

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, A Steer, W Martineau, S Lusher, A Woodward, N Greenwood, C. Cllr J Spicer & WS. Cllr Bull.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr R Baxter

2 **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.

2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None.

2.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act. None.

3. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Wednesday 6th March 2019 meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. **Meeting open to the public**

1 member present.

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

A village transport concern was raised regarding the local buses. There was a complaint from a resident who has witnessed, what seemed like, irregularities in the dropping off and collection of passengers. Cllr Spicer said that in order to support the need for more rural buses evidence of the current use needs to be supplied. The Clerk will pass on the information gathered in the Neighbourhood plan questionnaire regarding transport to Cllr Spicer. We have had no response so far to our appeal, regarding bus use, on facebook. Cllr Spicer shared the SCC schedule for grass-cutting. There will be one cut in 2019 – the B1111 on 6 May and other areas on 26 May.

6. **Report from B. Councillor: C Bull**

After the merging of Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Cllr Bull will be known as West Suffolk Councillor Bull. She will have a new email address carol.bull@westsuffolk.gov.uk. Regarding the erection of the new streetlight, Cllr Bull will confirm land ownership at Bishops Croft. Cllr Bull reported that she had given her two new Locality Officers a tour of her areas to familiarise them. They were particularly interested in the Village Hall and are available to offer advice on funding to the Village Hall Committee if they need it. The stump in Bishops Croft has now been removed.

7. **Report from Police**

Cllr Greenwood has still not been able to arrange a meeting with Paul Fox. He will continue to pursue this matter.

Action Cllr Greenwood

8. **Progress reports. For information, from:**

8.1. Chairman

County lines film.

The Clerk and the Chairman attended a free screening of Henry Blake's film about the growing national crisis of '**County Lines**',

The film is for partners working with children, young people, families and communities in West Suffolk, Babergh and Mid Suffolk and highlights the serious threat 'County Lines' poses to Britain's children. Henry Blake is a filmmaker who is passionate about realism. His work is heavily research-based, character- lead drama that is often raw and uncompromising.

The film director has made a hard-hitting short film, 22 mins long, which focuses on 14-year-old Tyler Hughes who is sent from London to a small coastal town to sell Class A drugs. Alone and unprotected, he finds himself trapped in a series of complex and high-risk situations with some of the UK's most dangerous adults.

Sequence of events:

- Tyler, aged 14, (the Exploited) is at a play park one evening, waiting.
- He is picked up by the adult drug dealer (*the Exploiter*) in his car.
- He is taken to the home of a woman addict which is the base for the drug business (*Cuckooing*) in exchange for two doses of her addictive drug daily.
- Tyler extracts the drug he is carrying (called plugging) giving it to the dealer and is given a rucksack full of drugs.
- The addict objects that she has not been given her drug dose. The dealer sends Tyler to the local chip shop to get him some food, while the dealer rapes the woman.
- Tyler travels to the small seaside town to sell the drugs.
- He is spotted by a local drug dealer, his fellow dealer and another young lad. They follow him and object to him selling on their 'patch.'
- Tyler is beaten up with punching and kicking. Boiling water is thrown in his face.
- The young boy with the rival dealer is given a knife and told to stab Tyler, which he does, four times, in the buttocks. They take his rucksack and money. Tyler can hardly move. His phone rings and it is his mother asking where he is.
- He is crying and telling her he does not know where he is.
- The scene fades back leaving the young injured lad on wasteland near the coast road as the headlights of a car slow down near him.

Then followed information about the organisations, official and voluntary, involved in trying to plan ways to assist victims, prevent young people becoming victims and the networks being set up.

Issues raised:

- the main points are that nothing is easy, there are no easy solutions.
- The Home Office has seen the film. The debate now is how to go forward.
- How can parents and schools be made aware? Henry Blake felt that if only 5 of 100 parents invited turn up to a session, to view the film, then that is worth it.
- School exclusions raise the safeguarding risk to a child. What else can schools do?
- Referral Units do what they can but it is difficult. There is a National PRU Report. Excluded pupils are easy targets.
- How can youth workers be protected when dealing with those involved in County Lines?
- Youth Justice – the dilemma is that victims are also perpetrators, so of interest to the police
- KEY are Management of what is done and Family.

Useful Charities

Fearless (help for young people)

Growing Against Violence

St Giles' Trust (offering training in West Suffolk in May and June)

The Children's Society

County Lines Co-ordination Centre

Safe all

Multi-agency panels – forming in different localities

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Highway matters.

8.2.2 Defibrillator

The Clerk has written directly to SPAR to see advice and permission to mount a defibrillator device on the outside of the shop. She is awaiting a reply.

Action Clerk

8.2.3 New streetlight for Bishops Croft

The chairman and Clerk met with an officer from SCC to discuss the location for the new light. A position was agreed and once land ownership has been confirmed, we will write to near by householders to inform them of our plans before going ahead with the project.

Action Clerk

8.2.4 Request for bird boxes on Millfield Green

A request for bird boxes on the green at Millfields has been received. West Suffolk are the land holders there and they do not approve the installation. In their view the attachment of these boxes can be quite invasive and harmful to the trees. Then there is the added liability involved in checking the boxes to ensure that they are safe and do not fall. Should they need to carry out work to a tree with a nest box then they will need to check prior to ensure that it is not occupied which is time consuming and a resource that they do not have.

8.2.5 Facebook

Following an incident in the village Cllr Lusher was approached and asked why the Parish Council had not reported the incident on our Facebook page. It was agreed that it is inappropriate for us to become involved in commenting on these kind of incidents, unless through an official channel, i.e. the police.

8.2.6 Keep Barningham Beautiful

The date was confirmed as Saturday 27th April. Cllr Greenwood is organising a party to work at Aggies Piece. The Clerk will arrange the refreshments. **Action Cllr Greenwood/Clerk**

9. Finance.

9.1 The following accounts were approved and signed by 2 signatories

Admin	£1658.11
CCT&S, roadside verge , Aggies	£600.00
BVHC, Hall hire	£144.00
Places4people, Neighbourhood plan	£895.68

9.2 Signing arrangements, Barclays Bank

The mandate change to add Cllrs Steer as a signatory has been approved.

9.3 End of Year Accounts

The Clerk has prepared the end of year accounts. Cllr Steer has agreed to carry out an internal audit of the accounts prior to them be audited by LCPAS.

Action Cllr Steer

10. Grass contract 2019/20

To confirm contract for grass cutting 2019/20

The Clerk has prepared a contract for the new grass cutting contractors. This was approved.

11. Village Hall

The recent fish and chip bingo night was a big success, raising over £287. As well as being well attended the atmosphere on the night was really positive. People are invited to come along and help paint the hall from 9.15am-12.15 on 7th, 8th & 9th May. The next event is an Easter Coffee morning, being held on Thursday 25th April.

12. Speed watch and SID

The Chairman and Clerk met with Dan Burke a Safety and Speed Management Technician from SCC to discuss the damaged pole at the shop. The repair work was agreed, although there was some discussion over its position. We further agreed to extra posts, one in Bardwell Road and one on Millfield Green, adjacent to the B1111. We need approval from the residents who live by the Bardwell proposed site. The Clerk has written to these residents to ask for this. Cllr Steer has attempted to put the new device up but has encountered problems with the fixings, he is addressing these. Because the new device can't be fixed to the same post as the old device it was proposed that the new device will be used on the B1111 primarily.

A resident in the village has asked about speed issues in the village and offered her assistance with monitoring. The Clerk will contact her to speak about the current situation. Cllr Woodward is also aware of some resident who would like to get involved. He will pass their details to the

Clerk. Once the elections are over new roles will be allotted, including Speedwatch, which is currently dormant. **Action Clerk**

13. Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk is working in a map to accompany the character assessment, which she has put together from the collected data. She will finalise the Character Assessment before sending it off to Ian Poole for completion. She is also discussing software options with Pear map technology. The site options report is still a work in process. Cllr Steer has put together a Powerpoint presentation, for the questionnaire results, this will be used at the public meeting which will be held once we have some more clarification on the sites put forward for consideration. The Clerk has requested the Masterplan package from Locality. This is in anticipation of the sites allocation report being completed soon so we can move forward with the next part of the plan. Cllr Hammond and Julie Surridge are working on a green spaces document to support the plan.

14. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

The noticeboard, at St Andrews, is becoming increasingly difficult to open, Cllr Steer will have a look at this. **Action Cllr Steer**

There is a byway post, laying on the ground, on the corner of Sandy Lane, this is not from here. The Clerk will investigate this. **Action Clerk**

There are a number of potholes appearing in the village. The Clerk will arrange a walk round to record and report where appropriate. **Action Clerk**

15. Aggies Piece

The roadside verge at Aggies Piece has been cut back. As mentioned under item 8.2.5 Cllr Greenwood is organising a working party to do some work at Aggies Piece.

16. Caretakers report Circulated

There has been little extra work undertaken in this period apart from repairing the broom again. I met the Play Area Inspector and was able to discover the background to some of his concerns and introduce him to the history of the equipment; he also had some maintenance advice for me. There was one bins-only week when I went away for a few days.

17. Play area reports

The Clerk is trying to source a replacement post for the swings.

18. Churchyard/Cemetery

The Clerk has been contacted about tracing some information for someone researching their family tree, this is becoming more common, mapping will help. It was agreed to keep a note of how frequent these requests are and consider charging if they become onerous.

19. Planning Matters

TPO/004/(2019) Greensleves, Hepworth Road, Barningham T1 Common Oak, noted.

20. Parish Elections 2019

The Clerk hand delivered all the nomination papers

21. Correspondence for information

None received.

22. Date of next meeting: 8th May 7.00pm Barningham Parish meeting 7.pm followed by Barningham Parish Council Annual Meeting at 7.30pm

24. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for

consideration of the following items:

24.1 Personnel Issues. 24.2 Legal Issues