

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7:00 pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, W Martineau, S Kenyon, R Baxter, S Lusher & B. Cllr Bull

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs J Chalmers, T Steer & C Cllr Spicer

3. Minutes -- Minutes of the Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

4. Meeting open to the public

A discussion was had with three of the members of public, the Parish Council and West Suffolk Councillor Carol Bull. Cllr Bull provided background on the West Suffolk Local plan process. This included a discussion around the need for a five-year land supply. The National Planning Policy Framework requires local planning authorities (LPAs) to identify and maintain a five-year land supply of deliverable land for housing. This is reviewed annually by West Suffolk District Council. The housing need set by Government for West Suffolk is to build at least 16,000 homes up to 2040, a minimum of 800 a year. Currently West Suffolk are consulting on how best to deliver these homes.

The Clerk went onto explain that the Barningham Neighbourhood Plan is being produced in anticipation of some development being required in Barningham. A lot of work has been done by the working party to date, this started back in 2017 with an initial questionnaire explaining the position Barningham could find themselves in and asking people's opinions on future development in Barningham. Work was done on a household questionnaire, including a call for sites and we held a public event in March 2017. The group has done a lot of work with AECOM producing a Design Guide, Suffolk Wildlife Trust carrying out a wildlife audit, and Ian Poole producing a Character Assessment. The latest piece of work was to try to gauge opinion on preferred sites, coming out of the Barningham Call for sites. This work has proven inconclusive.

It was agreed by the working party that, following a virtual meeting with West Suffolk Council, we would wait until the West Suffolk Local Plan Issues and Options recommendations go to Committee in December. Once we have sight of this document we will carry out our own Barningham consultation. What form this consultation will take is still to be decided.

Julie Surridge gave an update from the school. The building work, to underpin the Victorian School building, is taking longer than anticipated. It is now likely to complete by the beginning of November. School staff are not able to park on the site and this is having a knock on effect with parking. Cllr Kenyon suggested that a turn around, drop off point could be built at the front of the school by the layby. Although it was recognised that this would be an expensive option, it was agreed to at least explore it as a possibility. We will raise this suggestion with Cllr Spicer. There have been only two confirmed cases of Covid in the school. Cllr Bull brought up the West Suffolk anti-idling scheme and asked that Mrs Surridge put up some posters at the school. The Parish Council will also put some up. The School is hosting an Early Year's Open Evening on Thursday.

Mrs Surridge also gave a report from the village hall. A Christmas event is going to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10.30-12.30. All are welcome. The hall has been painted outside and is looking really nice. A new patio has been laid.

**Action Clerk**

5. Report from County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting and sent her apologies.

## 6. Report from WS Councillor: C Bull

Update on streetlight in Sandy Lane and Bardwell Road. The light in Bardwell Road has been repaired. The work to the light in Sandy Lane is still outstanding. Cllr Bull will continue to pursue this. There is not going to be a big Christmas Fayre this year. There will however lots going on. To find out details of events you can visit [Christmasinburystedmunds.co.uk](http://Christmasinburystedmunds.co.uk)

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

### 7.1 Chairman

5 September - Took photos of Bishops Croft footpath across green after reports from three elderly resident's re- uneven surface one of whom had nearly tripped.

6 September – filled in report on relevant website. Heard back in a couple of days. Been to see it and it is on a list to be monitored. To let them know if further problems.

Also filed a report with photos of surface water causing a boggy area beside the footpath and very near to the sub-electricity station. A resident living next to it said it had happened before. Not heard anything back.

Reported to our CCEO Police Officer about use of an e-scooter around the village -often at dusk and on the B1111. Sometimes two on it- no lights/ helmets. The reply received is as follows: Due to the nature of their construction, E-scooters do not conform to the Construction and Use Regulations. In essence, they are classed as a Mechanically Propelled Vehicle (MPV). As a MPV there is a requirement for it to have lights, a number plate and the rider to wear a helmet, if used on public land, a road, including pavement, car park or land open to the public. I will submit an intelligence report to make officers aware. If you have any additional information as to who the rider is, it may be that I can speak with him prior to any unpleasant event happening.

Steve the caretaker called re what he had done in the village (see under item 13)

Leaflets for extra public meeting being held on the 2 Oct

1 October – I reported to the pub that a wire was lying along the front by the pub sign and around the corner. They came to see and it explained why their phone was not working! Presume they will report it.

### 7.2 Clerk:

#### 7.2.1 Bins in village, update

The Clerk has now made contact with the contractor who is installing the bins. The bins have been ordered and will be sent directly to the contractor for installation. It was agreed that a new bin should also be placed at the entrance to Aggies Piece. The Clerk will ask for this to be added to the order. **Action Clerk**

#### 7.2.2 Hedge cutting update

The big hedge and the hedges around the cemetery have not been cut. In addition, there is a big pile of large clippings, next to the Lychgate. It was understood that these matters were in hand with the contractor. The Clerk has asked when these works will be carried out. **Action Clerk**

#### 7.2.3 Councillors roles, including the appointment of a tree warden

As not all the Councillors were present, it was agreed to put this on the next agenda. **Action Clerk**

#### 7.2.4 Subscription to Zoom.

The paid subscription has been re-instated. This is because, although the Parish Council are no longer legally allowed to meet via video link, working parties are. The free service only allows 40 minutes per meeting and this has sometimes proven to be not enough.

## 8. Finance.

8.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Various	Admin	£1,839.12
community workshop ltd	Neighbourhood plan	£212.00
R H Landscapes	grass Cutting	£1,224.00
Countryside, conservation and tree services	Church Cemeteries	£475.00

## 8.2 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The Clerk provided and up to date budget report, schedule of payment for July and bank reconciliations.

## 8.3 Budget. To discuss budget for 2022/23

Discussions continued about the budget. The item will be an agenda item for the next meeting, as the Clerk should have information by then about the impact of the budget on the Parish Councils element of the precept.

**Action Clerk**

## 9 Jubilee Event

### 9.1 Update on arrangements, to include information about live broadcasts

Following concerns raised at the last meeting Cllr Bull looked at the licence requirements if we wish to broadcast a live event, if it clashed with our plans. Cllr Bull reported there is no requirement to be licensed by the council where a TV broadcast is played in public. Section 72 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 states, "The showing or playing in public of a broadcast to an audience who have not paid for admission to the place where the broadcast is to be seen or heard does not infringe any copyright in—

(a) the broadcast; or (b) any sound recording (except so far as it is an excepted sound recording) included in it." There are exceptions and we will explore these and the logistics of broadcasting any live events at our jubilee event. So far, the event will start on the Friday with a brass band, hog roast, Morris dancers and if it can be arranged, a fly past.

Saturday hopefully will be open gardens and a sale trail, potentially with some extra stalls on the field, at the school and possibly the village hall. Sunday there will be a church service

## 10. Neighbourhood Plan

### 10.1 to discuss public event

We had about 20 people attend. Some were residents who are new to the village. A vast majority were supportive of the Plan and the group working on it.

### 10.2 Feedback from virtual meeting with West Suffolk Council

Following a conversation with West Suffolk Council last week. The group have decided to put the public event with the landowners on the hold at the moment. As discussed in the public forum, once the recommendation for the preferred options consultation goes to committee in December, we will have another local Barningham consultation.

## 11. Speed devices

Cllr Steer is still exploring options for a VAS post in Hepworth Road. A resident in Hepworth Road has said we can use her garden for a post.

**Action Cllr Steer**

## 12. Aggies Piece

The road at Aggies Piece is flooded again. Cllr Baxter will take on the role of reporting this to SCC whenever it happens. A resident from Bardwell Road will report flooding concerns there.

The Clerk will write to the farmer, who farms that area, and ask if he could clear the ditch at the Moat Field, as he has done on the road towards Coney Weston.

**Action Clerk**

### 13. Caretakers report Circulated.

This has been a quiet month as I start to conserve my hours as the year-end approaches. There was also one bins-only week when I went on holiday. The main activity has been in the Play Area. One of the plastic 'anti-wraps' on the swing unit broke; this is something which happened regularly at one time but hasn't for some years. Fortunately, I had a spare in my box of bits so I have replaced it. Also, in the Play Area the wooden stepping-stone with the split has now completely disintegrated and the ropes on the roundabout have shrunk in the prolonged dry spell making it difficult to rotate again.

### 14. Play area /Cricket Meadow

#### 14.1 Increase of litter on the Cricket Meadow.

There has been an increase in litter being dropped at the Cricket Meadow. A post has been put on Facebook asking people to use the bins. Hopefully the replacement bin will help.

### 15. Churchyard/Cemetery

#### 15.1 Grave levelling, update

The contractor has come back with a price of £50 + VAT to level the grave in the Lawn Cemetery. The Clerk has asked them to go ahead and asked them to let us know when the work will happen, so we can inform the family.

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

The Chairman and the Clerk met with a contractor to discuss replacing the Lychgate gate. He is going to provide the Clerk with a price.

### 16. Planning

DC/21/1702/HH Householder planning application - Single storey side extension. As amended by plan received 11 October 2021 The Biscuits 13 Hepworth Road. **No comments to be made.**

### 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 contractor, who looked at the Lychgate gate, also looked at the village sign. As reported, the post is in a poor state. The contractor is going to take down the sign as a matter of urgency. He will store it in his workshop. If we are agreeable on the cost, he will replace the post and clean the sign

#### 17.3 Environmental policy

Cllr Baxter would like the Parish Council to consider adopting an Environmental Policy. Cllr Bull will provide Cllr Baxter and the Clerk with some contact details for an officer who could help with this. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action Cllr Baxter/Clerk**

#### 17.4 Abuse of Facebook

Admin have had to block some users, as their behaviour has not been acceptable.

### 18. Correspondence for information. None received.

### 19. Date of next meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 7.00p.m.