

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

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

1. Apologies for absence. None

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: Cllr Crittall declared an interest item 19.1 and took no part in the discussion.

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2nd November 2016 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public

The lamp post, wrongly position, in Lingwood Close still hasn't been moved. Mr Coote, Cllr Spicer and the Clerk will all look into this matter.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer reported that Pigeon Homes have been in consultation with SCC regarding the installation of a new round-a-bout at the shop corner. Despite previous indications otherwise, SCC are now saying that it isn't a definite no to a round-a-bout here. However, any junction improvements will need to go through a safety audit. Cllr Bull confirmed that Pigeon Homes have not made any approach to St Edmundsbury Borough Council's planning department.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull provided some information about power cuts and a scheme where vulnerable people can be included on a priority services list. This information will be passed to Cllr Baxter. There have been a number of break-ins across Suffolk in rural locations. Anyone witnessing suspicious behaviour should report this to the police.

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 Pigeon Development, to acknowledge our dissatisfaction over recent events.

It was noted that the Parish Council are un-happy that there were not invited to the recent meeting, hosted by Pigeon Development, to discuss their proposals for a village Hall.

8.1.2 **Training**, update on Events training.

Cllr Hammond and Cllr Sier attended some events training at SALC.

Both Councillors found the training to be helpful and informative. Topics including legal matters, promotion and insurance were covered and they will no doubt be useful for the planning of future events.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Bench, outside shop, update.

The Clerk will order this once the weather improves.

Action Clerk

8.2.2 Highway matters. To include installation of VAS posts and letter from a resident requesting a 'Pedestrian walking' sign

The VAS posts have now been installed but it was noted that some are not positioned where we have asked for them. Two of the three posts installed have 30 repeater signs on and as such cannot be used for the VAS. Cllrs Sier, Spicer and the Clerk will look in to this matter. A resident has asked for a 'pedestrian walking' sign to be placed on the B1111. She often receives abuse from drivers when she walks from her house into the village and back. This is despite carrying a hi viz jacket and a torch. Cllr Spicer will see what measures can be taken to help with this situation. The Clerk will write to the resident to confirm that she is wearing a hi viz jacket as well as carrying one and let her know that Cllr Spicer is making enquiries.

Action Clerk/Cllr Spicer

8.2.3 Lychgate gate, replacement update.

The Clerk met with the contractor to discuss the replacement Lychgate. The work will be undertaken in the New Year. He will also look at the small gate and carry out the small amount of work that needs to be done there.

8.2.4 ico Registration

To be compliant with Data Protection laws the Clerk has registered the Parish Council with the iCO. (Information Commissioner's Office)

9 Finance.

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

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| 9.1.1 S Wilson, wages for November | 101609 | £233.98 |
| 9.1.2 V Gay. Wages for November | 101610 | £863.84 |
| 9.1.3 HMRC tax & NI for October | 101611 | £169.12 |
| 9.1.4 V Gay, Expenses | 101612 | £24.02 |
| 9.1.5 SALC, training | 101613 | £38.00 |
| 9.1.6 Clarks, padlock | 101614 | £14.86 |
| 9.1.7 CAS, Website | 101615 | £60.00 |
| 9.1.8 iCO, data protection | 101616 | £35.00 |
| 9.1.9 E Sier, nuts aggies | 101617 | £9.00 |

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

It was agreed to postpone any decisions until more information regarding the Neighbourhood plan had been sought as this will have an impact on the budget.

9.3 Donation Requests. To consider requests for donations.

Following discussion, it was agreed to make donations of £50 to Hopton, Home to Home, East Anglian Air Ambulance and Vitalise.

10. GP Surgery at Hopton.

Ixworth doctors' surgery are offering, a very comprehensive, dispensing service. Patients at the Hopton and Stanton Surgery or Ixworth Surgery you can now order and collect their prescriptions from the Hopton, Barningham and Garboldisham Post Offices. Information and registration forms are available at the participating Post Offices. Stanton Surgery have now also decided to offer a dispensing service but this will only be available to any patients that are housebound or genuinely unable to get to the surgery to collect. They are currently only able to deliver certain types of medication which means any refrigerated items or Controlled Drugs are not allowed. Cllr Spicer will circulate a copy of Hopton Doctors business plan. It is understood that the Surgery at Hopton will close at the end of December.

Action Cllr Spicer

11. Cricket Meadow. Outstanding matters

It was agreed that all outstanding matters with HAGS have now been actioned and as such the balance of the payment will be sent off.

12. Review of Emergency plan

Cllr Bull and Cllr Baxter have not managed to meet yet. They hope to do so soon and finalise the plan.

13. Village Hall / Sandy Lane Parking

The Clerk has obtained a price for surfacing the car park at the village hall, to enable a change in priorities and extra parking for residents. The total is £3,684.80, plus vat. It was agreed to put this item on hold until the new year.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

A survey was delivered to all the residents in the village as well as being available on line. The response has been very good and it was decided to take the plan forward. It was agreed that the next step would be to engage the services of an expert in the field. The Clerk will make the arrangements. An email tree will be set up to keep all those who registered an interest up to date with developments.

Action Clerk

15. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

Cllr Sier has been feeding the birds at Aggies. He has also ordered a new battery for the speed gun.

16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Lusher asked when the new streetlight was likely to be installed. The clerk has contacted the officer for an update.

17. Caretakers report

I am having to manage my hours somewhat at the moment to ensure that they last until the end of the year. The leaves are taking up a lot of time; I am trying to clear under the cars in the layby opposite the pub in an effort to avoid the build-up of mulch there which is so time-consuming to remove in the spring. I am regularly sweeping Church Road and Sandy Lane as well as raking the Lychgate Cemetery.

I am trying to keep on top of Aggie's Piece with my secateurs but had to indulge in some more radical surgery on the conifer which was blocking the footpath in Sandy Lane. I have also tried to make the seats in the Lawn Cemetery more usable by cleaning off the mildew.

18. Cemetery

There is a request for memorial for the late Mr. Mayhew. There were no objections raised.

19. Planning Matters

19.1 DC/16/2335/TPO 13 Bishops Croft. 1 no. Oak overall crown reduction by 40%. **No Objection**

19.2 DC/16/2590/FUL Allison, The House, Sandy Lane. 1 No. dwelling. **No Objection**

20. Correspondence for information

18.1 Minerals and waste consultation. Circulated.

18.3 Planning update, housing height limits to be relaxed. Circulated.

18.3 Letter of thanks from Market Weston Parish Council

21. Date of next meeting: 11th January 2017

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