

MINUTES of the Badgers Mount Parish Council Meeting held on **Thursday 6TH Nov 2025** in Badgers Mount Memorial Hall at **7.00 pm.**

Meeting attended by: *Cllr Grint, Cllr Plumb, Cllr McCartney, 1 resident, Clerk*

Meeting started: 19:10

MINUTES

1. *APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*: Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Dunlop and Cllr Lake.
2. *APPROVAL OF MINUTES*: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 October 2025 were approved and signed.
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*: The Parish Council expressed its thanks to the residents who reported dangerous trees along the Ridgeway between Highland Road and Milton Avenue. Appreciation was also recorded for the agencies who carried out the tree-cutting work promptly and to a high standard.
5. *DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT*: The District Councillor reported that SDC passed a motion of no confidence in Cllr Roddy Hogarth's leadership. Council also noted that Cllr Gary Williamson had been hospitalised following an accident but was recovering. A brief update was provided on Local Government Reorganisation, with SDC supporting a proposal for three new unitary authorities in Kent, while Town and Parish Councils remain unaffected.
6. *FINANCE AND STAFFING*
 - 6.1. Accounts for Payments - approved
 - 6.2. Bank Reconciliation – Deferred to the next meeting.
7. *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT* – Nothing more to report
8. *CLERKS REPORTS*
 - 8.1. Saturday Freighter Service – A survey conducted both online and at the 1 November freighter session showed: 40% regular users who highly value the service, 40% intermittent users who value the service, 20% non-users. The Council will await SDC's decision on whether the service will continue in 2026 before considering next steps.
 - 8.2. Plan 2042 – SDC Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation : The Clerk will draft the Parish Council's response.
 - 8.3. Making Parish Council documents accessible to meet WCAG 2.2 guidelines: The Clerk attended training on improving accessibility of council documents. The Council supports making documents as accessible as possible, recognising this will be a gradual process. Residents with visual impairments are encouraged to contact the Clerk if they require accessible versions of documents.
 - 8.4. KCC Survey – Shape Kent's new Walking & Cycling itineraries : The Clerk will draft a response to the consultation.

9. AMENITIES/PROJECTS/SAFETY

9.1. Memorial Hall Committee Member: A vacancy on the Memorial Hall Committee was noted. Cllr Tracey McCartney was nominated and agreed to serve as the Parish Council's representative.

10. PLANNING:

10.1. 25/02129/OUT - Former Broke Hill Golf Club Sevenoaks Road. : Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) for up to 660 dwellings (Use Class C3), a retirement village of up to 150 units (Use Class C2) and care home Class C2) together with a primary school, local centre, cafe and country park with associated car parking and landscaping. Deadline: 12/11/2025: The Parish Council resolved to **oppose** the application for up to 660 dwellings, a retirement village, care home, school and associated facilities. Reasons included:

Significant traffic impact on the A224 and Old London Road

Insufficient infrastructure

Loss of high-performing Green Belt

The Clerk will draft and submit the Council's objection to SDC before the deadline.

Meeting ended : 21:45