

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 7: pm
Via Zoom.

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

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr. Martineau.

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 Wednesday 2nd September 2020 zoom meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. Meeting open to the public member of the public.

Stephen Fitzpatrick joined the meeting as a representative of the residents of Mill Road. The issue of vehicle speeds was discussed again. The residents had submitted a suggestion to install bollards halfway along the road. Unfortunately this idea could not be supported as there is not enough room for vehicles to turn round and as such could cause a problem with vehicles having to reverse out on to the B1111 and Church Road. The possibility of speed cushions or a chicane was discussed. It was agreed that all the residents needed to support any traffic calming measures, especially the residents whose houses would be close to any such measures as there is often an increase in noise as cars slow down/speed up passing them. The idea of have a new VAS (vehicle activated sign) post installed in the road, to facilitate a sign warning drivers to slow down, was also discussed. It is understood that a traffic count is currently being undertaken in Mill Road. It was agreed that we would wait until we have the results of this before any decisions are made. In the meantime the Mr Fitzpatrick will seek the opinion of residents about a traffic calming scheme.

It was recognised that any works that are undertaken at Mill Road must not have a detrimental effect on the roads on either side of Mill Road. Church Road, particularly around the area of the shop, already has its own traffic issues.

5. Report from County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer very kindly took time out from her holiday to discuss the issues in Mill Road. Cllr Spicer is still investigating the issue of lining around the school.

6. Report from WS Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull discussed the up-coming Parish Forum, which will be held via Microsoft Teams. It is due to be held on the same date as our next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to postpone our meeting by a week to enable members of the Parish Council to attend the Parish Forum if they wish to do so.

7. Report Barningham Primary School

The vacancy for a new head teacher has been advertised again

8. Progress reports. For information, from:

8.1 Chairman

It has been a fairly busy month. I am checking the Lych-gate Cemetery bin on Sundays, removing any rubbish not suitable for the black bin e.g. empty litre plastic milk bottles, dead plants. otherwise it will not be emptied.

Following emails from a resident regarding the Lych-gate Cemetery and the plants behind and growing up their fence. They were invited to the meeting but unable to attend. I updated them

throughout and after the work was completed. They seem satisfied to date and I will update them as required in the future.

There was communications between a resident and the Clerk regarding the hedgerow cuttings etc. in the Lych-gate Cemetery. This matter is on the agenda for discussion later. (Item 17.)

On the 19th September Steve put up the new zip wire seat. I went up to see and there were two young lads there. One 'tested it' for us to check the height.

28 / 30 September- Message from Clerk about a request to help an elderly, lonely man who has an Interest in fishing. This was via a communication from Participant in Elderly Life Link org (ELL). They have no rural contacts here. I Contacted three volunteers, from our Covid 19 volunteers (one not here anymore) and also put message on Facebook.

28 September – photos of fallen speed gate sent to the Clerk. See under item 8.2.1.3.

1st October Steve took the new signs (dogs in Meadow and Safety ones for play areas) to see about putting them up.

4th October - Awaiting replies to send details to Jo Burnett ELL.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Highway matters.

8.2.1.1 Road marking and signage outside the school. 8.2.1.2 Parking in Mill Road, See under items 4 and 5 above.

8.2.1.3 Damaged white picket entrance gate.

As noted above, in the chairman's report, the white picket entrance gate has collapsed. The Clerk has asked our chapter 8 trained contractor to have a look to see if he can repair this.

Action Clerk

8.2.1.4 B1111 lack of road markings

Some of the white lines have not been replaced since the B1111 was resurfaced from Stanton - Hillcrest, through to the bridge before the turn off for Hepworth. As there are no hedges either side on the road there this could prove dangerous. The Clerk will report this.

Action Clerk

8.2.2 Boundary Committee, Boundary review

The Clerk will submit a response supporting no change to our boundary.

Action Clerk

8.2.3 West Suffolk Council new Local Plan, Consultation from 13 October

West Suffolk Council is producing a new Local Plan for the area called "Issues and options". They are consulting from 13 October – 22 December 2020.

West Suffolk would like us spread the word about the plan, which will affect all West Suffolk residents and businesses. The plan sets out how houses and jobs will be provided up to 2040 and takes the environment and climate change into account.

The Clerk has signed up for West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options consultation - virtual workshop. Places are limited but she will see if there are any spaces left for any councillor who might like to attend.

Action Clerk

9. Finance. The following accounts were approved payment.

Admin	£1,642.56
Diss signmakers	£97.20
Countryside, conservation and tree services	£325.00
SALC	£30.00
Gt Livermere Parish Council	£92.64
Countryside, conservation and tree services	£525.00
R H Landscapes	£612.00

9.3 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The Clerk provided a bank reconciliation and a copy of the transactions approved for the October meeting.

9.4 Budget 2021/22

The Clerk has prepared some outline figures for next year's budget for consideration. The budget will be discussed further at the November meeting.

10. Village Hall

It would appear that the abandoned vehicle at the village hall has been removed.

11. Neighbourhood Plan

We are waiting for Ian Poole to get back to us regarding the master planning. The Clerk will speak to him about this.

Action Clerk

12. Website accessibility

Cllr Steer and the Clerk have worked together to ensure the Parish Council website meets the new accessibility requirements. This included a website accessibility statement.

13. Review of Standing and Financial Standing Orders

To review and adopt updated Standing and Financial Standing Orders. Work is still ongoing.

14. Speed devices

The Clerk will chase up the outstanding repair works and new posts with SCC. **Action Clerk**

15. Caretakers report Circulated.

This has been a very quiet month in which I took two weeks of annual leave. I was able to do three 'bins-only' rounds during that leave period. We were sent a complete seat unit to replace the vandalised seat pad on the zip wire. The chain was too long for our purposes and I did not have the equipment to shorten it so I have removed the seat pad and swapped it.

The Caretaker collects a lot of recyclable material on his rounds. Arrangements have been made for West Suffolk to deliver some recycling bags which he will fill and take home for collection from his home address.

16. Play area

Replacement of zip wire seat.

The care taker has replaced this. See under item 8.

17. Churchyard/Cemetery

There are some issues in the Lych-gate cemetery that need addressing. The laurel hedge has grown out and is covering a row of graves. The hedge along the back is encroaching as well. The Chair and the Clerk met with the tree contractor to discuss the works that need to be done. As a matter of courtesy the neighbour that the laurel hedge backs on to was invited to attend the meeting. He was not happy with our decision to cut the hedge back and also for our plans for the back of the cemetery. It was agreed that we would put the matter on the agenda for discussion before any works were carried out. The reasons for his concerns were shared with the Parish Councillors. The resident made some suggestion about what the Parish Council should be doing in the village. The Parish Council will take the suggestions, which are within their power to action, in to consideration.

Following discussion all the Councillors agreed that in order to re-expose the graves the Parish Council have no choice but to cut the laurel hedge back. They will use an experienced contractor who is aware of the neighbours' concerns and he will do all he can to limit the impact on the neighbour. It was further agreed that the rear area of the cemetery will have brambles, nettles and overpowering ivy cut back to be under control and that a path will be cut through the longer grass. The hedge at the back of the area will also be cut back. **All agreed**

18. Planning

18.1 DC/20/1401/HH Detached timber garden building to be used as domestic office
Location Pheasant Cottage Coney Weston Road Barningham IP31 1DH. **No objection**

18.2 DC/20/1391/HH (i) single storey side extension (i) single storey side extension to garage (iii) front porch Location Croft End Sandy Lane Barningham. **No objection**

18.3 White Paper

There is a Government White Paper recommending massive changes to the current planning system. This would involve a move away from the current planning process to zonal planning with automatically approved and presumed approval being granted in 2 of the 3 zones being proposed. A raise in the threshold or removal of S106 and a new design guide planning for beauty is also being put forward. It is of concern that these proposals are not well thought out and could have a detrimental effect on rural areas. The Clerk will be making comments on the consultation to reflect our concerns. **Action Clerk**

19. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

No reports received.

20. Correspondence for information

None received.

21. Date of next meeting 11th November 2020 7pm via Zoom.

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