

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2022 at 7:00 pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, W Martineau, J Chalmers, B Baxter, T Steer, D Cllr Bull & C Cllr Spicer

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr S Kenyon & S Lusher

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

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.

The Parish Councils commitment and respect statement was read out by the Chairman and copies were made available to the public.

3. Minutes - The minutes of the Wednesday 2nd March 2022 meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

4. Meeting open to the public

5. Report from County Councillor: J Spicer

5.1 To discuss meeting at Primary School looking at vehicle/parking/drop off issues.

A meeting was held on 23rd March to discuss the above issues. Present were Joanna Spicer, Carol Hammond, Stephany Hunter – Head and Julie Surridge – Chair of Governors. The following was discussed:

Safety around the school at start of the day

The arrival of pupils with parents, pushchairs and cars, was observed for over an hour, at the Bardwell crossroads and by the two school entrances. Cllr Spicer observed that many parents walked their children up Bardwell Road so that they could take them into their classrooms. Less children were seen crossing over in Church Road and using the front entrance. It was noted that, if everyone parked well, the layby at the front of the school could hold up to four cars.

Once all pupils were inside the general traffic up Church Road and along the B1111 was observed. Problems are the build up of cars along Bardwell Rd, Church Road and Mill Road. Pedestrian Safety crossing. There are 20 staff with 10-12 being there all day

Points raised

1. The SLOW signs on Church Road surface need repainting plus the yellow Zigzag lines at the end of Bardwell Road. Cllr Spicer will order this. Cllr Spicer reported that "Access only" for Mill Road is not just new signs but it is, a somewhat costly and potentially lengthy, legal process. The Parish Council have discussed this on several occasions and Cllr Spicer has discussed it with highway officers and it is not being pursued as it was felt that this would not be of much benefit.

Action Cllr Spicer

2. A New SLOW sign on the road, by the Chapel house past the shop for cars turning left off the B1111 from Stanton were discussed. Smaller red school signs with arrow on Church Road, from the Coney Weston direction and extra signage at the front of the school was also discussed. It was thought that SCC will be reluctant to add to the many signs already in Church Road. Cllr Steer will look at the possibility of having the VAS located nearer the school flashing a warning 'slow' message.

Action Cllr Steer.

3. The Head will contact the Royal George to introduce herself now that Covid restriction have been lifted.

4. The Clerk will ask the village caretaker if he is able to paint the railings beside the pavement going up to the shop in a brighter reflective colour.

Action Clerk

6. Cllr Spicer has asked road safety officers from SCC highways to contact the head teacher to offer advice.

7. There was some discussion about EYFS reception group. There are 15 places with only 5 at present. Up to date numbers will be available later in April

8. Going in through the gates in Bardwell Road it was agreed that six cars could be parked there, if they were double parked. It was observed that even the contractors for cutting the meadow had trouble exiting into Bardwell Road due to the parked cars.

5.2 Request, from resident, to review extension of 30 mph zone, Coney Weston Road, following vehicle incident.

A car has gone off the road and ended up in the ditch, damaging the bridge on the Coney Weston Road. Fortunately no one was injured. The bridge has been reported to SCC for repair. It was unclear what led to this incident but a discussion was had about what measures might be taken to make the road safer. Cllr Spicer will arrange a meeting with a Highway engineer to look at possible actions that could be taken. This could potentially include white lines on the road, or, the Parish Councils preferred option, moving the 30 mph limit further out of the village. Walkers reported feeling very unsafe walking on this stretch of road.

Action Cllr Spicer

Cllr Spicer reported that the new speed limit in Stanton is now in place. Cllr Steer reported that there are a number of potholes in Hopton Road. He will forward further information regarding this to the Clerk.

Action Cllr Steer/Clerk

6. Report from WS Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull reported that there will be a small annual increase, of £2 in the brown bin collection fee. Cllr Bull further reported that West Suffolk are near to being in a position to share information about their preferred options, for sites, in their Local Plan. This will include their preferred option for Barningham. As discussed previously the Barningham Neighbourhood Working Party are waiting for to see how this information relates to our Neighbourhood Plan.

7. Progress reports. For information, from:

7.1 Chairman

7.1.1 New residents welcome packs, to discuss updates needed.

It was agreed that this documents needs to be updated. Cllr Baxter thinks she has a hard copy of the document that she can share with the Clerk.

Action Cllr Baxter/Clerk

The Chairman reported that there are lots of activities on over Easter. Details of these will be put on Facebook.

7.2 Clerk:

7.2.1 Review of Asset Register.

The asset register was reviewed, updated and approved.

7.2.2 To discuss concerns raised following a dog being hit by a car, Church Road.

A resident reported that their dog had been hit by a vehicle, near the school. Fortunately the dog OK. The matter is being dealt with by the police. The Clerk will contact the police, to ask for an update for the dog owner. As discussed under item 5 safety around the school is already a topic under discussion. We would urge all road users to take care in all areas of the village to avoid this sort of incident occurring.

Action Clerk

7.2.3 Fly-tipping of garden waste, Sandy Lane

This has been reported to West Suffolk.

7.2.4 Inconsiderate car parking, Sandy Lane

A number of cars having been parking on the pavement in Sandy Lane South. This makes it difficult for users. This matter will be reported to the police for investigation.

Action Clerk

8. Finance.

8.1 The following accounts were approved for payment/noted.

Wreath	Royal British Legion	£50.00
Admin	Various	£2,111.93
post repair new post	SCC	£190.00
Hall hire to ye 22	Barningham Village Hall	£300.00
Grass cutting	R H Landscapes	£314.40
annual subscription	SALC	£393.56
Spoil removal	The Country Life Landscapes	£63.00
Res plot	Burials, income.	£110.00

8.2 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The clerk provided a schedule of payments, bank reconciliation and budget report for the Councillors.

8.3 End of year accounts, update on position

Cllr Steer has reviewed the accounts ready for submission to the auditor.

8.4 Insurance renewal questionnaire.

The Clerk has completed a questionnaire to inform our insurance provider.

9 Jubilee Event

9.1 Update on arrangements, to include Torch Relay nominee.

The Clerk has been in contact with the Primary School and they are making arrangements to be involved with the torch relay for the Queens Jubilee. Cllr Steer is arranging a low flyover, by a Spitfire, on 3rd June around 3pm to coincide with our Jubilee celebrations. Cllr Steer will continue to look at the insurance requirements surrounding this event. A donation of £150, for the brass band has been received from Cllr Bull. It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a donation of £500 primarily towards the cost of the hog roast. The committee are meeting tomorrow and will report back at the next meeting.

10. Aggies Piece

10.1 To discuss options for memorial tree planting.

Due to the limitations on meeting, due to Covid a number of issues need to be discussed and agreed on. In part these are a memory tree for the late Peggy Elinor and Eddie Sier and to look at a better memorial plaque for the late Dennis Hart In addition it was reported that the fencing, near the road is in a poor state of repair. It was agreed a meeting will be arranged with Peter Kerry to discuss options for both the memorials and the fencing.

Action Clerk

10.2 To discuss installation of gate at meadow entrance.

Peter Kerry has provided the Clerk with information for new gates at the entrance to the meadow at Aggies Piece. He has sourced a metal gate for approximately £540, plus a days labour at £450. It was agreed to proceed with this as concerns have been raised about vehicles gaining access on to the meadow.

Action Clerk

10.3 To consider request to use metal detector in Aggies Piece.

A request has been received by a resident of the village to metal detect at Aggies Piece. In principle the Parish Council are happy for this activity to take place at Aggies but only on a limited basis. They ask that there is a limit of a maximum of three visit and that respect is shown to the flora and fauna there. It is requested that any holes that are dug are made good. It was also stressed that the Parish Council reserve the right to remove the permission at any time.

Action Clerk

11. Caretakers report. Circulated

Following on from my last report I found little disturbance in the village after the storms although the footway in Church Road did need an emergency sweep. I attended a meeting with councillors in the Lawn Cemetery this month and, following an email enquiry, discovered that the post holding the security chain at Aggie's has rotted away.

The annual job of edging the footpath in Sandy Lane has begun; this is normally completed in stages over a long period and is best done in very dry weather. The spell of warm and dry weather this month brought the first instance of the roundabout in the Play Area seizing solid. The month ended with a bins-only week when I took a short holiday.

12. Play area /Cricket Meadow to receive any update.

Someone has been smashing glass bottles against the climbing unit on the Cricket Meadow. The village caretaker had a jolly time on my knees picking tiny bits of glass out of the grass and has got the vast majority of it. He hopes that what remains is not dangerous.

13. Churchyard/Cemetery

13.2 To note burial of the late Enid Reid. Noted.

13.2 To note request for burial of cremated remains.

A request has been received to inter the cremated remains of the late Buxton, in the grave of the late Shirley Buxton. The request has been granted on the completion of the correct paperwork and payment of the relevant fee.

13.3 To note concerns raised about the condition of the Lawn Cemetery, following grass contractors visit.

The grass contractor has used the ride on mower between the graves again and has left the Lawn Cemetery in a poor state. The Clerk has contacted the contractor and has received assurance that the ride on mower will not be used between the graves in the future. They will continue to use it on the open piece of land.

14. Neighbourhood Plan.

To note date for meeting with West Suffolk Council to discuss the content of their preferred options plan and how it relates to our neighbourhood area.

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan working party are attending a meeting with West Suffolk on Monday 25th April to discuss the above.

15. Planning

15.1 DC/22/0293/HH | Householder planning application - single storey rear extension | Mill Green House 1 Jarrold Close. Erection of front extension - 3 Pound Close Church Road. Application granted by West Suffolk Council

16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Due to the imminent departure of Cllr Lusher it was agreed to wait to finalise the councillors areas of responsibility, with in the plan, until a new councillor is in post.

Cllr Steer is waiting for a replacement VAS sign to replace the faulty unit.

17. Correspondence for information

None received.

18. Date of next meeting 11th May 2022. Annual Parish meeting to be followed by Annual Parish council meeting.