

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, R Baxter, N Greenwood, S Lusher, W Martineau, C. Cllr J Spicer & B. Cllr Bull

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs: A Steel & M Dolman,

2. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None

3. **Minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the 7th February 2018 meeting as a correct record. (Minutes circulated)

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public**

Kathie Sargant, SEBC Family and Community Support Officer, came to the meeting to introduce herself. She can offer support and advice to the Parish Council and other community groups in the village. Her details will be passed on to the Village Hall committee as they have been approached about the possibility of starting a youth club in the village.

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

The trench, across the road, by the Church has been filled. There are reports that the B1111, near The Mill at Market Weston is in a poor state of repair, with several potholes. The Clerk will have a look and ensure that they are reported to SCC. The works to the area by the School, opposite the dropped kerb, is now on the works schedule and should be carried out soon. Cllr Spicer reported that SCC will be borrowing 21 million pounds, to be spent over the next three years, on the road network. This will be more cost effective than taking money from reserves. The Parish Councillors were informed that no grit bins will be filled until later in the year. Considering this it was agreed that we would purchase some grit to refill the bins that are low. The School transport consultation is now closed. It is unlikely that we will see any results from this before May.

Action Clerk

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

SEBC have planted some new trees at Bishops Croft. The Parish Council are very pleased about this, but concerns have been raised about the positioning of one of the trees. It has been planted in the middle of one of the greens where the children play football. There is also another tree, that came down in the high winds, that is waiting to have the stump removed. It is outside 13 Bishops Croft. The tree adjacent to 1 Millfield and the B1111 is dead and needs to be removed. Cllr Bull will investigate all these matters. If Parliament approves the orders to create the new council for West Suffolk, then a new set of wards will need to be created before the first elections May in 2019. West Suffolk are currently consulting on several proposals. Although the proposals have Barningham remaining in the same ward, with the same parishes, it was felt important that we reiterate our previous, pre-consultation comments, that Barningham feel that it is important to maintain the current arrangements as we have close association with our neighbouring parishes and therefore we support their current suggestions.

Action Cllr Bull/Clerk

Meeting reconvened

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

7.1. Chairman

7.1.1 Trees on Bishops Croft

These were discussed under Cllrs Bulls report.

7.1.2 Doctors surgery

The Chairman provided the following statement from Stanton Surgery:

The practice would like to correct some inaccurate statements made in this month's Stanton Steamer by stating the following facts:

- The practice has made an application to open a pharmacy
- The purpose of making this application is to protect the dispensing service at Stanton Surgery from compulsorily having to cease if a corporate pharmacy chain or independent pharmacy makes a successful application to open in the village
- If the application is successful, patients of Ixworth, Botesdale and Woolpit surgeries who live in Stanton will still be able to obtain their medication from their own practice
- This is because all three of the other surgeries have already made successful applications to run their own pharmacies from their own premises
- If the application is successful, patients will not notice any change in the way their medication is dispensed from the Surgery
- If the application is unsuccessful, dispensing services at Stanton Surgery will be protected from corporate or independent pharmacies opening for the next five years

7.2 Clerk:

7.2.1 Highway matters. Including:

The Clerk has received correspondence from a resident in Barningham raising about Church Road and asking if there is anything we can do to reduce the amount vehicles using the Road. Compared to some of the other roads in the village Church Road benefits from a footpath along its entire length and its overall condition, now the trench at the Church has been repaired is considered to be acceptable. It is not down to be resurfaced in the near future, so it was felt that there was little that could be done at this time.

Action Clerk

It was reported that the workman, that came to carry out works in Bishops Croft recently, were on site for three days but only actually worked for one. Cllr Spicer will investigate this matter further.

Action Cllr Spicer

7.2.2 Adhesive speed signs

Cllr Spicer has offered to fund some adhesive bin stickers. The Councillors were unsure what style or indeed if the stickers would be beneficial to the village and as such it was agreed to put this item on the next agenda for further discussion.

Action Clerk

Bollards, B1111

The Clerk has a list of the approved contractors from SCC and will arrange for them to price the job.

Action Clerk

7.2.2. Sign for cricket meadow & Aggies Piece

Cllr Dolman was unable to attend the meeting, so this will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.2.3. Streetlight B1111

The Clerk has informed SCC we would like the light moved to the other side of the road. Since then she has been informed that in fact they are going to leave it in situ and arrange for power to be supplied to it. This work should be carried out within the next month.

7.2.4. Website. To include history recorder & iCloud website.

The Clerk has received some information for the history page of the website. She contacted Brenda Last, who has managed the page in the past and it was mutually agreed that Mrs Last would no longer look after the page. The Clerk has been in touch with Maureen Norris and is discussing the possibility of her taking over the page. The recent training was very helpful but there are still some teething problems. The Clerk has looked in to the Suffolkicloud website as an alternative. This is double the price we currently pay and as it is run on the same platform there seemed little advantage in changing to this.

Action Clerk

7.2.5. Village Event, to confirm date as 28th April

It has been agreed that this year we will hold a joint event with the Village Hall and the Church. This will be an opportunity to encourage and promote a united community spirit in Barningham. The date was agreed as 28th April running from 10-12. There will be refreshments provided.

7.2.7 BT Phone box, Defribulator

This is still a work in progress

7.2.8 Grit bin

Hopton Road grit bin, repair.

Cllr Greenwood has repaired the lid, unfortunately it has been broken again. Cllr Greenwood will see if he can repair it again. **Action Clerk**

8. Finance.

8.1

The following accounts were approved for payment and the cheques signed by two signatories to consider payments.

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| Administration | £1689.02 |
| LCPAS, Data Protection | £300 |
| Vertas, grass cutting | £628.09 |

8.2 Signing Arrangements, Barclays Bank.

The Clerk provided Cllr Lusher with the forms so she can be added as a signatory.

9. Data Protection To discuss future arrangements to comply with new Data Protection laws. The Standard Service agreement, from LCPAS. The Clerk will circulate this for approval and then sign and submit if everyone is happy with the content. **Action Clerk**

10. Village Hall

The Village Committee have been asked if a karate class can be held on Wednesday evening. The only other night available is Friday. The instructor running the class is happy to fit in around the Parish Council meetings.

As mentioned under item 4, there is someone in the village who is interested in setting up a youth club in the village. The Village Hall are holding a table top sale on Saturday 10th March.

11. Speedwatch

Driver's behaviour, when they approach the speed indicator sign, has been monitored and a clear majority of them to slow down if they are going over 30mph. The Parish Councillors discussed the possibility of purchasing another device for the village as this appears to work well slowing down traffic. A solar powered, data collecting device would be considered. Other positions for poles were also discussed, on the green at Millfield's, in Hepworth and Bardwell Road. The Clerk will look in to this matter further and speak to Cllr Spicer as the councillors agreed that they would rather spend money on a new device than bin stickers, which potentially would only be out once a fortnight for a couple of hours. There is still a problem getting enough people together to go out with speed watch. Cllr Greenwood has agreed to help Mr Elliot move the device in the village. It was agreed that Mr Elliot should be reimbursed for the electricity used to recharge the device. Cllr Lusher will see if she can arrange for the Police Speed van to come to the village.

12. Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Greenwood will make enquires to see if there is an appetite for a Neighbourhood Watch in his area and Trevor Elliot will look to start one in Millers Yard. Cllr Lusher will produce information about what the scheme involves and share this. **Cllr Lusher/Greenwood**

13. Neighbourhood Plan

The working party met again to discuss the Character Assessment, a further meeting was planned but the snow meant we didn't meet again. This work will continue. The Clerk has been in touch with Suffolk Wildlife trust and they can help with an audit and prepare a report to include in the plan. As we can pay back and re-apply for funding, this seems like the sensible thing to do rather than rush things. Therefore, the public meeting will not be at the end of March as, previously discussed but later when will be in the position to present findings from the questionnaire and some information regarding possible sites. We will make the draw for the questionnaire at the public meeting. Almost all the questionnaires have been input and work will begin on analysing the results soon. The Clerk will write to the landowners who have submitted their site for consideration to keep them apprised of the situation.

14. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

Cars are parking on the triangle at Pound Corner, making visibility poor. The Clerk will seek advice on this.

Action Clerk

An option for a mixed glass recycling bin, by the phone box, was discussed. The Clerk will investigate this further.

Action Clerk

15. Aggies Piece

Mark Bleay will clear the ivy-covered trees, that have fallen across the path, as part of the agreed maintenance plan for Aggies Piece.

16. Caretakers report Circulated

The weather has stopped me attending to the Sandy Lane edges this month. I did, however, find branches lying in Sandy Lane which appeared to have come from neighbouring gardens; I have removed them. On the Cricket Meadow I have located the loose bolt, which was identified in the report on the play equipment and tightened it. I have also refitted the handle to the seat on the zip-wire; I used thread-lock to prevent it loosening again and will monitor it weekly.

I have been gradually removing Christmas wreaths from graves this month as space in the wheelie bins allows. In the Lychgate Cemetery I have reduced to ground level the shrub which grows in the middle row and scraped the moss from the slats of the wooden bench there. This has exposed the poor state of the bench and its rotten timbers. There is still an issue with mole-hills in the Lawn Cemetery.

17. Play area reports

Nothing new to report

18. Churchyard/Cemetery

A relative contacted the Clerk about levelling a grave in the Lawn Cemetery. Steve used soil to even out the grave.

To commemorate the Centenary of the end of WW1 Maureen Norris is planning to organise the installation of 9 'There but not There' Perspex silhouettes inside St Andrews Church. There will represent the 9 men, from Barningham, who lost their lives in WW1. The Parish Council support this project and suggested that she involves the school in the project if possible.

19. Planning Matters

19.1 DCON(A)/17/1098 & DC/17/1098/LB | Application to Discharge Conditions 3 (Later Approval of Details), 4 (New and Replacement Windows - Detailed Drawings) and 5 (New and Replacement Doors – External Details) of Home Farmhouse Home Farm Bardwell Road Barningham.

19.2 DC/18/0367/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) garage to front (following demolition of existing garage) and (ii) link extension to garage: Whisperdale Mill Road Barningham IP31 1BT. **No objection**

20. Correspondence for information

20.1 LCPAS. The Committee on Standards in Public Life is undertaking a review of local government ethical standards consultation. Circulated.

20.2 LCPAS Planning update. Circulated.

20.3SALC. SPS, training, 20th March, Clerk would like to attend

20.4 Woodland Trust info. Circulated

21. Date of next meeting: 4th April 2018 7:30

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.