

MINUTES of the Badgers Mount Parish Council held on **Thursday 5th December 2024** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**.

Meeting Started: 19:30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No apologies
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval for minutes of the meeting for Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November 2024 via email
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: None
4. PUBLIC SESSION: Email by C. Merrit regarding the garbage behind Highlands Road & wanted owners to be connected. Cllr Grint to provide contact details to Colin to get in touch with the land owners.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: Special extraordinary meeting of the District Council 17th Dec to discuss the submissions the Council for the re-warding of the District. More details to be provided as they are released
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments – Payments approved
 - 6.2. Bank Reconciliation: moved to next meeting
 - 6.3. Budgets & Precept for 2025-26: The Finance Committee met the week before to work on past spends & budgets & presented the workings to the full Council . The Council has agreed that while the expenditure forecasted is higher than last years Precept, the Precept for 2025-26 will remain the same as last year at £18,920. In case of the PC incurring additional expenditure, it will be met through the reserves accumulated.
 - 6.4. CIL Report for 2023-24: No spends have been incurred on infrastructure projects as of now as the Council is waiting to build the amount. The CIL to be submitted to SDC by end of December 2024
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. Ordering & installation of flower boxes & bench – All agreed and amount approved
 - 8.2. Kent Highways HIP finalisation - The HIP was discussed and approved subject to some name changes in the document. Document now needs to be submitted to KCC
 - 8.3. The Parish Council Domains Helper Service: There is a new regulation coming into place shortly and the Government is encouraging all Parish Councils to move to .gov.uk domain and all Councillor & Clerk emails to move to .gov.uk council owned email addresses. Clerk to attend training sessions organised by the PC Domains Helper Service & start the process of migration
 - 8.4. Badgers Mount Community Newsletter – Winter Edition: Request for editorial contributions made, content decided. The Newsletter to be finalised & printed/distributed before Christmas
 - 8.5. Where are all the Benches – a Community Project: Initiated on a country wide level to identify and map locations of all benches in a community and convert to a digital app to make it easy for anyone to find a bench near them while out and about. Cllr Plumb to be the BMPC contact for providing necessary data
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS24/02486/HOUSE
 - 9.1. Badgers Road/Highland Road Junction: The Parish Council has received concerns from residents regarding vehicle speeds and limited visibility at the junction of Badgers Road and Highland Road, which pose potential safety risks for both drivers and pedestrians. Instances of vehicles losing control or narrowly avoiding pedestrians have been noted. After careful consideration of the situation and possible interventions, the Council has concluded that a sensible and practical first step would be to clear the overgrown hedges around the bend to improve visibility. Additionally, the installation of

traffic signs to encourage drivers to reduce their speed will be pursued. These measures are intended to enhance safety at the junction by improving visibility for all road users and encouraging more cautious driving behaviour.

- 9.2. Salt Bins & Salt : In preparation for a cold spell, BMPC has already ordered salt/sand bags from KCC to top up the salt bins owned by Kent Highways. In addition to that, the Council has agreed to purchase additional Salt bags to fill the salt bins owned by the Parish Council. Cllr Plumb to place the order.

10. PLANNING

- 10.1. 24/02486/HOUSE: 30 Old London Road Badgers Mount Kent TN14 7AE Development: Erection of a single storey rear extension. Alteration to fenestration – No objection by the Parish Council
- 10.2. 24/03167/WTPO: Barnetts Wood Chelsfield Lane Shoreham Kent. Development: Mixed Species Tree Group - Reduce in height by 3-4m to clear the line-of-sight obstruction within the woodland.
- 10.3. 24/01874/FUL: Polhill Business Centre Polhill Halstead Kent TN14 7AA. Development: Change of use from warehouse B8 to gym Class E. Additional details have been supplied in relation to parking provision and amended site plan: Changes Noted

It was agreed that the Council will not meet on Thursday 2nd January 2025. Instead the next meeting would be Thursday 16th January 2025

Meeting ended : 21:50 hours