerks absence due to sickness / strategy for temp if prolonged absence including advice from KALC – Cllr Grint will make contact with the Parish Clerk in relation to his expected return to work from mid-September.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

7. PARISH COUNCILLORS / PARISH CLERK REPORTS

7.1 Planning Applications for PC decision - PLANNING COMMITTEE (Cllr Plumb)

Planning Applications –

- a) SE/20/02389/LDCEX – Land north of Hunters Lodge, Shoreham Lane, Halstead TN14 7BY. Certificate of lawfulness for existing use for storage of roll-on / roll-off bins and skips and retention of a building and a portacabin. (Adjoining Parish consultation as the site is in Halstead).

Comments to be submitted by 24/09/20. Cllr Plumb will prepare draft comments for consideration by the Council at the Planning meeting on 17/09/20.

- b) It was reported that a permanent Tree Preservation Order has now been placed on the tree outside of Aston House & Woody's, Highland Road.
- c) Worsley, Badgers Road – this application has been referred to the SDC Development Control committee. The Council is aware of allegations of impartiality which do not affect Councillors in the application documents which are incorrect. As they are not planning issues it was decided not to take this further.

7.2 SDC - Shoreham Woods management plan (circulated in emails 12/8 & 27/8) – Cllr Lake will attend the forthcoming meeting to find out more about SDC's plans.

7.3 Neighbourhood Plan – advice on our latest correspondence with O'Neil Homer awaited. A Housing needs survey will shortly be issued to all households in the community by SDC.

7.4 Unadopted road verge maintenance – this matter was deferred to the next full Council meeting.

7.5 Correspondence

- a) Request from Halstead Parish Council for collaboration with their proposed playground upgrade – Cllr McCartney will represent the Parish Council at these meetings and reports will be given. The Council confirmed that it would be happy to take part in fundraising opportunities for the new playground and to get community families involved in that as much as possible.
- b) Response from KALC about works to trees – no further comments received to date.
- c) See separate list of correspondence – nothing further was raised.

8. ITEMS for future meetings

- (a) Discussion on the need for a temporary Clerk if our own Clerk is unable to return to work as expected.
- (b) Apologies for absence received from Cllr Dunlop for meeting to be held on 17th September 2020.
- (c) Community newsletter.

9. Dates of next meetings

17th September 2020 – Planning meeting to be held by video conferencing.

1st October 2020 – Council Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.