

**Present:** Cllrs: C Hammond, J Crittall, S Lusher, M Dolan & B. Cllr Bull

**1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs. R Baxter, W Martineau & C. Cllr J Spicer

**2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** Cllr Crittall declared an interest in 9.3

**3. Parish Council vacancy**

Sadly Cllr Sier has decided to resign from the Parish Council. St Edmundsbury Borough Council have been informed of the vacancy. Cllr Sier will be greatly missed as will his work at Aggies Piece and with Speedwatch. Any applications for the position should be made to either the Chairman or Clerk.

**4. Minutes** - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

**5. Meeting open to the public**

John Sheridan, DPD, has been invited to discuss problems with DPD vans in the village. once again he did not attend the meeting.

Concerns were raised about speeding vehicles in Bardwell Road. A request for a white entrance gate and for the 30mph limit to be extended were made. It was agreed to put this item on the October agenda for further discussion.

The surface outside the shop is in a poor condition and the bollard, near the shop on the B1111 has been knocked down. The Clerk will report these matters to SCC.

Volunteers were sought to help with Speedwatch and the portable VAS, following the resignation on Cllr Sier. One member of the public came forward.

A number of residents came to object planning application DC/17/1588/HH conversion of bungalow to two storey dwelling including, (ii) two storey rear extension and (iii) two storey front extension at 59 Millfield Road Barningham. They expressed concerns about land ownership, light pollution, access, privacy and parking. Cllr Bull would be recommending that the application goes to the delegation panel for consideration.

**6. Report from County Councillor: J Spicer**

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report:

The important part of my report is the possibility of how school transport is provided from 2019. The county council cabinet have agreed a 3 month consultation (October until Christmas) to only provide free school transport to the nearest school. This decision has been "called in" and will not be implemented yet.

The impact of this in my division, and locally to you, is very small for primary education (4-11) but massive and upsetting for secondary education (11-16) and also concerning for 6<sup>th</sup> form where the current subsidised transport would be withdrawn.

Currently children in my ward (11-16 years old) have free school transport provided to both Ixworth Free School and Thurston Community College. Under the proposals this would only be provided to Ixworth. This effects 356 children in the Blackbourn division (63.8%) and is by far the worst hit area in Suffolk.

Obviously I am making my concerns known very widely and have already met with the Heads of both schools. I am hoping to come up with one or more alternative proposals that retain a choice of both schools but also contribute towards the savings target.

As the consultation will only start later in October can I suggest to you that you might want to make this a substantial item on your November agenda ? I hope by then I might be in a position to talk to you about alternative options.

## **7. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull**

Cllr Bull and Cllr Spicer have agreed to meet Pigeon Investment Management next week to discuss their feed back from their public consultation event, they will let us know how they get on.

Meeting reconvened.

## **8. Finance.**

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The following accounts were approved for payment and the cheques signed by two signatories.

8.1 V Gay, wages for August	101680	£876.83
8.2 S Wilson, wages for August	101681	£236.71
8.3 HMR&C, tax & NI	101682	£166.62
8.4 V Gay, expenses	101683	£58.33

## **9. Planning Matters** to include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted.

9.1 DC/17/1588/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) conversion of bungalow to two storey dwelling including, (ii) two storey rear extension and (iii) two storey front extension | 59 Millfield Road Barningham

**The Parish Council recognise and support the concerns raised by the neighbouring residents and therefore object to this application. They agree with Cllr Bull's suggestion that the application should go before the delegation panel for consideration.**

9.2 DC/17/1573/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Single storey rear extension (retrospective) and (ii) single storey garden room | Rectory Cottage Coney Weston Road Barningham

**Although the Parish Council have no objection to the application they did raise concerns about the process of retrospective planning applications. There seems to be little incentive to deter those who wish to flout planning rules and regulations. Would it not be possible to introduce a system of fines for those who carry out building works without seeking the necessary planning permissions?**

9.3DC/17/1750/FUL | Planning Application - 1no. dwelling with detached garage | The Rowans Sandy Lane Barningham

**An extension of time was sought regarding this application to allow residents time to make their representations to the Parish Council.**

## **10. Date of next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

## **11. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items: 11.1 Personnel Issues. 11.2 Legal Issues.**