



Badgers Mount Parish Council has a vacancy

- **This a great opportunity to serve your community and to be involved in decisions that affect Badgers Mount.**
- **You must be over 21 and live or work within 3 miles of Badgers Mount**
- **There are two meetings a month, plus other ways to get involved.**
- **The council is non-political and the position is voluntary.**
- **The Council will be co-opting someone hopefully at our March meeting**
- **Contact the Clerk via e-mail clerk@badgers-mountpc.kentparishes.gov.uk for more details,**



Welcome to the Winter newsletter from Badgers Mount Parish Council.

In this newsletter you will get to meet some of your Parish Councillors, and find out a little more about them!

There is also information about the Sevenoaks Refuse Freighter and more about the council's aim to get a defibrillator for the parish.

In the newsletter there is a survey for all our resident to complete, asking you your views on what you think is important and what is needed for our village. Please complete and return to the council, either at the address below, or via e-mail clerk@badgers-mountpc.kentparishes.gov.uk or you may drop your completed surveys off at any of our councillor's houses.

Badgers Mount Parish Council, recently discussed and set their budget for 2017/2018. Again Badgers Mount Parish Council, are able to keep the precept the same as last year.

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MEET YOUR CHAIR ROY BLAMEY

Cllr Roy Blamey Chairman Badgers Mount Parish Council.



I work as a Building Surveyor and Health and Safety Consultant within the building Industry.

I have lived within the Orpington and Sevenoaks area for over 36 years, with the last 11 years here at Badgers Mount. I have 2 Children and 9 Grand Children.

I am member of several professional associations including being the current Chairman of the South East of England Association for Project Safety and the Deputy Chairman for the Institute for Construction Managers.

I have been a Parish Councillor for 6 years.

With what is left of my spare time I belong to the National Trust.

Cllr Roy Blamey

MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR GORDON PLUMB



I am Gordon Plumb, and have lived in Badgers Mount for most of my life, apart from periods when my work as a building services engineer took me away.

I have been a member of the Residents Association committee since 1991 and was a member of the working group of Residents Association members and existing Parish

Councillors preparing for the start of our new Parish Council. I was duly elected at the election in 2015, and as well as vice chair of the main council, I am Chair of the planning committee and a member of the finance committee.

HOW DO YOU SEE BADGERS MOUNT

With lots of changes happening, how would you like to see your village grow? What is important to the residents of Badgers Mount?

What improvements could the Parish Council do, to make Badgers Mount better?

More Salt Bins

More Dog Bins

Improvements to footpaths

Other: _____

Recently the Parish Council are in talks with Sevenoaks District Council about Jenkins Wood. Here is your chance to let the Parish Council know what you would like to happen to the wood:

Badgers Mount Parish Council, also wish to find out the residents views on declassifying the link road from Junction 4 of the M25 down towards Hewitts Roundabout, from a motorway to a normal A road
Comments _____

Please return the forms to any of the councillors homes, or our clerk, ether via e-mail clerk@badgers-mountpc.kentparishes.gov.uk or at the address below:

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BADGERS MOUNT
USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS



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| Badgers Mount Parish Council 886977 | 07452 |
| Sevenoaks District Council | 01732 227000 |
| Kent County Council | 03000 414141 |
| Police non-emergency | 101 |
| Chelsfield Park Hospital | 01689 877855 |
| EMODC (Emergency medical out of office) | 02086 767424 |
| Princess Royal Hospital | 01689 863000 |
| BT Faults | 0800 800151 |
| Thames Water | 0800 316 9800 |
| Gas emergencies | 0800 111999 |

To report pot holes, damaged street signs, overhanging vegetation on Highways, etc. Residents can report this direct to KCC via their website www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem
Or via the clerk on clerk@badgers-mountpc@kentparishes.gov.uk

Before the formation of our own Parish Council, I was a co-opted member of Shoreham Parish Councils planning committee to give additional representation for Badgers Mount, so I already knew many of the planning policies and procedures, although changes by the Government in recent years have had significant, and in some cases unfortunate, effects.

I have always taken a great interest in local activities, and the community in general, and hope to continue to do so for many more years .

Cllr Gordon Plumb

MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR TRACEY McCARTNEY



My name is Tracey McCartney and I am one of your elected Badgers Mount Parish Councillors.

I live in Highland Road with my family and work locally in Halstead village. I was fortunate enough to be elected as member of the newly formed Parish Council in 2015 and I have a role on both the main and planning committees. It has, so far, proved to be an interesting and worthwhile experience – I’ve learned lots about my role as a Councillor and my responsibilities to the community, the workings of local government, planning procedures and policies, setting budgets etc but I’m guessing it won’t end there and that I’ll need to learn plenty more as new issues arise in and around Badgers Mount, hence the glasses always perched on the top of my head ready for more reading

Cllr Tracey McCartney

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FREIGHTER SERVICE

The freighter service is provided to Residents on the third Saturday in January, April, July and October and is usually at Badgers Road, Badgers Mount between 10.15 and 11.00.

Residents are making good use of this service and the Badgers Mount Parish Council are keen to keep it going.

The following items cannot be collected by the Saturday Service:

- * Builders' waste, concrete and similar waste
- * Vehicle parts - including tyres, engines or batteries
- * Oil, paint or other chemicals
- * Asbestos
- * Plasterboard
- * Soil, rubble or bricks.
- * Glazed windows or toughened glass
- * Water tanks, boilers, iron/steel baths
- * Gas Bottles and Fluorescent tubes



If in any doubt of whether or not your items can be taken by this service, please contact the Waste Services team at SDC for advice prior to visiting the Saturday Service.

Large items (such as bed bases and wardrobes) should be broken down in advance as these may damage the freighter's moving parts if placed into the vehicle in one piece.

It is important that waste is not left at this site as this will not be collected and will be treated as fly-tipping. Enforcement actions may follow including fines and a possible prison sentence.

Cllr Roy Blamey

A FAREWELL TO BADGERS MOUNT COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROGER GOUGH

It is with sadness that we remind Badgers Mount residents that our current County Councillor Roger Gough, will no longer be the Badgers Mount County Councillor, from May 2017. This is due to the KCC ward boundary changes made in 2015. Badgers Mount, will therefore have a new County Councillor after the May elections.

Badgers Mount Parish Council, wish to thank Cllr Gough for all that he achieved for the residents of Badgers Mount, which include;

- * Challenging Conway's initial encroachment into Badger's Mount
- * Stopping the Bio Mass Incinerator location on the shared boundary with Bromley off the By pass near to the Hewitt's roundabout
- * Speed calming measures- Roundel's to both Old London Road and the By-Pass, the Gateway signs and traffic island with pedestrian access to Old London Road.
- * And the proposed enhancements detailed within the minutes.

There will be a chance to say farewell to Cllr Gough at our Annual Parish Meeting, on Friday 28th April 2017. Please come along and thank him for all his hard work for the parish of Badgers Mount.

WINTER PREPARATIONS

The Parish Council has several salt bins strategically positioned on the unadopted roads. The salt is for keeping the roads passable in icy conditions. If there has been a heavy fall of snow, it is preferable, if possible, to manually remove the bulk of the snow as it would take a large amount of salt to remove it. Salt should be scattered thinly over the road, principally the lines where wheels run. We have a reserve supply and will monitor the bins and top up as necessary during severe weather, but this is not an infinite supply so please use the salt economically. If you find a bin is empty, please phone Cllr Gordon Plumb 07752 128965 or the Clerk.

If you want salt for your own drives and paths, it is readily available from garden centres (Polhill), builders merchants and DIY stores (Wickes, Homebase, Otford Builders Merchants etc.).

JENKINS NECK WOOD

In a previous newsletter we informed you that Sevenoaks District Council (SDC), were proposing to sell Jenkins Neck Wood (the woodland that stands between the M25 and Badgers Mount). It is an important asset to our community as it acts as a screen, protecting us from the noise and pollution of the motorway. Without it, life in Badgers Mount would be a lot noisier and more polluted from the constant and ever increasing volume of traffic using our section of the M25.

BMPC is concerned that if the woodland is sold privately, it may no longer afford the barrier that we need. An area of similar woodland was leased by SDC several years ago and many of its trees were removed and not replanted. We do not wish for this to happen with Jenkins Neck Wood and we feel it is vital that it remains in public ownership.

The Parish Council is continuing to explore possible options to ensure that the woodland is safeguarded. As part of the Localism Act 2011, the Parish Council has the right to nominate and bid to buy an asset of community value if and when one comes up for sale. However, as it has previously declared, no such action will be taken without taking full account of residents' views on its research and findings into the possible options available to the Council and the community to protect the woodland in its current form.

To date, we have had several meetings with SDC and they have agreed that we should be given time to explore all possible options for the future of the woodland. We have also written to other Parish Councils who have dealt with similar issues in their communities to seek advice and guidance and also employed a woodland contractor to carry out a condition survey of the woodland. The latter was extremely useful and provided us with an in depth insight into woodland management. There are further avenues to be explored but as soon as we are in a position to fully inform you of our findings we will hold a public meeting for all residents.

At this time, we are unable to say exactly when this will happen. Please rest assured that all households will receive ample advance notification of the meeting when a date and time have been arranged.

By Cllr T McCartney & Mr N Wills

FOOTPATHS



We have approximately 3 ½ miles of Public Rights of Way (PRoW), within the Parish, many of them vital to the ease of getting around our 'village'.

These PRoW comprise of 6 Public Footpaths (on foot only), 5 Bridleways (horses, cycles & on foot only), 1 Byway (un-metalled road open to all traffic), and 1 Restricted Byway (horses, horse drawn carriages, cycles & on foot only).

Overall responsibility for PRoW lies with KCC Highways but the standard to which they must be maintained is surprisingly low, i.e. passable and safe; two very flexible terms.

With increasing budget cuts over the past three years KCC has cut funding for the maintenance of PRoW.

However, if you consider that there is a 'fault' on one of these, such as a broken gate or stile, an obstruction, or perhaps a broken sign, you should report it to KCC at this address - www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way - there is a link to this on the parish council website's 'LINKS' page. If you have difficulties with this then report the matter to Naomi, our Clerk. Details are on the front page.

If the problem is a blockage caused by fly-tipping contact SDC, but if the path is on private land it is the responsibility of the landowner. Should the landowner not act you will have to resort to KCC, who will ensure that the landowner complies.

All PRoW have a number which it is helpful to quote when reporting faults. Those paths within the immediate 'village' are:



Milton Ave - Highland Rd - Old London Rd via Crest Close. Footpath SR740.
Orpington Bypass - Old London Rd (next to Elite Motors).
Footpath SR596.
Old London Rd - Orpington Bypass - Highland Rd - Charles Rd Footpath SR8.
Badgers Rd - junction with Highland Rd.

Restricted Byway SR7A

Badgers Rd junction with Highland Rd - Shacklands Rd. Byway SR7
Badgers Rd junction with Highland Rd - Chelsfield Lane. Bridleway
SR649



COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

You will have seen from recent Council meeting minutes that we are looking into the purchase of a community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and the council have budgeted to purchase one in the next financial year.

Defibrillators are small, portable devices that members of the public are able to use to help someone who has suffered a cardiac arrest and they can be used with minimal or no prior training as step by step instructions on how to operate it are contained in its carry case and are given out once the case is opened.

The machines can be purchased from several different companies or charities and we are currently looking into the potential costs involved in purchasing all of the necessary equipment. The British Heart Foundation invite part funding applications towards the cost of a defibrillator under their Community First Responder Scheme and our Clerk is investigating whether we would be eligible to apply for this. We are also seeking guidance from our local Ambulance Service on suitable locations, the most appropriate model AED to meet our community needs, storage cabinets etc before committing to purchase a community AED.

The positioning of an AED for easy access is critical as the casualty needs

to receive treatment from it as soon as possible after their cardiac arrest. If at all possible, one person would immediately start CPR whilst another goes to collect the AED as this can buy the casualty valuable time before any other form of medical assistance arrives.



In an ideal world, Badgers Mount would have AED's positioned at two easily accessible points in the village but so far, the only feasible location for one would seem to be near to the main doors of the Memorial Hall, which the Hall committee have agreed to. We would welcome other suggestions of possible locations, so please get in touch and share your ideas so that we can give this further consideration before making any decisions.

Cllr Tracey McCartney



RESIGNATIONS

Cllr Noel Wills has recently resigned from the council as has John Ralston who was a co-opted member of the planning committee. We thank them for their work for the community.

As a result, we need to co-opt new members to the council. Please see the back page for more information and how to apply. Your village needs you. To apply you must of lived in the village for at least 12 months, and be prepared to attend a minimum of 2 meetings a month.