

Minutes of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 4th Dec 2025** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**.

Meeting attended by : *Cllr Plumb, Cllr Dunlop, Cllr McCartney, Clerk & 25 residents*

Meeting started: 19:30

MINUTES

1. *APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*: Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Grint & Cllr Lake.
2. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: The approval of minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 October 2025 were deferred to next meeting.
3. *DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE 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. No declarations were made
4. *PUBLIC SESSION*: This session focused on the proposed reduction of the speed limit on the A224 (Orpington Bypass). All comments and feedback are recorded under Item 8.1.
5. *DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT*:
6. *FINANCE AND STAFFING*
 - 6.1. Accounts for Payments approved
 - 6.2. Bank Reconciliation done
 - 6.3. Budget Preparation – A Finance Committee meeting will be held on **10 December**. Recommendations will be circulated ahead of the next Parish Council meeting.
 - 6.4. CIL Report 2024-25 & Allocation of CIL monies - The CIL report will be prepared and published on the Parish Council website.
7. *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*: None presented
8. *CLERKS REPORTS*
 - 8.1. A224 speed reduction from 50 mph & 40 mph – Consultation: The Parish Council outlined its ongoing work with KCC over recent years to secure a reduction in speed limits on the A224. Two ATS surveys have been completed, and Kent Highways is now in principle agreement to begin the formal process. Residents welcomed this progress and raised concerns about high traffic speeds, difficulty crossing the road—particularly for children and older residents—unsafe conditions for pedestrians, and challenges turning into Badgers Road and Highland Road. The Parish Council confirmed that a village-wide consultation will be carried out via social media, online forms, and a door-to-door leaflet included in the Community Newsletter. Residents were encouraged to participate so the Council can proceed to the next stage.
 - 8.2. Plan 2042 – SDC Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation : The Council discussed the proposals for meeting future housing needs and reviewed key Local Plan topics relevant to Badgers Mount.
 - 8.3. Community Newsletter – Winter edition : It was agreed that the A224 speed consultation will be prominently featured to ensure all households, including those not on social media, are informed. The newsletter will be distributed before Christmas.

9. *AMENITIES/PROJECTS/SAFETY*

- 9.1. Winter readiness – The Council noted that KCC provides grit bins on main routes and the Parish Council has installed additional bins in key locations. Residents were reminded that bins are for community road use only, not private driveways. The Council also highlighted safe winter driving routes, noting that Highland Road is generally safer than the steeper Badgers Road junction during icy conditions.
- 9.2. Wording for Parking board on verge on the Milton road-Badgers Road junction : Several wording options were discussed. A final version will be agreed at the next meeting.

10. *PLANNING*: No planning applications were received.

Meeting ended: 21:30