

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, E Sier, J Crittall, R Baxter, S Lusher, C. Cllr J Spicer & PC M Ellis

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs: W Martineau, M Dolan & B. Cllr Bull

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11th January 2017 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public

Members of Barningham Village Hall Committee came to speak to the Parish Council regarding the future of the village hall. They told the Councillors that, at the AGM in May, the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will all be standing down after many years' service. Also, following the sad death of Peggy Ellinor there is a vacancy for a paid part time booking secretary, caretaker and cleaner. These important roles need to be filled in order for the village hall to stay open. The Parish Council can help in the short term but really some residents need to come forward and volunteer for these roles. 3 further volunteers are also needed on the committee to be village reps, the rest of the committee being formed of reps of the regular hall users. The work is not heavy or difficult and the committee normally meets only 3 or 4 times a year. If volunteers can be found now the existing officers will be able to work with them to show how the hall is run now and talk through the changes which no doubt need to come. A new team would then be able to take over in May.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllrs Spicer, Bull and Smith are arranging a meeting, with Matt Hancock and Jonathon Chown, to discuss the problems with Broadband in some areas. This meeting will be held on the 3rd March at the Tithe Barn in Bardwell. Cllr Hammond will try to attend. With regard the Hopton Surgery, the Community Action Group are meeting next week. The Hopton surgery are looking to employ a new Practice Manager. They are also looking at renting a bungalow, opposite the surgery in Stanton, to provide an extra consulting room and administration space.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Police Report

PC Mark Ellis attended the meeting and it is hoped that this will be a more regular thing again. He gave the following report.

Meeting reconvened

8.1. Chairman

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8.1.1 Update on meeting to discuss GP Surgery at Hopton
See under Cllr Spicers report.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Bench, outside shop, update.

Cllr Lusher will provide the Clerk with the details of the local builder, who can carry out the installation, and she will contact him and make the arrangements.

Action Clerk

8.2.2 Highway matters. To discuss positioning of VAS

Cllrs Hammond, Sier and the Clerk met with officers from SCC. It was agreed that the recently installed VAS columns would be replaced with posts. The Officers will also speak to Hen Abbot about the positions and look at having a new post installed in Church Road, close to the entrance of Bishops Croft. They will also look at the legality of placing the VAS on posts that already hold road signs.

8.2.3 New streetlight, update.

The Clerk is still chasing an update.

8.2.4 Cricket Meadow, freeride repair

The replacement part for the Freerider are at Cllr Siers, ready for fitting by HAGS.

9 Finance.

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

9.1.1 S Wilson, wages for January	101628	£233.98
9.1.2 V Gay. Wages for January	101629	£863.84
9.1.3 HMRC tax & NI for January	101630	£169.12
9.1.4 V Gay, Expenses	101631	£34.12
9.1.5 Hanchets, memorial repairs	101632	£540.00

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

The current committee are standing down and due to the very sad death of Peggy Ellinor there is a need for a paid part time booking secretary, caretaker and cleaner. This matter was discussed under item 4 on the agenda. It was agreed that we need a copy of the Village Hall Management Committee's constitution. The Clerk will write to Peggy's widower to express our appreciation for all the work Peggy has done over the years.

11. Future Village Events To discuss:

11.1 Keep Barningham Beautiful

The date of the next 'Keep Barningham Beautiful' event was agreed as 23rd April 2017, from 2pm till 4pm. The details will be discussed at the next meeting.

11.2 Community Event

At the meeting to discuss a community event it was discussed holding a community event on the weekend of 9/10 September. The main event on the Saturday would be a musical one, with a band/bands, probably on the Cricket Meadow if possible, with a bar and BBQ. It was hoped that other groups could do linked events around the village over the weekend such as an art show in the church, bowling at the village hall, a treasure hunt, possibly some open gardens and an open-air church service. It was agreed that the Parish Council would host some sort of sports event, on the Cricket Meadow on the Sunday. Ideas for this will be discussed at a future meeting.

12. Review of Emergency plan

Cllr Baxter has done a fantastic job writing the emergency plan. It has been completely re-written and is now a really useful and comprehensive document. It was agreed that it needs to be reviewed regularly as such will become an annual agenda item with a thorough review once every three years.

Action Clerk

13. Neighbourhood Plan, Update on

13.1 Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area.

The Clerk has done a considerable amount of work on the application to designate an area and will work towards submitting this to SEBC as soon as possible.

13.2 Appointment of Consultant,

The Chairman and Clerk met with Parker Consultation and have concluded that, although they could see some benefits in employing this organisation, they felt that employing Places 4 People would be a better fit for Barningham. Therefore, it was agreed that, if Places 4 People were able to cap their costs at nine thousand pounds, that we would employ them to help us to undertake the Neighbourhood Plan.

13.3 Arrangements for a public meeting.

It was agreed that the public meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan, will be held on Thursday 9th March. 6pm till 7pm drop in session. 7pm till 7.30pm refreshments. 7.30pm till 9pm public meeting. The clerk will liaise with the consultant about ideas for the meeting.

Action Clerk

14. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

No report this month.

15. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Baxter is preparing the latest newsletter and will circulate the draft as soon as it is ready.

Cllr Crittall reported that the Sandy Lane, out towards Coney Weston war memorial is in a poor state of repair. The Clerk will investigate this further.

Action Clerk

16. Caretakers report

Work on edging the footpath in Sandy Lane has been held up by the frozen ground. I have been quite busy in the Lawn Cemetery, however, where the leaves were lying thickly enough to affect the grass and the brambles were growing rapidly. I am also fighting a losing battle there with the mole-hills.

Following safety advice from the manufacturer the 'Freerider' unit on the Cricket Meadow was found to be defective and taken out of use.

17. Cemetery moles

The late Peggy Ellinor will be buried in the Lawn Cemetery on Wednesday 8th February at 1pm. Following this sad news, it was agreed that the Clerk will write to Mr Ellinor to offer our condolences and express our gratitude for all the work Peggy has done for the village.

Action Clerk

There is a problem with moles in the Lawn cemetery. It was agreed to leave this at the moment.

18. Planning Matters None received

19. Correspondence for information None received

20. Date of next meeting: 1st March 2017

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

21.1 Personnel Issues. None.

21.2 Legal Issues. None.