BADGERS MOUNT

PARISH

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MINUTES of a MEETING of BADGERS MOUNT PARISH COUNCIL
at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall on 4th October 2018 from 7.30 pm

Present   Cllr J Grint (JG)
           Cllr G Plumb (GP)
           Cllr T McCartney (TMC)

Others present: Mr Arthur Evans, Mr Simon Lake

Clerk   Geoff Dessent (in attendance)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Alistair Dunlop (AD)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 July and 6th September were agreed and signed and have been placed on the website.

3. Declarations of Interests

There were no interests declared by Councillors.

4. Public Session

The following was discussed:

- Bus Shelters repair work in hand and due to be completed before the inclement weather sets in for the Winter

- Mr Evans was concerned that one of the bins he has used for litter picking has been moved.

Action Clerk to seek advice from SDC on what has happened to this.

- At 7.00 pm on Friday, 21st September TM reported she walked past a construction site (on Kloof Milton Avenue) to find the site fence wide open with no visible locks in sight. This site has been excavated to prepare for a deep basement area and anyone could wander in there and fall into the hole.

TM has reported photographic evidence to SDC and we await a response. TM felt it was clearly dangerous and needs addressing as young children regularly play out/ride their bikes on what are, for the most part, very quiet, safe roads in Badgers Mount.

Action: Clerk to follow up concern with SDC.

It was agreed that the Kent CC waste recycling consultation should be publicised.

Action Clerk to add to the website latest news

5. District and County Councillor Reports

JG made the following points from his District Councillor perspective:

- .JG would get a briefing on the latest on the Sevenoaks Local Plan in late October and report back

- it was disappointing that there has been little representation over the past months by a Kent County Councillor at the Badgers Mount Parish Meetings

Action: Clerk to invite relevant County Councillor to get an update on bus services and verge cutting.

- it was agreed that all enquiries about Jenkins Neck wood should be made to the Clerk and then discussed with Councillors, rather than emails direct to individual Councillors.

Action: Clerk to make this clear to enquirers

6. Finance

All the accounts for payment submitted were approved. These have now all been paid.

7. Chairman's report

JG had nothing further to add to his previous comments from his District Councillor perspective.

8. Environment and Amenities (E and A) Committee

As Councillors had been so focussed on a possible Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish, JG asked that the E and A committee gave a full update at the November Council meeting.

9. Parish Councillors/Parish Clerk reports

A number of reports were made and discussed as follows:

9-1 Planning Applications/Determinations

There were no new planning applications and GP reported on some recent determinations.

.**9.2 Next Newsletter**

It was agreed that this should be produced in November coordinated by the Clerk and include items on, the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, update on the environment and amenities committee, update on the bus shelter improvement work and the bus services consultation.

9.3 Bus Shelters

This was discussion under the public session item (see above).

9.4 Draft Financial and Governance Risks assessments

This was agreed as drafted by the Clerk and has subsequently been adopted by the Council and placed on the Parish Council website.

9.5 Neighbourhood Plan

Parish Councillors noted Roger Kings (chairman of the Badgers Mount residents Association) letter in which he strongly supported the value in doing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish but felt it was not necessary to engage consultants to deliver a successful neighbourhood plan. It was agreed the PC would respond to this letter.

Action Clerk to draft a response to Roger for agreement by Councillors (done)

Councillors felt that the open meeting (held on 28th September) about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish was sufficiently positive that they should go ahead to seek designation of the parish for a Neighbourhood Area.

Action: Clerk to draft a designation request letter for agreement by Councillors and then submission to Sevenoaks District Council (done)

In responding to the question raised at the open meeting about the added value of a Neighbourhood Plan, the Clerk agreed to circulate two examples where Neighbourhood Plans has significantly influenced development proposal for the benefit of their local communities.

Action: Clerk to circulate to Councillors as above (done)

10 Items for Future Council meetings
- Co-option of a new Councillor to fill the exiting vacancy
- Precept for 2019/20

11. The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meetings:
- Planning meeting on 18th October at 7.30pm (other items may be discussed if required)
- Parish Council meeting 7.30pm November 15th (moved from 1st November due to Councillor availability)

All meetings to be held at Badgers Mount Memorial Hall.

Geoff Dessent
Clerk of Badgers Mount Parish Council   9th October 2018

Annex 1 -   ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS October 4th 2018

Receipts – None this month.

Cheque Number if appropriate	Amount (£)	Payee	Description	VAT
000138	390.00	Mr G H Dessent	Clerk's September pay	N/A
000139	97.50	HMRC	Tax due in September	N/A
Online payment	249.60	SDC	Emptying of waste bines – July – September 2018	41.60
Online Payment	12.63	Cllr G Plumb	Reimbursement for costs of NP meeting flier production	N/A

Note: The Clerk have not yet submitted any costs for paper or ink. These have been small to date and absorbed in the Limpsfield Clerk's expenses costs, given Badgers Mount Parish Council's contribution to Limpsfield PC to the Clerk's annual home office expenses and SLCC membership.