

MINUTES of the Badgers Mount Parish Council meeting held on **Thursday 7th of December 2023** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.30 pm**.

Meeting Started: 19:30 hours

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No Apologies
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the of the Parish Council Meeting held on November 2nd, 2023, approved
3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS: No interest declared.
4. PUBLIC SESSION: No emails received.
5. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT: The District Councillor provided a heads up for the proposed PSPO to address the excessive levels of noise, nuisance and risk of harm caused by car cruising/racing on Hewitts roundabout and surrounding roads. Once approved by SDC committee, a consultation will be launched for the residents. At the end of the Consultation the Cabinet will decide whether the PSPO is to be implemented, possibly from May 2024 onwards.
6. FINANCE AND STAFFING
 - 6.1. Accounts for Payments approved.
 - 6.2. End of November Bank Reconciliations approved.
 - 6.3. Budgets 2024-25 - Approved.
7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - None
8. CLERKS REPORTS
 - 8.1. ATC surveys on A224 Orpington Bypass & Old London & meeting with Kent Highways: While the ATC surveys have indicated compliance with traffic speed limits largely, the Parish Council is continuing to pursue the reduction in speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph with Kent Highways for the safety & confidence of the Residents. Kent Highways are reviewing this request, and they will get back to the PC in the new year.
 - 8.2. Neighbourhood Plan update – The Parish Council wants to progress on the Neighbourhood Plan despite no resident's response to volunteer for the Steering Committee despite advertising in the Newsletter. External consultants, O'Neill Homer, previously involved pre-Covid are happy to continue their support. Clerk & Head of Steering Committee tasked with summarising the project's history and outline the steps needed in the New Year and obtain a quote for future consultations.
 - 8.3. Christmas Lights – The Parish Council would like to thank to the volunteers who have adopted the planters for putting up the Christmas lights on the village planters/signs. The Parish Council has received positive feedback about the lights as it lends a festive look to the village.
 - 8.4. BM Community Newsletter distribution update & feedback – There has been no feedback submitted yet.
9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS
 - 9.1. Response to SDC consultation on Plan 2040 – Regulation 18 Part 2. The Parish Council has already submitted a detailed response to the Part 1 of the consultation and the responses remain broadly the same. The PC will be reviewing the consultation papers again to see if there are any elements in there that might have an impact on our own Neighbourhood Plan and respond accordingly.
 - 9.2. Swanley Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation. The Parish Council has noted this and will be keeping an eye on the outcome of this consultation.
 - 9.3. Developments on land along OBP near Hewitts Roundabout-Balancing Pond & Electric Sub-station – The Council will try to connect with the landowners and try and find out future plans for the land
 - 9.4. Kent Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2024-2034 Consultation – Response to be drafted for the consultation to include the drainage problems at Polhill road as well as the one near Hewitts roundabout to find long term solutions to the problem.
10. PLANNING

- 10.1. 23/03226/HOUSE - Timberden House Shacklands Road Shoreham Kent TN14 7TX - Removal of existing dormers and solar panels. First floor rear extension. Replacement conservatory and replacement porch with associated works. Conversion of second floor from habitable to attic space. Alterations to fenestration. – No Comments
- 10.2. 23/02837/FUL - Land at Rosemount & Hengist Badgers Road Badgers Mount Sevenoaks Kent TN14 7AT - Amended plans to reduce the scale of two of the four dwellings, removal of Construction Management Plan from the proposal. Respond as a no objection to the revised planning application and put further comments on inclusion of the construction management plan before the application is approved by the Planning Team.

Meeting Ended: 21:30 hours