

**PRECIS MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BADLESMERE  
VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.**

**PRESENT.** Cllrs Harbour, Atkins, Scutt and Austin and 1 member of the public. Apologies received from Cllr Snell and Cllr Prescott. There were no declarations of changes in pecuniary interest or in items on the agenda.

Previous meetings were read and approved.

**SCHOOL PATH.** The chippings have settled nicely and we now need an estimate for of type 1 for topping. Wychling contractors have been approached and will supply details for the next meeting.

**RURAL SOCIAL HOUSING.** The new plans which have yet to be submitted to S.B.C look considerably attractive and the Parish Council are really pleased with the design. The Clerk will contact Swale with the views of the Parish Council.

**BADLESMERE DEFIBRILLATOR.** This is now installed in the telephone box on private land and the necessary authorities informed.

**FINANCES.** The Clerk was authorised to purchase the latest edition of Arnold Baker. The Parish Council approved an application for the Transparency Fund. Cheques for the Councillors allowances were signed. Cheque for the latest edition of the Good Employers Guide was signed.

**PLANNING.** Decisions on previous planning matters were confirmed. Halls Bottom Cottage -Parish Council fully support. 6 Morgan Kirby Gardens-2<sup>nd</sup> application- Parish Council oppose the application-The 2 dormer windows are too big & clumsy for the small roof & the infill to the garage doors is awkward & unpleasant. The proposal still overlooks neighbouring properties and would seriously detract the pleasant character of the neighbourhood.

**SWALE KALC.** Chairman congratulated Cllr Austin on becoming Vice Chairman of Swale KALC and on his election to the Joint Transportation Board, the Standards committee, Finance & General Purposes Committee and to the KALC executive. Cllr Austin reported that the previous meeting had concentrated on the election of officers but there had also been a presentation by S B C on Flood awareness.

**KCC Waste Development Strategy.** Councillors had all read the email but felt that waste opportunities for residents were being eroded, particularly at Salters Road Site where more and more waste is no longer accepted.

**NALC Community Housing Survey.** The survey has been completed on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Austin. However he considered that the questionnaire lacked the opportunity for divergent views.

**FLOOD WARDEN.** No action required for the Parishes.  
KCC Consultation on local transport plan- Not applicable to the Parishes.

**KCC-Police unsafe & illegally parked HGV's.** There is still a problem in the lay by halfway along the edge of Badlesmere Lees. It is a particular problem with foreign

registered articulated vehicles staying overnight. Signage prohibiting such action may be the answer. Cllr Austin will raise it at the next Joint Transportation Board.

**National Development Meetings on Strategic Partnerships.** KCC are pulling back on such things as verge cutting etc. They are expecting Parish Councils to take up the slack .KALC have discussed this in detail. There are possibilities whereby several local councils combine with contracts for such events and this could reduce the cost. Possible future liaisons could be achieved with Throwley and Ospringe.

**Kent Men of Trees.** Quarterly booklet was handed to the Chairman.

**Waste Bins.**The problem with replacing the waste bin inserts in Sheldwich persist. The Chairman has been unable to find a company manufacturing inserts of the correct size. Cllr Austin will approach a blacksmith.

The next meeting will be in Sheldwich Parish Rooms on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8p.m.