

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7:00 pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, R Baxter, S Kenyon, T Steer, S Lusher, W Martineau, J Chalmers & C Cllr Spicer

1. Apologies for absence. B. Cllr Bull.

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. Cllr Baxter declared an interest in item 16.1 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.

3. Minutes -- Minutes of the Wednesday 1st December meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

4. Meeting open to the public None present

5. Report from County Councillor: J Spicer

Location of School bus stops.

The school bus contractor, Mulleys, have agreed to move the school bus stop back to the original position. Cllr Lusher, who lives close to the bus stop, will monitor the situation and confirm the stop had been moved.

6. Report from WS Councillor: C Bull

Update on streetlight in Sandy Lane.

Cllr Bull has been chasing up the repair for the faulty light. The light is due to be repaired, by UK Power Network, on Tuesday 18th January.

7. Progress reports. For information, from:

7.1 Chairman

10 December: Received and printed off two copies of the Waste Bin Schedules for Christmas and New Year. Put them up by church and the shop

Mid December: I received a box of 200 DS Walks leaflets for Barningham & Market Weston. To be distributed to councillors for their area? Any other ideas?

5 January: Sent e mail as Chairman to Anglian Water re- cause of water leak (now repaired) to complete my records. No information received regarding the cause of the surface water.

6 January: Anglian Water Customer Services replied. Confirmation of the leak from one of their communications pipes as it leaves the main pipe to go to the homeowners' land. Very good customer service response.

E mail from Carol Bull re- the streetlight number 71 on village hall footpath. I checked it that evening. It was not on.

7.2 Clerk:

7.2.1 Bins in village, update

The three new bins have been installed and the bin on the cricket meadow has been re-claimed from the foliage.

7.2.2 Works to Village Sign

Madeline Beck, a local artist, has done some work to refurbish the village Sign. The sign will now be taken back to the contractor so he can finish his work and reinstate the sign. The Parish Council were very grateful to Mrs. Beck for the work she has done and the sign looks much better and brighter.

7.2.3 Confirmation of response to amendments to the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 as applied to Groundwater Activities and related Surface Water Discharge Activities. The Clerk completed a survey regarding the proposed changes to regulations re burials and groundwater requirements. The responses made were based on conditions relating to our own cemetery. We do not sit in an area that allows automatic Standard Rules Permits for groundwater activities and in a bid to control groundwater contamination it was indicated that we support the measures suggested.

8. Finance.

8.1 To consider invoices for payment.

Various	Admin	£1,663.45
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator	£162.00
Tramar	Bins	£91.00

8.2 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a schedule of payments, a budget report and bank reconciliations.

9 Jubilee Event

9.1 Update on arrangements

The Jubilee event group are planning on meeting again next month. An open garden event is being planned, with a sale trail, for the Saturday. It was not felt appropriate to knock on individuals doors, asking if they want to open their gardens, so it was suggested that a piece goes in the Parish News and on Facebook asking people to contact Cllr Martineau if they would like to open their garden for the event. A public address system is being sought for use at the event.

10. Neighbourhood Plan.

West Suffolk Local Plan, from West Suffolk:

Following the meetings, held back in the autumn to discuss progress on the West Suffolk Local Plan and neighbourhood plans, West Suffolk said they would be in touch again with further information on plan content in December. While they are making good progress with the plan, they are still working internally with members and so unfortunately have nothing further they are able to share with us at this time. they anticipate they will be in a position to have a discussion around preferred site allocations in the plan in mid to late January 2022 and will be in touch again in the New Year to set up some meeting dates.

11. Speed devices

No report this month.

12. Aggies Piece

No report this month. Cllr Steer will put an icon for Aggies Piece on the google map.

Action Cllr Steer

13. Caretakers report Circulated.

My emergency dash to the village to close the dangerous car park happened just hours after I submitted my last report. Since then I have had to return to put the barrier back up and I have been filling the surface repair with molehill soil where it has settled. December began with a magical sprinkling of small sweet wrappers throughout the village. Leaf clearing has continued and, despite reducing my litter patrol time to account for it, I ended the year having worked two and a half hours extra. I have transferred this time to 2022.

I took the opportunity of the New Year bank holiday to do a really thorough clearance of the leaf mulch from the layby opposite the pub; a location where I am very much enjoying my new litter bin.

14. Play area /Cricket Meadow

A permissive path sign has been dumped in the ditch at the corner of the cricket meadow. The Clerk will ask for the caretaker to remove it. It was agreed that we should meet to discuss a place for the Cricket Meadow, Play area signs.

Action Clerk

15. Churchyard/Cemetery

15.1 Lych-gate gate. To discuss quotes for a replacement gate.

The clerk has now received two quotes for a replacement lychgate.

1.)Des Bavington-Lowe: To provide new Oak Lychgates made to match existing design = £2000 the fitting of ironmongery restoration etc. will be an additional £750. The gates will be not oiled just left to "grey" naturally .All ironmongery to be re-used, rust treated and painted, if possible if not then new ironmongery will need to be sourced at an additional cost .

2.) Harry Stebbings: To make new gates to the same design from solid Oak would be £4458.56 including delivery + VAT. If any of the metalwork can be reused, it will be stripped and powder coated satin black. If any new metalwork is required, this will need to be quoted for. Harry Stebbings do not offer an installation service, so this would be an additional expense.

It was agreed to contract Des Bavington-Low as he offered a competitive price and is local to the area, based in Botesdale. The Clerk will ask him to have a look at the condition of the base of the sign.

Action Clerk

16. Planning

16.1 DC/21/2388/HH first floor side extension, 1 Pound Close Church Road Barningham.

No objections

17. Environmental Policy

To discuss the adoption of an environmental policy for the Parish Council

It was agreed to include information about our intention to track our carbon footprint at a future date. The document was approved for adoption.

Action Clerk

18. Flooding in the village.

To discuss action taken.

County Council has already instructed the local farmer to clean out the ditches which run in front of Barningham Hall and in front of Old Barningham Hall. This he has already done. In his view, the flooding last year was caused by the blockage at the mouth of the pipe which carries the water under the road by Aggies corner. The farmer does not rent the meadow in which that pipe lies but he is aware of it and pulls debris from that mouth from time to time. He does farm the field at the other end of the said pipe and took the opportunity to clean out the ditch that follows on from the pipe last summer as well. All being well, and if the mouth of the pipe is kept clear, we should be OK for wet spells in future.

19. Defibrillator

Update on annual agreement.

The annual support agreement has been reinstated.

20. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

20.1 Emergency plan update.

This will be discussed at the February meeting.

20.2 Update on bus stop damaged Perspex

SCC have added the replacement Perspex to their works list.

20.3 White entrance gates. To discuss options for refurbishment
Cllr Steer has this matter in hand.

20.3 Reports have been received about an Escooter being used again, illegally in the village. The
Clerk will report this to the police. **Action Clerk**

21. Correspondence for information

21.1 interim review of community governance arrangements for parish and town councils,
West Suffolk Council. Noted

22. Date of next meeting 2nd February 2022

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

24.1 Personnel Issues. None.

24.2 Legal Issues. None.