

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7:00 pm Via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, W Martineau, S Lusher, A Woodward, T Steer, R Baxter, S Kenyon, C Cllr Spicer & B. Cllr Bull.

1. **Apologies for absence.** None received.

2. **Co-option of new Councillor**

Sue Kenyon was welcomed and co-opted on to the Parish Council. The Clerk will ensure the relevant paperwork is completed.

Action Clerk

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

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

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

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

4. **Minutes** - Minutes of Wednesday 11th November 2020 zoom meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

5. **Meeting open to the public member of the public.** 2 Members in attendance.

A resident, from Hepworth Road, came to discuss his concerns regarding the increase in road noise he has experienced since the B1111 was resurfaced. He has been in touch with SCC and has had no response. Cllr Spicer apologised for this lack of response and asked that he forward any correspondence to her and she would raise a complaint. The resident thinks the road noise has increased by 15% to 20%. He has arranged for an acoustics engineer to come and record the noise from his garden. He is also going to contact his neighbours to see if they have noticed an increase in noise. He will feed back to the Parish Council his findings. Meanwhile Cllr Spicer will make enquiries to see if any similar complaints have been received in other areas where roads have been re-surfaced.

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

As discussed under item 5 Cllr Spicer is making enquiries to see if any complaints about increased noise have been received in other areas where roads have been re-surfaced. There has been no further update on the Mill Road situation, Cllr Spicer is still pursuing this. The problem with speeding vehicles in the village was discussed and it was agreed that the additional post that we are requesting at Pound Corner should help the situation there. It was suggested that we look to install posts in Hepworth and Bardwell Road. With these extra posts it would be extremely beneficial to purchase an additional Speed indicator Device (SID) Cllr Spicer offered up to £2000 towards the purchase of a new device. Cllr Spicer will re-send the data from the Hopton Road speed count. The Clerk and Cllr Steer will work together on arranging the new posts and looking in to the purchase of a new device. As reported previously support surrounding Covid, from SCC, has kicked back in.

Action Cllrs Spicer/Steer/Clerk

7. **Report from WS Councillor: C Bull**

Cllr Bull reported that there is another tranche of support available for local businesses. There is also help for individual and families who are finding paying bills difficult because of the Covid situation. If anyone is struggling that they should contact her. Cllr Bull said she could possibly offer a couple of hundred pounds towards the purchase of a new SID.

8. Report Barningham Primary School

There was no report from the School this month. Frances Parr had contacted the Clerk to thank her for the kind words received from the Parish Council and to say she was humbled by the response she has received from everyone regarding her retirement. She said teaching has been a great joy and she has always felt supported by the community.

Cllr Hammond reported that there was a nice piece in the Village Magazine about the school and the new head teacher, Stephany Hunter, who is starting in the New Year.

9. Progress reports. For information, from:

9.1 Chairman

Cllr Hammond reported that there has been no calls received in the last month on the emergency phone. The Chairman and Cllr Lusher put a post on Facebook highlighting various concerns in the village. Information about the Christmas bin collections will be put on Facebook. Cllr Lusher and Cllr Hammond will meet to look for suitable locations for the dog fouling signs provided by Cllr Bull.

Action Cllr Hammond/Lusher

9.2 Clerk:

9.2.1 Highway matters.

9.2.2 Speeding in Bardwell Road and Pound Corner

There was an accident on Pound Corner early on Sunday morning. A car ended up in the ditch. As discussed under item 6 a new SID post will be erected on Pound Corner which will hopefully help reduce speed there.

Action Cllr Steer/Clerk

9.2.3 Parking in Mill Road.

This matter is still ongoing.

9.2.4 Damaged white picket entrance gate.

The Clerk has received a quote to supply 2 x concrete repair spurs and fix the picket gate to them, in front of the village sign for £250.00. Cllr Spicer has offered to pay for this work. The quote was agreed and the Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out.

Action Clerk

9.2.5 Road surface noise B1111

See under item 5

10. Finance. The following accounts were approved payment.

Admin		£1,685.52
The Country Life Landscapes	Church Cemeteries	£115.20
Ico	Data Protection	£40.00
Barningham Village Hall	Village Hall	£500.00

10.3 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a budget report and bank reconciliation

11. Village Hall

Tree works around the hall.

The Clerk met with members of the Village Hall Committee and Peter Kerry to discuss the tree works at the village hall. The quote previously provided did cover all the works to crown lift the trees and as such the contractor was instructed to carry out the works.

12. Neighbourhood Plan

Update from working plan meeting.

A response to West Suffolk, regarding their current consultation on sites in the new Local Plan is to be made. This will be: Barningham Parish Council think that a Parish, carrying out a Neighbourhood Plan, as we are, should be responsible for allocating their own sites. As such, unless strategic to the overall Local Plan, West Suffolk should not allocate any sites in our area.

They should allow us to continue our work in identifying sites and consulting with the Parish, with the end result being that the sites chosen in the Neighbourhood Plan are done so through a thorough local consultation and that it is these sites that are brought forward for development.

The working party have been disappointed with the plans provided by AECOM. It was agreed that Ian Poole will design plans for each site, not showing positions or details of housing, just housing numbers and desirable housing types. The group will then provide a matrix showing the pros and cons for each site. This information will be delivered to all the residents in the village for consultation. The results will be collected in a Covid safe manner. This work will take place early in the New Year. **Action Clerk/Neighbourhood Plan Working Party**

13. Review of Standing and Financial Standing Orders

To review and adopt updated Standing and Financial Standing Orders.

It was agreed by all to accept and adopt the new standing orders prepared by the Clerk.

14. Speed devices

As discussed earlier Cllr Steer and the Clerk will work together to submit an application for new posts in Hepworth and Bardwell Road. They will also source a new SID.

Action Cllr Steer/Clerk

15. Caretakers report .

An unusual amount of time has been taken up this month with burials. I have been speaking to our regular gravedigger about filling spaces in the rows and have had to familiarise a digger from Norfolk with our procedures. There were two loads of spoil to be barrowed away. I am still visiting the village only once a week at the moment and so I have not booked the spoil removal out as overtime; I will resolve extra hours, if any, at year's end. I have met Cllr Hammond at the Lawn Cemetery to discuss the future positioning of burials.

Leaf sweeping is continuing, particularly in Church Road and the 'cut' down from Bishop's Croft. I have also raked the leaves in both cemeteries. I will wait for the next school holiday to scrape the mulch in the layby opposite the pub. In the Play Area there were two plastic covers missing from bolts on the multi-play unit; I have replaced them.

The Caretaker will repair the wire on the boardwalk at Aggies Piece.

16. Play area /Cricket Meadow

Zip wire seat replacement.

A resident requested, and received, the cost of the replacement seat for the zip wire. As previously discussed, although the price is a consideration, the immediate replacement of the seat, for the second time, was felt to send out the wrong message. The seat will be ordered and replaced in the Spring.

17. Churchyard/Cemetery

There was a burial in the village today for the late Bernard Sparkes.

18. Planning

18.1 DC/20/1970/HH Mellstock 12A Hepworth Road Barningham, Householder planning application - (i) single storey front garage extension (ii) single storey rear extension. **No objection**

18.2 NMA(A)/17/1097 | Non-material amendment for DC/17/1097/FUL - Altering timber clad gable between low and high pitched roofs of garden room extension to incorporate double glazed window | Lodge Farm Bardwell Road Barningham. **No objection**

18.3 West Suffolk Council new Local Plan, Consultation from 13 October.

A resident contacted the Clerk about lack of information about West Suffolk's local plan consultation. The Clerk explained that we are waiting for some posters and these will be put up as soon as they arrive. In addition the Clerk explained that as we are carrying out our own Neighbourhood Plan that we would be making sure that everyone was aware of the sites we were putting forward. This should not however stop anyone from making comments on the West Suffolk Plan. For the Parish Councils comments see under item 12

19. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

None received.

20. Correspondence for information

None received

21. Date of next meeting 13th January 2021

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