

MINUTES of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 15th Jan 2026** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.00 pm**.

Attended by : Meeting attended by: Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr McCartney & Clerk.

Meeting started: 19:05

MINUTES

1. *APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*: Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Dunlop and Cllr Lake
2. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th of Dec 2025 was approved
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*: None
5. *DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT*: Cllr Williams sent apologies for being unable to attend. SDC is currently considering options regarding the LGA reorganisation.
 - 5.1. The Council expressed its condolences on the passing of Cllr Gary Williamson, District Councillor for Halstead, Knockholt & Badgers Mount. Members noted his dedication, love for the community, and the respect he commanded. His absence will be deeply felt, and his contribution will be difficult to replace.
6. *FINANCE AND STAFFING*
 - 6.1. Approve Accounts for Payments - Approved
 - 6.2. Bank Reconciliation – reconciled
 - 6.3. Budget 2026-27 – The Council reviewed the proposed budget strategy, which includes running a small deficit funded from reserves. It was recommended that the precept remain unchanged from the previous year. Additional infrastructure expenditure, if required, may be supported by CIL receipts. The precept was confirmed at **£18,920**, unchanged from last year. The Budget for 2026–27 was unanimously approved. Clerk to inform SDC on this.
 - 6.4. CIL Report 2024-25 & allocation of CIL monies for 2026-27-Latest reports have been published on the Parish Council website. Allocation of CIL monies to be decided after decision on the speed reduction on the A224 is confirmed
7. *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT* : No further reports were presented.
8. *CLERKS REPORTS*
 - 8.1. A224 speed reduction from 50 mph & 40 mph – Consultation results & next steps: Preliminary consultation responses were low, with participation between 25–35% depending on the street. No opposition to the proposed speed reduction was identified, but engagement levels were insufficient. A social media, WhatsApp, and email campaign was conducted in early December, followed by a newsletter delivered to all households. A door-to-door campaign will now be undertaken, focusing particularly on Old London Road, Badgers Road, and Johnsons Avenue, to understand the low response rate. Deadline for completion: End of January. The Clerk will prepare the final report for submission to KCC thereafter.
 - 8.2. Agreed dates for 2026 – Annual Parish Meeting for 16th April & Annual Parish Council Meeting for 7th May

9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS/SAFETY

9.1. Wording for Parking board on verge on the Milton road-Badgers Road junction Deferred to the next meeting for all Councillors to agree on the final wording.

10. PLANNING:

10.1. 25/03318/FUL : Site: Oak Tree Farm London Road Badgers Mount Halstead Kent TN14 7AB. Development: Use of dwelling for office purposes. Extension of existing car park to provide 2 disabled parking bays, planting and cycle stands. Deadline – 3rd Feb 2026 The Council raised no objections to the application. However, concerns were expressed regarding health and safety implications of establishing workspaces adjacent to a waste-burning site. Appropriate assessments and mitigation measures should be undertaken to safeguard future occupants.

10.2. **Additional Note:** Regarding the Perran Planning Application (25/03035/OUT, Perran, Charles Road, Badgers Mount TN14 7BB), although SDC has granted outline permission, the Parish Council will continue to monitor subsequent applications to ensure minimal disruption to neighbouring properties due to the site's location.

Meeting Ended: 21:30