

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2016 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, E Sier, M Dolan, J Crittall, R Baxter, C. Cllr J Spicer & B. Cllr Bull

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs S Lusher & W Martineau

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 1st June 2016 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public 26 members of the public attended.

A resident reported that the pothole patching of Sandy Lane has created a very bumpy, uneven surface. Cllr Spicer seemed to think that this road may be due to be resurfaced. The Clerk will investigate this. **Action Clerk**

There is a problem with water on the road, by the pond on Pound Corner. This has been reported as being a problem for some time. The Clerk will report this. **Action Clerk**

The sewage inspection tank in Church Road was reported as being smelly, this may be connected to the problem outside the beeches or could be an Anglian Water problem. The Clerk will investigate this matter further. **Action Clerk**

A number of residents, from Sandy Lane, came to discuss the problems with parking. Unfortunately, it would appear that there has been a breakdown in relationships between some of these residents and the Village Hall Management Committee. Although these matters were noted as being of importance it was felt that this was not the platform to address them and that to look for a solution to the problem would be more beneficial. With this in mind it was agreed that the Clerk, as a representative of the Parish Council and Cllr Bull, representing the Borough Council would arrange to meet with the residents to see if they could find a solution to the problem. **Action Clerk/Cllr Bull**

Residents, from Lingwood Close, asked for an update on the planning proposal from Pigeon Development. The Parish Council have not received any update since the last meeting but informed those present that Pigeon Development have asked to come to the August meeting and as such it would be a good idea if they attended this meeting for an up to date picture.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer has responded to the annual report she received from Hopkins Homes. She thanked them for sending it but expressed disappointment that have not seen fit to complete their agreed highway safety obligations. She asked that contact be made with the Officer at SCC to progress this matter. It was also noted that a streetlight has been placed in the wrong position on the estate, this matter is in hand with SCC. There was no update from the GP surgery at Hopton but the matter will be discussed by the Scrutiny Group at their next meeting.

The dropped kerb at the school and associated road markings was discussed and it was proposed that this matter was re-visited once with problem with the drain outside the Beeches had been resolved.

Regarding the new village signs, a discussion was had about the position of the current 30pmh speed limit and the possibility of having this moved. We are aware of the problems surrounding this as we have recently had one moved at the entrance to Barningham from Stanton. This matter will be discussed further with the Officers at SCC.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

The planning application for the new houses at Hopton, including the new doctor's surgery, is going before the planning committee in August, with a recommendation to approve. Cllr Bull reported that the improved support for West Suffolk planning applicants, both domestic and commercial, is now live. The upgrade includes high quality information to help users to inform themselves about how to use the planning process; and high quality service, so applications are dealt with as speedily and effectively as possible, leading in turn to robust planning decisions. The charge for pre-application advice, from £48, means planners will be able to work more closely with applicants to assist in the planning process. (The charge is set to cover only the cost of officer time.) St Edmundsbury Borough Council have been working closely with the Planning Advisory Service for some time now on introducing this comprehensive programme of best practice. The improved enforcement service is already in place.

Meeting reconvened

8.1. Chairman

The Chairman attended a POLICE CRIME REDUCTION SURGERY at Stanton Village Hall 6 July 2016 held between 9a.m. to 2.p.m. Present: Safer Communities Officer – Malcolm McKesser, Safer Communities – Jo Moore. Design Out Crime Officer - Jackie Norton
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8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Request for Bench opposite the Shop.

A request has been received for a bench to be sited, again, opposite the shop. It was suggested that a better position might be near the noticeboard by the shop. The Clerk will write to the shop to ask if they would allow this. **Action Clerk**

8.2.2 Pigeon Developments. To confirm attendance at the August meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that Pigeon Development would like to attend the August Parish Council meeting to present the changes to their community-led scheme.

8.2.3 Highway matters.

These matters were discussed under item 4 and Cllr Spicers report.

8.2.4 Tree and shrub works.

The following works are required: Cut back shrub Sandy Lane, bushes opposite the Shop, Lychgate Cemetery, bank at St Andrews. In addition, following discussion in the public forum it was agreed to trim back the trees in Sandy Lane, that overhang the cars. The Clerk will discuss these matters with Mark Bleay. **Action Clerk**

8.2.5 Councillor training. To confirm dates.

It was proposed that training was arranged for either the 24th September or the 1st October. **Action Clerk**

9 Finance.

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

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| 9.1.1 S Wilson, Village Caretaker for June | 101566 | £233.98 |
| 9.1.2 V Gay, Clerks wages for June | 101567 | £863.84 |
| 9.1.3 V Gay, Clerks Expenses, June | 101568 | £104.66 |
| 9.1.4 HMR&C Tax | 101569 | £169.12 |
| 9.1.5 SALC, training | 101570 | £36.00 |
| 9.1.6 JJM Landscapes, 5x grass cut | 101571 | £ 900.00 |
| 9.1.7 Vertas, lawn cemetery | 101572 | £96.00 |
| 9.1.8 LCPAS, training and subs | 101573 | £175.00 |
| 8.1.9 Community Workshop, printing | 101574 | £85.50 |

9.2 Internal Audit Report

The internal audit has been completed and a number of suggestions have been made. The Clerk will ensure these are actioned. The completed audit has been submitted to BDO for completion.

10. Village Hall

To discuss problems with parking at the village hall and increase in fees.
As discussed in the public forum a meeting is being arranged to discuss the problems with parking. The small increase in fees was noted.

11. Cricket Meadow. Date for installation and official opening.

We are still waiting for a date for installation.

12. Review of Emergency plan

It was proposed that a separate meeting be arranged to discuss this matter fully.

13. Bardwell Road, Pavement to discuss the possibility of a footpath in Bardwell Road.
It was acknowledged that there simply isn't room, without purchasing land, for a pavement in Bardwell Road. Cllr Spicer will meet with Mr Milton, a local resident, to look at other options.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

To discuss the possibility of carrying out a Neighbourhood Plan.
It was agreed that a training session on this issue would be beneficial. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements. It was further agreed that, if time allowed, we could follow the training with a meeting about the emergency plan. **Action Clerk**

15. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

It was noted that someone has buried an animal at Aggies Piece. No permission has been granted for this and this sort of occurrence is not acceptable. A notice to this effect will be put on the gate at Aggies Piece. **Action Clerk**

16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

It was noted that Broadband will soon be available in the village following the installation of a new box at Pound Corner.
The Councillors were asked to consider the idea as someone training as a First Responder and having a defibulator available in the village. This will be put on a future agenda for further consideration. **Action Clerk**

17. Caretakers report

There have been several outbreaks of landscaping work this month. I have trimmed the vegetation beside the elevated path opposite the Spar but this is now a slow process as I am using hand shears. I have cut back some brambles at the Village Hall and lopped an overhanging shrub in Sandy Lane. The Sandy Lane footpath is now becoming impassable due to the leaning tree and the overgrown grassy bank. Edging of the Sandy Lane footpath is, however, now complete.

The seasonal increase in litter has begun and I have now resumed twice-weekly bin emptying. During my monthly visits to Aggie's I am continuing some small-scale lopping where the footpath is becoming constricted but the long hedge is very much overdue for a trim. Unusual event of the month was discovering a medical sampling kit abandoned

on the pavement at the entrance to Sandy Lane; I made arrangements with the company involved to have it safely removed by a courier.

18. Cemetery

No report.

19. Planning Matters

None received.

20. Correspondence for information

20.1 Countryside Access Consultation. Circulated.

20.2 Hopkins Homes - Annual Review 2015. Circulated.

20.3 SALC Road Investment Strategy. Circulated.

21. Playing Field (Cricket Meadow) Legal date 2nd February 2014 to 1st February 2015.

22. Date of next meeting: 3rd August 2016, 7pm start.

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

23.1 Personnel Issues. None.

23.2 Legal Issues. None.