

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7:00 pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, T Steer, W Martineau, S Kenyon & B. Cllr Bull

**1. Apologies for absence**.. Cllrs, R Baxter, S Lusher & C Cllr Spicer

The Parish Council welcomed a new member, Janice Chalmers, who was co-opted on. The Clerk will submit the relevant paperwork. **Action Clerk**

**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** -- Minutes of the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021 zoom meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

**4. Meeting open to the public** 2 members present

During our discussions on the next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan, it was suggested that, as we were unable to host a drop in event, due to the Covid restrictions at the time we sent out our recent consultation on sites, that we should hold one now. It was agreed to go ahead with this suggestion. The Clerk will confirm dates and arrangements with both the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Working party.

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

Cllr Spicer sent her apologies, she is attending a service in Ely Cathedral (representing Suffolk ) to celebrate 15 years of the East Anglian Air Ambulance

As she said at the last meeting –she has on her "list" for her next tour with her highways engineer to look at white lines outside shop which she hopes she would be able to pay for. Cllr Spicer has had correspondence, from the shop, who had suggested a pelican crossing from Hepworth Road. Not discounting the cost of a project of this size, she is fairly sure visibility, in all directions, would make that unviable. However, pedestrian and car safety at these cross roads must remain an issue, especially in any future discussions with developers

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

Update on streetlight in Sandy Lane. There seems to be some confusion over where this light in Sandy Lane is. Cllr Bull is continuing to try and sort out the issues with both this light and the one in Bardwell Road. A civil parking enforcement officer, from West Suffolk, has visited the village and in particular the area around school. It is hoped feedback will be provided on the problem areas.

West Suffolk Council feel it is unlikely that they will be helping directly with refugees from Afghanistan in our region. However they have provided information on how people can help at the following website. [suffolk.gov.uk/howyoucanhelp](https://suffolk.gov.uk/howyoucanhelp)

Cllr Bull will provide information about becoming a Tree Warden for the village. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action Cllr Bull/Clerk**

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

7.1 Chairman

The new seat has been put on the zip wire. It was possible to feel a difference in the seats material which will hopefully solve the previous problems. The site survey results were delivered to everyone in the village. A Neighbourhood working party meeting was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, further information regarding this can be found under item 10. A reminder that the

library van is next in the village on 7<sup>th</sup> September, in Bishops Croft and at the pub on the 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## 7.2 Clerks report

### 7.2.1 Bins in village, update

Following discussions with the caretaker, the Clerk is arranging for a contractor to receive and install two bins in the village. One will be a post mounted bin, to replace the damaged Hags bin on the cricket meadow. This will be situated closer to the picnic table. The other bin is a replacement for the damaged bin, in the layby, outside the school. **Action Clerk**

### 7.2.2 Hedge cutting update

The hedges are due to be cut on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### 7.2.3 Wreath for Remembrance Sunday

It was confirmed that Cllr Steer will lay the wreath at the November Remembrance day service.

## 8. Finance.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Admin	Admin	£2,257.85
Software	MiJan Ltd	£60.00
Grass cutting	R H Landscapes	£612.00
external audit	PKF Littlejohn	£240.00

### 8.2 Bank reconciliation and accounts update.

The Clerk provided an up to date budget report, schedule of payments and a bank reconciliation for September

### 8.3 Budget

The Clerk provided some information regarding the budget for 2022/23. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

## 9 Jubilee Event

### 9.1 Update on arrangements

It was suggested that we check that the timings of our event don't clash with any national televised events. We will also look at licences to televise any events. Advice regarding this will be sought from Cllr Bull. **Action Clerk**

## 10. Neighbourhood Plan

### 10.1 to discuss public event

At the last Neighbourhood working party meeting it was agreed to hold a public event, giving the site holders a chance to showcase their proposals for their sites. They would be expected to comply to a strict criteria with both their design and presentation. However, following a discussion with members of the public, attending the Parish Council meeting, it was decided that, as we were unable to host a drop in event, due to the Covid restrictions at the time we sent out our recent consultation on sites, that we should hold one now. Details will be confirmed and a flyer, advertising the event, will be sent out to all the residents in the village.

### 10.2 Virtual meeting with West Suffolk Council

Members of the working party are meeting with West Suffolk, virtually, for an open discussion on the outcomes of their opportunities and constraints study and to talk about aspirations for growth at both the district and our neighbourhood plan level.

## 11. Speed devices

The speed device has gone up on Pound Corner

## **12. Aggies Piece**

The field was cut and cleared. Unfortunately, due to the condition of the grass, it was unsuitable for hay for horses, as was normally the case. The cost of cutting and clearing has been covered by the contractor, who will use the hay for his cattle.

## **13. Caretakers report Circulated.**

As mentioned last month I have been cutting back brambles and nettles behind the rear row of graves in the Lawn Cemetery. On the Cricket Meadow I have replaced the zipwire seat after cutting its chain to the correct length. I have also sprayed the weeds coming through the matting on the goal units there. The footpath at Sandy Lane is becoming very narrow due to the long grass on the bank and the nettles growing on the opposite side.

The less usual activities for this month included researching replacement litter bins, negotiating with a groundwork contractor about locating a welfare unit on the Cricket Meadow, dismantling and removing a dumped estate agent's sign and chipping out the concrete which had been poured into the litter bin opposite the pub.

## **14. Play area /Cricket Meadow**

The zip wire seat has been reattached and tested by the chairman! As discussed earlier, a replacement bin is due to be installed soon.

## **15. Churchyard/Cemetery**

### 15.1 Grave levelling, update

The Clerk is still waiting for a quote for these works.

### 15.2 Lych-gate gate. To discuss replacement gate.

This is still in hand.

## **16. Planning.** None received.

## **17. Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

### 17.1 Emergency plan update.

This matter is still in hand.

### 17.2 Condition of base/post village sign.

The base of the village sign is in a poor condition. The Clerk will ask the contractors who are looking at the Lych gate to include repairs to this in their quote.

## **18. Correspondence for information.**

None received.

## **19. Date of next meeting** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7pm

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

### 20.1 Personnel Issues.

### 20.2 Legal Issues.