



Badgers Mount Residents' Association

THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2024
MEMORIAL HALL, HIGHLAND ROAD
7:30pm

Minutes

- Apologies for Absence:

Davis and Carol Masters; Colin Merritt; Dugal Dick; Don and Maureen Bourne, Sabrina Thompson, Steve, Alison Chase, Noel Wills, Srini & Sejuti Roy, Adrien Dunlop, Gail Baker, Margaret May, Dave and Gladys Bonnage, John Grint

1. *Presentation from Alan Watson Speed watch Manager (PC Jason Wright in attendance)*

- Patrol 3000 areas with 1400 volunteers, it's just a speed watch for roads over 40 mph and report back any speeding concerns
- To run a Speed watch, you need 6 people minimum and they will lend the equipment to record the results to upload onto a website

For Consideration

- 90% of vehicles recorded on speed watch are not seen again for the next 12month period, if the repeat offends a letter is sent to them, the information is not shared with police,
- The data is reviewed for hotspots, collated, and sent to highways to review.
- Only roads with traffic regulation orders are reviewed and tickets can be issued.
- Speed watch will also look out for suspicious vehicles/commercial vehicles and motorcycles are also reviewed.
- All 20/30 Speed categories in the Kent area have been reduced in the last 8 years 'except 40mph, since covid which has increased'.
- Speed watch once implemented will take a while to start to see results
- School commute – drop off and pick up are the peak times for speeding.
- Nuisance Cars – This is monitored by the special police, Kent Police
- PSPO – Can only be enforced by the PCSO/Police – If you have Dashcam footage and photos of the licence plates (please do not put yourself in danger)

Questions raised.

- Council can advise on renting Speed Camera's – Ask from Resident (temporary ASB Camera)
- Speedwatch Cannot be used at night
- PSPO Signs – are on order but we do not have a confirmed delivery date
- Report to 101 – contact local beat officer, use your postcode – Hewitts is under Metropolitan Police (*Use What 3 words to report the Speeding*)
- CSU.sevenoaks@Kentpolice.co.uk
- Online Reporting – Please select road related incident – Use the online Live Chat Kent – Use the What 3 words location when reporting '*What 3 Words 'Deep Stable Taxi'/Cheek Small Defender*

- Let the BMPC know if you want to restart speedwatch and have the volunteers

2. Report from Halstead Monday Seniors Club. This may be from BMRA Secretary.

- Has been running for 66 years
- Lots of activities
- Days Trips (Garden Centres/National Trusts/English Heritage)
- Runs Every other Week at Halstead Hall
- Arthur Evans can provide contact details if required

3. Report from Nesbit House Care Home

- Introduce their new Community Rep – appointed Q2 24
- Residents want to be part of the community; they love the local communicate attending events
- 5th Birthday Party upcoming – Hog Roast – Watch this space – more will be shared on socials

4. Matters arising from the minutes and not covered elsewhere.

It was agreed last year that the 2024 AGM will return to being held in May. It has been changed this year to facilitate an accurate Finance Report. 2025 BMRA AGM will be 8th May 2025.

5. Presentation of the Chairperson's Report including:-

a. Report on Planning matters (Gordon Plumb)

- Redevelopment of Hengist – Top end of Badgers Road – watch this space (Developer will engage with the community on problems etc...)
- Suggested - Contribution from Developers to contribute to the road fund????

b. Report on Entertainment matters (Zena Belton)

- Coffee Morning – every Thursday morning @ the Memorial Hall
- Badgers Sett – Thursdays Evenings
- Pop-up pub – This is a family event that runs on the first Friday of each month
- Village Clean up – 29th June Including bacon butties, meet @ Memorial Hall 9.30am
- Stay and Play – Activity morning – TBC – please reach out if you have any suggestions.
- Nesbitt House – Childrens Cinema Evening – TBC – After exams – Dates to follow
- Xmas Craft Fair
- Santas workshop
- Gin Tasting Evening
- Quiz Nights
- Out and About – Badgers Mount – Summer Make-over
- Hall – now has Wifi
- AOB – Bingo /Childrens Gaming event

c. Report on Neighbourhood Watch (Arthur Evans)

- Neighbourhood watch is working.
- Crime Rate is low versus the rest of the surrounding areas
- Paul – still has CCTV signs to buy for £5 each
- If we want to continue an 'official neighbourhood watch' please contact Arthur
- If the need arises, we can call a meeting

6. Presentation of Accounts, Treasurer's Report and appointment of Auditor.

- Coronation weekend - £5.42 profit from Neighbourhood events
- Social Events - £250 profit
- Footpath repair – local residents laid the path – part was funded, part was paid by the BMRA
- Interest on the account has increased but interest rates from July 24 will be going down again so this will reduce
- Recommendation to group all the reserves into 1 grouping
- BMRA pay for the hall hire the hall is owned by the parish council
- John Grint is prepared to continue as the auditor

7. Appointment of the Committee.

Thanks to the outgoing Committee.

The Chairman Zena Belton has completed the term of office and will stand as a committee member

Dulcie Marshall is standing down, due to work commitments, we would like to thank her for her help and support.

- Community concerns are what matter.
- Make Badgers Mount feels safe and entertained.
- Make everyone welcome.

All others are willing to stand for re-election. We need as many committee members as possible; many hands make light work. Would anybody else like to join us?

(1) Chairperson – Arthur Evens (nominated by Lawrie/Nick)

(2) Vice- Chair - Committee to discuss how that role is covered (at the next meeting in July)

(3) Secretary - Stacey/Sarah (Co.) – Nominations - Nick/Rob

(4) Treasurer – Gordon – Nominations Maureen/Jen

(5) All existing members are nominated by Jen and Maureen to remain.

New Members – We are thrilled to welcome to the committee 😊

Jen Heathfield-Lee - Nominated by Lawrie

Maureen Evens - Nominated by Diane/Sarah

8. Any other business.

Kids Events – Gaming Event at the hall – Watch this space

The Sunflower Seeds - have been delivered to every household. If you want to take part in the BM Competition, all flowers must be visible from the walkway. If not please send the secretary any photos, so that we can all enjoy them.

Parish Council Survey – please complete Online or paper copies passed on to Alistair

The next BMRA Committee meeting is 7:30pm Thursday 11th July 2024 at Memorial Hall.

The next BMRA AGM meeting is 7:30pm Thursday 8th May 2025 at Memorial Hall.