

**Present:** Cllrs: A Steer, C Hammond, S Lusher, A Woodward & N Greenwood.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs W Martineau, R Baxter, C. Cllr J Spicer & B. Cllr Bull.

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 the Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. **Meeting open to the public**

No comments made.

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

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting, she has generously contributed £500 towards the defibrillator for the village.

6. **Report from West Suffolk Councillor: C Bull**

Cllr Bull was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following report: She has offered £200 from her Locality Budget towards bowls mat. There has recently been a scam e-mail going to local residents purporting to be from the Council advising them they are due a council tax refund and asking for bank details. Residents need to be warned of this and be assured the council would never ask for bank details in this way over the telephone.

The annual canvass of electors which the council are legally required to send out went to all residents on 12 July. Everyone needs to complete it as it provides the information for who is resident at a property and eligible to vote. Whilst you can return the paper form everyone is encouraged to reply on line which is a simple process and more cost effective for the council as opening, sorting, scanning and processing thousands of forms is a staff intensive process.

The council have recently set up two task forces:

1. The Rural Task Force which will be looking at opportunities and issues in rural areas. They hope to consult with a range of people, organisations and businesses in rural areas to help inform their work and this will include Parish councils. I will keep you updated on this.

2. The Environmental and Climate Change Task Force which will be looking at all the issues we face in this area. As you are aware Extinction Rebellion have been very active and vocal both nationally and locally and many councils have already declared a climate emergency. West Suffolk Council is sympathetic to this but felt having set up the Task Force to understand more of what is involved would consider the climate emergency motion at its September meeting when more information will be to hand in terms of what we can do to help. Again I will keep you updated.

I am pleased to see we are nearly there with the new lamp post – hopefully in time for the dark evenings !

7. **Report from Police**

No report received

8.1 **Chairman's report**

No report this month.

## **8.2 Clerk:**

### **8.2.1 Highway matters. To include SCC self help update**

The Clerk is attending a meeting in Ipswich tomorrow with Cllr Mary Evans, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs and Mark Stevens, Assistant Director Operational Highways, Suffolk County Council to discuss issues with the scheme. She will be asking the following questions: What constitutes work on the highway, as there seems to be conflicting messages – i.e. gritting where ‘sensible self help’ is to be encouraged. See Community preparedness winter gritting pack. VAS, Memorandum of understanding, where the parish is responsible for insurance. How does other work really differ? And if it’s ok for the above why not for other works , i.e. grass cutting, sign clearing. Can you really have one rule for one and not for all? We need suitable, proportionate guidance. With reference Litter picking, we recognise it is the responsibility of district council but it is undertaken on SCC highway, again how does this differ? How do other Councils deal with this issue.

### **8.2.2 Defibrillator. To discuss managed solutions agreement**

The Clerk has sent back the agreement to Blakemore retail. We are waiting for them to get back to us to discuss the most suitable location. The defibrillator is on order, there is a delay due to a problem with the cabinets. The Council agreed the take on the managed solution once the defibrillator has been installed. Cllr Spicer has donated £500 and Cllr Bull £250. The Parish Council will pay the balance.

### **8.2.3 New streetlight for Bishops Croft**

The Clerk has written to the residents close to the site of the proposed light and a request has been made for the light installation to go ahead.

## **9. Finance.**

9.1 The following payments were approved and signed by two signatories.

Admin	£1,907.24
play area	£2,318.76
Office	£368.79
Neighbourhood plan	£1,800.00
Playing field	£558.40
Office	£45.00
grass Cutting	£480.00

### **9.2 Bank reconciliation and accounts update.**

The Clerk provided the Councillors with a bank reconciliation, income and expenditure account details and a budget report.

## **10. The General Power of Competence**

To agree the adoption of the above power.

Due to the lack of members present, it was agreed to postpone this discussion.

## **11. Village Hall**

To discuss request for funding for bowls mat

Cllr Bull has offered 200 from her Locality Budget towards the new mat for the bowls club. It was agreed that we would wait to see if Cllr Spicer is able to make a contribution and the Parish Council will pay the balance. The Clerk was asked to contact Market Weston Village hall to ask if they would consider doing a 'swap' with Barningham village hall to audit each others accounts?

**Action Clerk**

## **12. Neighbourhood Plan**

Update on master planning package and Suffolk Wildlife Audit

The Chairman and Clerk met with an officer from AECOM to walk round the village and discuss design options that were important to the village. In addition to recognising that any new development should include a green area, with consideration made to promoting and maintain wildlife, the importance of making sure that there was sufficient parking provided to meet the needs of changing family dynamics. Enhancing the access to Rights of Way was also an important factor with any future development.

The wildlife audit has been completed and has been circulated.

## **13. Speedwatch/VAS**

Cllr Steer has ascertained that the battery lasts for around 4 weeks. He has also been in touch with Community Speedwatch Suffolk to let them know about Eddie Sier, they sent their commiserations. Cllr Steer is working to put together a new Speedwatch team. Cllr Lusher will put something on Facebook, asking for volunteers. The Clerk and Cllr Woodward will pass on contact details of residents they know are interested in joining the scheme.

**Action Cllr Lusher/Woodward/Clerk**

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

Cllr Greenwood has spoken to some young people in the village about what they want re the bike track on the Cricket Meadow. They are putting together some ideas.

**Action Cllr Greenwood**

## **15. Aggies Piece**

It was agreed that we need to find a suitable spot for the memorial tree for Eddie Sier.

**Action All**

## **16. Caretakers report Circulated**

The extremes of weather recently have led to a burst of growth, especially in the bramble department. I have already been out with my trusty secateurs in Sandy Lane and at the coppiced bank opposite the church. The coppiced bank needs further attention and then I will tackle the brambles in the Lawn Cemetery. West Suffolk Council has finally cleared the jungle around the War Memorial and I have had a first go at clearing the weeds and grass clippings from the gravel there; I will return to this as well. The roundabout in the Play Area seems to need another feed of grease.

## **17. Play area reports**

The wetpour has been repaired and the rotten post replaced in the play area.

## **18. Churchyard/Cemetery**

To discuss current cemetery fees.

Again, due to the lack of members present, it was agreed to postpone this discussion.

## **19. Planning Matters**

19.1 DC/19/1099/HH | Householder Planning Application - (i) Single storey rear extension (demolition of rear conservatory) (ii) Side and rear infill extension | 79 Millfield Road Barningham. Granted by West Suffolk. **No objection.**

## **20. Correspondence for information**

None received.

**21. Date of next meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## **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.