

MINUTES of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 5th Feb 2026** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.00 pm**.

Attended by: *Cllr Tony Marshall, Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr McCartney, Cllr Lake, PC Harry Watson*

Meeting started: 19:10

MINUTES

1. *APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*: Apologies were received from Cllr Dunlop.
2. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 January 2026 were approved.
3. *DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS*: No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.
4. *PUBLIC SESSION*: Cllr Tony Marshall from Halstead Parish Council attended the meeting to introduce himself and provide an update regarding road-racing activity near Hewitts Roundabout. He advised that residents should always provide the correct postcode when reporting incidents so that calls are directed to the appropriate police force, whether the Metropolitan Police or Kent Police. He noted that police teams continue to monitor online sources, including the dark web, for intelligence on planned racing events, although such information is inconsistent and subject to change. Residents were encouraged to report any concerns when it is safe to do so but were reminded not to put themselves in danger.
5. *DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT*: Updates were provided on the LGA statutory consultation concerning proposals submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for unitary local government arrangements in Kent and Medway. The consultation closes on 26 March 2026. It was also reported that the budgeting process is underway at Sevenoaks District Council, and that development plans are progressing for regeneration of the Sevenoaks Leisure Centre area.
6. *FINANCE AND STAFFING*
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments: The accounts for payment were approved.
 - 6.2. Bank Reconciliation: The bank reconciliation was noted. A letter had been received from NatWest confirming the closure of the Orpington branch. Cllr Plumb will investigate whether the Parish Council's account can be transferred to the Sevenoaks branch and will also review the current status of authorised signatories.
7. *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*: The Chairman reported that there were no new matters to raise.
8. *CLERKS REPORTS*
 - 8.1. A224 speed reduction from 50 mph & 40 mph: The Clerk reported on the A224 speed-reduction consultation. The door-to-door survey concluded at the end of January, with 242 households surveyed in total. Of these, 156 were in favour of the proposed reduction and 86 did not respond, giving an overall support level of 64%. Only three respondents expressed opposition, and all stated they would not object given the majority support. The Clerk will prepare the final report for submission to KCC before the end of February.
 - 8.2. Consider the idea of a Street Representative within the village: The idea of introducing a Street Representative scheme within the village was proposed. Councillors expressed general support for the concept, and further discussion on operational details will take place at the next meeting.
 - 8.3. Agreement on the Annual Parish Meeting to be combined with BMRA & Hall Committee: It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held jointly with BMRA and the Hall Committee. The Clerk will liaise with Kent Police to arrange for a representative from the Fraud Prevention Team to speak at the event.
9. *AMENITIES/PROJECTS/SAFETY*
 - 9.1. Wording for Parking board on verge on the Milton road-Badgers Road junction: Discussion on the wording for the parking board at the Milton Road/Badgers Road junction was deferred to the next meeting. Councillors considered options for grit scoops and agreed to purchase scoops and secure them to the grit boxes to prevent them from being misplaced.
10. *PLANNING*: No planning matters were raised.

Meeting finished : 20:30