

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, E Sier, J Crittall, R Baxter, W Martineau, B. Cllr Bull & C. Cllr J Spicer.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs M Dolan & S Lusher

2.Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 5th October 2016 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public

There were no questions from the public.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer has spoken to the school and they are arranging for the hedge on Bardwell Road to be cut back. They are also undertaking a road safety audit and will be asking parents to be considerate when parking. Cllr Spicer is trying to arrange a vehicle survey on the Hepworth Road so an informed decision can be made regarding the possible placement of a HGV restriction on this road. Cllr Spicer is going to speak to officers at SCC to find out if any formal approach has been made by Pigeon Development regarding development of land in Barningham. Cllr Bull will also discuss this matter with officers at SEBC. It was noted that Samantha Bye, SCC, confirmed that there was no question of a roundabout at the shop junction as there just isn't room.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull is having a meeting with Cllr Baxter to discuss the Emergency Plan for Barningham. There are new guidelines for recycling, a notice is being sent to every household with the information.

7. Police Report

The latest newsletter was not available prior to the meeting but will be circulated once it becomes available.

Meeting reconvened

8.1. Chairman

8.1.1 Police meeting.

The Chairman and the Clerk attended the recent police update meeting in Bury. Concerns were raised about cars racing around Skyliner Way in Bury, the increase in violence associated with hare coursing and the problems of rough sleepers in Bury. Several those presents complained about the lack of detail and information, at a local level, being produced in the monthly newsletter. This matter is being looked into.

8.2 Clerk:

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8.2.1 Bench, outside shop, to agree design.

It was agreed to purchase a 'Borth' bench, in brown, for outside the shop. The Clerk will make arrangements for its purchase and installation.

Action Clerk

8.2.2 Highway matters.

Three new poles have been erected to take the portable VAS. The one in Church Road has been put in the wrong place. They also appear to be mini columns rather than just posts. There has been some communication between Mr Coote, a resident of Lingwood Close and Hopkins Homes regarding outstanding matters on the close. In this reply Mr Hopkins refers to 'three LED speed restriction lights' which may explain the use of columns rather than posts. Cllr Spicer has asked Samantha Bye to look in to this matter. It would appear that the gate, dragon's teeth and 30 mph roundels have also been installed. The Streetlight in Lingwood Close is still to be moved but an update on progress has been promised. The Wheatland sign should be removed soon.

8.2.3 Lychgate gate, replacement.

The Clerk is meeting with the contractor at 11am on Friday to discuss our requirements. It was also noted that the small gate needs some attention. The Clerk will ask if he can attend to this as well.

Action Clerk

9 Finance.

9.1 To consider payments. The Following payments were approved and signed by two signatories.

9.1.1 S Wilson, wages for October	101602	£234.18
9.1.2 V Gay. Wages for October	101603	£864.04
9.1.3 HMRC tax & NI for October	101604	£168.72
9.1.4 V Gay, Expenses	101605	£70.36
9.1.5 BVH, hall hire	101606	£34.50
9.1.6 Royal British Legion	101607	£50.00

9.2 2017/18 Budget to consider budget for 2017/18.

The Clerk has prepared some figures, reflecting the effect on the precept, based on some different budget projections. It was decided to wait until a firm decision regarding the Neighbourhood plan was made, as this could have considerable financial implications, before the final budget was confirmed.

9.3 S137 Donations

The Clerk will circulate some information from organisations who have made inquiries to the Parish Council asking for a donation.

10. GP Surgery at Hopton.

Hopton /doctors have asked for the following letter to be publicised:

'The engagement events held at Stanton and Hopton Village Halls gave patients and other stakeholders the opportunity to ask us the questions they needed to. They also served as a good forum for us to explain to our patients the rationale behind the difficult decisions we have had to take recently.

We received some very constructive comments, suggestions and feedback. These comments, along with the report covering the engagement events, will be published on our website soon. We attended Suffolk County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee on the 12th October and provided a verbal summary of these events and the feedback given.

It has become apparent through these events, as well as having attended the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting, that our position on service provision in Hopton has been misunderstood by some. We maintain, and this has not changed, that if a suitable facility becomes available in Hopton which is cost-neutral for us as compared to the previous arrangements, we will be happy to provide GP clinics there. Unfortunately we have not been able to obtain NHS funding to either build a new surgery ourselves, or to meet the on-going costs of running it. Some attendees of our engagement events had heard that we no longer wished to provide a service in Hopton. The same sentiment was voiced at the Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting and this is simply not correct.

At a meeting with Hopton Parish Council and District Council representatives on 22nd April 2016 we had a frank discussion about what the Practice is (and is not) in a position to do

concerning premises. Our architect's drawings were shared with the Parish Council so that they could investigate the possibility of a community-funded facility. We reiterated that we are willing to provide GP clinics in Hopton if a cost-neutral community-funded solution is found.

Interest in being part of our Patient Participation Group has increased as a result of the engagement events. We will be contacting those interested in the PPG shortly to further scope appetite for face-to-face meetings to complement the virtual contributions.

A common theme from the feedback of our engagement events was that the improvement of communications from the Practice was felt to have been helpful. Our commitment is to maintain our communication bulletins through e-mail, our website, parish notice boards, newsletters etc. as and when we have new information or updates to share. We hope that this will help patients feel involved, and would like to assure you all that constructive feedback on any matter will always be welcomed by us.'

The Parish Council feel this is a mismatch to previous email correspondence where the doctors made it clear that they did not wish to stay in the village.

11. Cricket Meadow. Update on opening and outstanding matters

The opening event was a low key but pleasant affair and hopefully there will be a piece in the local press soon.

There have been complaints about the size of the goal. Unfortunately, those who have made the complaint have not come to the meeting. The clerk will investigate if the goal provided is a suitable size. The table tennis table has been repaired and the new signage has been put up. The new seat hasn't arrived yet and the bin keys are still outstanding. We are also still waiting for the rowing machine to be replaced. It was decided to wait until these matters have been resolved and for clarification of the goal size, before the balance of the payment is made.

12. Review of Emergency plan

As mentioned under Cllr Bulls report Cllr Baxter is meeting with Cllr Bull to finalise the plan. A self-help emergency advice card will be delivered, alongside the newsletter and questionnaire, to all the houses in the village.

13. Village Hall / Sandy Lane Parking

The Clerk is still waiting for a price from the contractor and a plan from SCC. She will chase both.

Action Clerk

14. Neighbourhood Plan

The questionnaires have been printed and will be delivered shortly. The Clerk will arrange for a collection box to be placed in the shop.

Action Clerk

15. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

Cllr Baxter has been feeding the hedgehogs at Aggies Piece. Speedwatch have been out a few times recently. They have had four new applicants, two of whom have already been passed. The local PSCO has been asked to come out and give some training. It was suggested that members from Barningham might join forces with members from Hepworth and Coney Weston in a bid to increase numbers.

Action Cllr Sier/Clerk

16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Sier has done a review of assets in the village. He noted that several the wooden benches could do would a good clean, rub down and re-stain. The Clerk will see if the Village Caretaker could take care of this.

Action Clerk

There are moles again in the Lawn Cemetery. We will monitor the situation.

Cllr Baxter reported that the footpath discussed last month that had been ploughed up, has been made useable again by cutting back the branches adjacent to it.

17. Caretakers report

Extra work this month has come in the form of my occasional weeding of the elevated path opposite the Spar; I also used my shears to cut the overhanging vegetation back. Aggie's Piece is much easier to access now and I will try to keep things neat with my secateurs as I pick litter there. There have been lots of brambles to get to grips with in both cemeteries.

Leaf fall is only now becoming evident so there will be lots of sweeping of Church Road in addition to the copper beech debris at the Lychgate.

18. Cemetery

No report this month.

19. Planning Matters

19.1 22 Bishops Croft, Retention of 1.8m fence. **No Objection.**

19.2 DC/16/2147/TPO | TPO 345 (2002) - Tree Preservation Order - (i) 1no. Beech (T1 on plan, T3 on order) prune by up to 2.5 metres in length to provide up to 2.5 metres of clearance from dwellings at Beech House and 9 St Andrews Close, selectively reduce extended lateral limbs on Western aspect by up to 2 metres in length and lift crown to 4 metres over lawn at Beech House; (ii) 1no. Norway Maple (T2 on plan, T2 on order) fell | Beech House Millers Yard Hopton Road Barningham . **No Objection.**

19.3 DC/16/2222/HH | Householder Planning Application - two storey rear and side extension to include attached single garage (following demolition of existing rear utility room) | 10 Hepworth Road Barningham IP31 1BP. **No Objection.**

20. Correspondence for information

20.1 SCC, Highways Matters - Edition 9. Circulated

20.2 West Suffolk Parish and Town Conference - Monday 14 November 2016

21. Date of next meeting: 7th December 2016

22. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

22.1 Personnel Issues None

22.2 Legal Issues. None