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BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Badgers Mount Parish Council held on **Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm**

In attendance: Cllr Grint, Cllr Dunlop, Cllr Lake, Cllr McCartney, Cllr Plumb and Louise Dancy (clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

APPROVED: Minutes of a Council meeting held on Thursday 5th November 2020 via video conference.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None

4. **PUBLIC SESSION**

Council discussed the fly tipping at the entrance to the hall. This was cleared by SDC.

5. **DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Cllr Grint attended a briefing session on the proposed development at Fort Halstead. It is recognised there is problems with the water supply at Fort Halstead and there will be a new water supply provided by Thames Water and the costs will be born by the Merseyside Pension Fund and will include the current properties at Fort Halstead. Current plan is for DSTL to leave the site in 2022. 21% homes will be affordable housing. No further information on the mix of housing until the detail plan comes forward. There was discussion that proposals do not have enough recreation facilities to cater for the number of houses. No gas on site – an all-electric site. Bromley council have objected to the development on highways grounds. Medical Facilities will be housed on the site, related to the Otford Medical Practice plus a collection of local shops. The application is due to go to DCC in March 2021. It is considered under the existing local plan.

Cllr Dunlop highlighted a water supply issue along Johnsons Avenue. Cllr Grint informed council that the water supply at Badgers Mount is on Sevenoaks Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

SDC has approved the spending budget for 2021/22. The budget for council tax will be determined early next year.

6. **FINANCE AND STAFFING**

- a. **APPROVED:** Accounts for payments (Appendix 1)
- b. **APPROVED:** End of November bank reconciliation
- c. **APPROVED:** Council agreed a precept of £27,420 for 2021/22 (unchanged from the current year)

- d. **Annual Governance & Accountability Return**
APPROVED: Council accept the statutory recommendation from PKF Littlejohn and agreed the recommended action.

APPROVED: Annual Governance Statements

APPROVED: Accounting Statements for 2019/20

- e. **Clerk absence**
Council have received a medical note which signs off the Clerk until 6th January.
AR: LD to KALC & SLCC regarding the Sick Pay situation and how to move forward.

AR: LD to write to Mrs Dessent to reclaim the cheque book for the main account. Payments are being made from the NP accounts and transferred across from the main account online.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing specific outside the agenda.

8. **PARISH COUNCILLORS / PARISH CLERK REPORTS**

No planning applications to be heard.

Cllr Grint updated on Worsley Planning Application.

Kent Trace and test system up and running.

Police newsletter shows little criminal activity in the area.

Cllr McCartney showed concern about potential homeless person living in the roundabout. Cllr Lake will investigate and refer to SDC if he makes a discovery.

9. **Community Newsletter**

Newsletter to be produced in January 2021.

10. **Light controlled crossing on the Orpington Bypass**

Mr Dessent had liaised with Kent Highways regarding a crossing. The response from Highways was that the proposed location for the crossing was not deemed unsafe enough for Highways to attached priority to and therefore would not be funded by Highways. It was estimated that a crossing in this location would cost circa £100k. Council are unable to afford this expense at present but would still like to see a crossing implemented and will include as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. **Woody's land ownership queries**

Mr Dessent has sent a letter to Kent Highways in April to highlight the issue of encroachment on over highways land who have not yet responded. The council are concerned this could become a safety issue if the land is left to Woody's to take over.

AR: Clerk to follow up the response to Kent Highways Enforcement.

12. **Items for future meetings**

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to be arranged for Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. TM to send invite to NPSG.

- To commission O'Neill Homer to carry out a feasibility study into development of a Village Centre and *approve ONH work until the end of the financial year.*

13. **Dates of next meetings**

NPSG and Planning Applications: Thursday 17th December 2020

Parish Council meeting: Thursday 7th January 2021

APPENDIX 1:**Accounts for payment – December 3rd 2020 - Badgers Mount Parish Council**

Main Parish Account

Cheque Number or EP	Amount (£) Gross inc VAT	Payee	Description
EP	408.36	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's November pay, which includes NP Coords pay.
EP	145.00	HMRC	Tax/NI for October
EP	17.44	Arthur Evans	Lengthsman litter picking 2.00 hrs
Transfer	143.88	NP a/c	For TM Nov expenses
Transfer	117.30	NP a/c	For temp Clerk Oct pay
Transfer	293.25	NP a/c	For temp Clerk Nov pay
Transfer	100.00	NO a/c	Knockholt Good Will Fund

Neighbourhood Plan Account

Receipts – £12.00 (Shown on statement as BACS payment from G JONES on 20 November. Not known or expected.)

Cheque Number or EP	Amount (£) Gross inc VAT	Payee	Description
007	293.25	Louise Dancy	Temp Clerk Nov pay
008	100.00	Knockholt Christmas Goodwill Fund	Donation
Transfer	2,507.08	Main a/c	NP Co-ords time 6 months (was due October)

Cheque payments from NP account and transfers between accounts due to RFO only having the NP cheque book and not the main account book.