

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

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr M Dolan

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 1st March 2017 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public

Mr Milton talked to Cllr Spicer about the problem of cars, especially at School drop off and pick up time, in Bardwell Road. It was noted that the School has cut back the hedge, which has helped. It was proposed to put this item on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

It was noted that the new lights at the school were very good. Broadband speeds seem to be improving in the village.

It was noted that Bishops Croft has been resurfaced. Although the Croft now looks good concerns were raised over the decision to resurface there when other roads, such as Church Road, seem in greater need of re-surfacing. The Clerk and Cllr Spicer will investigate this matter further.

Action Cllr Spicer/Clerk

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer reported that it is unclear if the experimental road restriction, B1111 East Harling, has increased traffic through the village. This will continue to be monitored.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull will continue to chase dates for planning training, to be provided by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Action Clerk

7. Police Report

No report received.

Meeting reconvened

8.1. Chairman

8.1.1 Meeting re- Broadband in Rural areas

The chairman provided the following report on the recent Broadband meeting: - Member of Parliament, Matthew Hancock – in his capacity as Minister with responsibility for Broadband as well as our West Suffolk MP. March 3 2017 – Bardwell Tithe Barn

A DIGITAL WORLD Talk by Andrew Smith PC for Bardwell Borough Councillor

Problems are:

- Digital inclusion
- Access to P. Services
- Solid infrastructure
- Not spots mean Have not! There should be NONE!
- BT =provider/ installer / It is the fourth Utility
- The rise of new devices in homes / a household might need 10 MB

It is a CREATIVE INDUSTRY!

Alternatives

- Satellite
- Shared band
- Wireless/4G Mobile network/FTTC/P/H/Private network

There is NO Statutory duty to provide Broadband but it has been the top priority for the last 8 years £22m into it plus some from Gov.

MATTHEW HANCOCK

- Andrew's presentation was very good and highlighted the Government Report
- Re-Suffolk - 90% cover by the end of 2017/ raise it from 22%-72/ 90% by Christmas 2017
- The four main operating firms will be FINED if they do not provide at least 9% coverage. There is a big rollout
- What is happening now? **Mobiles** –a lot of progress/ fines on companies are raised to %10 of revenues.
- Should hopping to other providers be allowed (phone)? Legislation is coming to make changing companies easier –DIGITAL ECONOMY BILL –coming to The Lords The problem is then where to put new masts. Money has been put into the Emergency Services (EE) -will later share with other providers.
- c.f. OFCOM website – download OFCOM App which means you can send info back to them. Sign up for it up anyway – you do not have to use it!
- Boosters can help
- BT is slow to let competitors in to use cabinets / Shortage of wires. The government is aware

BROADBAND

- ✓ BT Communication is poor
- ✓ Overall connection protocol of 5G = merger of broadband/ Wi-Fi/ mobile phones is many years away
- ✓ Suffolk is one of the first to do local delivery despite the fact it is mostly rural
- ✓ Almost national coverage 89% to superfast
- ✓ Government want national average to rise from 915 TO 95% by the end of 2017
- ✓ BT is on its 3rd contract for Suffolk to rollout in rural areas
- ✓ Subsidy is local from SCC and the government. More use BT as it gives more money to SCC
- ✓ The take up in Suffolk is high which means more money for us.
- ✓ Landline only people will have price regulations
- ✓ UPGRADE problems with BT and Open Reach - delays. Open Reach may separate from BT unless it mends its ways!! BT tightened its net commercially and left Euston, Wickhambrook and another village high and dry – they were cut off despite businesses being there!
- ✓ Once fibre goes to a cabinet, the LAW is that **other companies** can come in to use it (ALTNETS), sometimes throughout a county
- ✓ Line of sight system (fixed Wi-Fi)/ Giaclear in Essex/ Churches are good and they get £ from allowing a company to put the booster in. e.g. Wispire (a subsidiary of the Diocese of Norwich) delivers this.
- ✓ There is a list of 12 companies who will come and do the job if you are fed up of BT
- ✓ Military bases are a separate strand

SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- Delivery BT/Or
- Cabinet capacity
- Cost of upgrade
- BT and its competitor's relations
- Churches - use of
- Military bases
- Business needs/ small farms
- Universal service obligation by 2020
- Housebuilders 30+ units and they get fibre to the premises/ rural areas problem

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Bench, outside shop, update.

The bench has been ordered and will be delivered directly to Mr Bibbey for installation. It is a slightly different bench to the one previously chosen as the price for delivery, at £108, was considered to be excessive. The new bench was delivered for under £20.00.

8.2.2 Highway matters. To include:

8.2.2.1 Mill Road, road closure.

The Clerk met with Claire Starling and the officer in charge of the re-surfacing in Mill Road. He has agreed to open the area of the leak up for inspection. The Clerk is trying to arrange for someone from Anglian Water to attend.

Action Clerk

8.2.2.2 Drains Hopton Road

A resident from Hopton Road has complained about an upside down drain cover and blocked drains in Hopton Road. The Clerk has reported these to Havebury and is awaiting a reply.

Action Clerk

8.2.2.3 Dropped kerb, Church Road

The Clerk met with Cllr Spicer and Claire Starling to discuss the position of the dropped kerb outside the School. It was agreed that the position cannot now be changed but the work programmed for the other side of the road, to clear the debris, still needs to be carried out. Claire Starling will see that this is actioned.

8.2.3 New streetlight, update.

The column has been erected but the lamp is yet to be installed. The Clerk will chase up the lamp.

Action Clerk

8.2.4 Tree in Churchyard

The Clerk has been contacted by some residents of Church Gardens about a tree in the Churchyard. On further investigation, it was discovered that the tree is in the closed Churchyard and therefore comes under St Edmundsbury Borough Council's jurisdiction. The residents would very much like some work done as they are affected by loss of light in their gardens as well as having concerns about branches coming down in high winds. The Clerk contacted Michael Rutherford, tree officer at St Edmundsbury. SEBC responded saying 'The trees in the church yard are part of our regular cyclical inspection so we are happy with the condition of them at this time.'

8.2.5 anti-social behaviour, Cricket Meadow

The Headteacher at the school contacted the Clerk about some anti-social behaviour on the Cricket Meadow. The Clerk contacted the police who informed her that if anti-social behaviour was taking place that it should be reported on 999 and an officer will attend if they are in the area.

9 Finance.

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

9.1.1 S Wilson, wages for March	101638	£234.18
9.1.2 V Gay. Wages for March	101639	£1093.37
9.1.3 HMRC tax & NI for March	101640	£321.07
9.1.4 V Gay, Expenses	101641	£55.77
9.1.5 S Wilson, expenses	101642	£10.00
9.1.6 M Bleay, Aggies	101643	£90.00
9.1.7 Vertas. Cricket Meadow, Lawn Ceme	101644	£607.03

9.2 End of Year

The Clerk has completed the end of year obligations for HMR&C. Cllr Hammond will go through the completed accounts with the Clerk prior to their submission to the internal auditor, LCPAS and the external auditor BDO. Due to the turn over this year we are not required to publish details under the Transparency Code. It was agreed however that we would still provide details as the system was in place to do so.

Action Clerk/Chairman

10. Village Hall. To discuss ongoing management of the Village Hall

The people, who had expressed an interest in cleaning the village hall, are now unable to undertake the work. However, there is someone else who may be interested. The Clerk is arranging an interview with the candidate, and a representative from the village hall, to discuss the position further. A notice advertising the vacancy will be put in the village magazine and on our facebook page.

Action Cllrs Baxter/Lusher/Clerk

11. Future Village Events To discuss:

11.1 Keep Barningham Beautiful

The Clerk has arranged for the equipment to be delivered to Cllr Sier and the rubbish to be collected from the village hall. She has printed off some posters that she has put up in the village. She has also spoken to the school and they are going to send a note home with the children advertising the event. The clerk will make a couple of cakes and bring over the other refreshments and leave them with Cllr Hammond, as she is unable to help on the day. It was agreed that Cllr Lusher would be based at the hall and co-ordinated the volunteers and refreshment. Cllr Baxter will provide a map to help organise the clean-up.

Action Cllrs Hammond/Baxter/Lusher/Clerk

11.2 Community Event

Suggestions for the event include. 5 a side football, rounders, egg and spoon race, dress up race. A resident in the village would like to help with the events on the day. The Clerk will help with the refreshments.

12. Neighbourhood Plan,

12.1 Update following Public Meeting

There was a good turnout for the event with lots of evidence gathered. This evidence will be put together, to form the basis of the questionnaire, by the working party that was established at the meeting. The pre-grant application, for funding has been made and accepted. The full grant application is in hand.

Action Clerk

13. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

Mark Bleay has done some work down at Aggies. Unfortunately, Cllr Sier was taken ill during the meeting and left before he was able to make a report.

14. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

The Clerk was contacted by the school about the electricity meter in the hall. The Clerk then contacted the village hall committee and was assured that they were arranging for the metre to be changed so it will accept the new pound coins.

Cllr Baxter just needs to purchase a few things for the emergency plan box. She was granted permission to do this. Cllr Bull has given the Parish Council an emergency kit, which will be included in the box.

15. Caretakers report

My shoulder problem has eased and so I am now edging the footpath at Sandy Lane albeit in easy stages. I have finished removing Christmas wreaths from both cemeteries and have tackled the brambles in the hedge at the Lychgate Cemetery. There was one week this month when my work was limited to emptying the litter bins because I went away for a few days.

16. Cemetery

A request for the interment of the late Michael Heagney for the 24th April at 2pm was received. This was approved.

17. Planning Matters

17.1 Ref. No: DC/17/0435/FUL Planning Application - Change of agriculture land to garden land, Barn View Hepworth Road Barningham. **No Objection**

17.2 Ref No. DC/17/0561/FUL dwelling house and single garage, following demolition of out building, Larche House, Hepworth Road, Barningham

Concerns were raised over how close this proposed property will be to the neighbouring property, Barn view. It was noted that 3 windows will be overlooking Barn view. Two were noted to be bathroom windows and so, we imagine, would have obscured glass. The biggest window, on the stairs could cause privacy problems for Barn view, and it was asked if this could be obscured glass also?

18. Correspondence for information

18.1 Report on Government inquiry into public Parks. Circulated

18.2 New white paper on planning. Circulated

18.3 SALC, Local Councillor. Circulated

18.4 the Great Get Together. Circulated

19. **Date of next meeting:** 10th May for AGM and PAGM 7.00 start

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

20.1 Personnel Issues. None.

20.2 Legal Issues. None.