

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

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

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs S Lusher & M Dolan.

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 3rd August 2016 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public

A resident raised concerns over the changes that have been made to the bus service. In addition to the changes, it was noted that, finding out information regarding the new time tables is quite difficult on the website. Cllr Spicer is already looking in to this matter on behalf of Stanton Parish Council.

Action Cllr Spicer

It was reported that the Wheatland's boards are still up, this was despite all the properties on the new development being sold. The Clerk will look in to this matter. Following discussion about speeding vehicles in the village, especially on Hepworth Road, it was asked if more 30mph repeater signs could be erected. It was thought that legal requirements would limit the erection of new signs. Another suggestion, to try to reduce speeding, of using wheelie bin stickers, was also discussed. The Clerk will look into both of these options.

Action Clerk

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer has spoken to the head of planning, at SCC, and he knows nothing about any application from Pidgeon for Barningham, they have not been asked about the logistics of a new round about at the shop corner and no pre-application consultation has been carried out.

Cllr Spicer suggested the Clerk contact Hepworth Parish Council about both the approach from Pidgeon and the possibility of having a 7.5 ton limited placed on the Hepworth Road.

. Action Clerk

There is going to be a meeting of the Community Action Group next week to look at next steps regarding the doctor surgery at Hopton.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull reported that in the last couple of weeks there have been attempted break-ins at stables in the Thelnetham area. With regard to Sandy Lane parking. She is hoping to hold a meeting on site with all parties fairly shortly. The delay has been because Borough Officers are looking into land ownership/ leases etc. At the last meeting the Clerk asked if the PC needed to do anything in relation to the Confirmation of Discharge Notices for Lingwood Close. Cllr Bull checked with planning and the answer is no. The notification

was for info only. Essentially the Discharge notices are for the householders to confirm all work has been completed. Cllr Bull had a lovely letter from France Parr and Clare Dear of the PTA thanking SCC (I think she meant BC) for the £350 that she provided from her locality budget towards the refurbishment of the outside place.

Cllr Bull was very flattered to be asked to officially open the new sports equipment on the Cricket Meadow and would love to do it.

7. Police Report

The Clerk circulated the latest newsletter, via email, to the Councillors

Meeting reconvened

8.1. Chairman

The Chairman has been up to the Cricket meadow almost every day to keep an eye on progress. The new equipment is looking good and it is hoped the project will be completed soon.

8.2 Clerk:

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8.2.1 Councillor training. To confirm date for training and items for agenda

The date was confirmed as 1st October, 10 till 2 at the village Hall. A request has been made for 'planning' to be included. A light lunch will be provided. **Action Clerk**

8.2.2 Bench, outside shop, to arrange site meeting and bench design.

The area manager at the Spar has said he would be happy for us to provide a bench outside the shop. The Clerk provided the Councillors with some ideas for a new bench at the shop. The Clerk will arrange to meet with the manager at the shop and Cllrs Hammond and Crittall. **Action Cllrs Hammond, Crittall & Clerk**

8.2.3 Highway matters. Update on issues in the village including mirror on B1111.

Cllr Spicer is addressing this matter. The Councillors, in general, were not opposed to mirrors in appropriate places. **Action Clerk**

8.2.4 Lychgate gate, replacement.

The Clerk has been in contact with the contractors who are providing the replacement gate for the Lych gate cemetery. She is waiting for them to get back to her with a date for starting the work. **Action Clerk**

8.2.5 Streetlight B1111, position.

The Clerk is meeting with Adrian Last, from SCC and the resident of Bramley Cottage to discuss the position of the new light on the B1111. On Wednesday 14th September at 11pm.

8.2.6 Overgrown bushes B1111.

The Clerk has been contacted by one of the residents that she has written to regarding some overgrown bushes. There is some confusion who is responsible for the bushes in question and so it has been suggested that a site meeting be arranged. Cllr Hammond and the Clerk will liaise regarding this.

Action Cllr Hammond/Clerk

8.2.7 Pidgeon, update regarding public meeting, if any received prior to the meeting.

The Clerk had contacted Pigeon to offer the assistance of the parish council, if they would like it, to advertise their public meeting. They have not set a date for the meeting but it will possibly be held in October. Cllr Dolan reiterated that they proposals put forward would need Community support to progress successfully.

9 Finance.

9.1 To consider payments. The Following payments were approved and signed by two signatories.

9.1.1 S Wilson, wages for August	101584	£233.98
9.1.2 V Gay. Wages for August	101585	£864.04
9.1.3 HMRC tax & NI for August	101586	£168.92
9.1.4 V Gay, Expenses	101587	£27.17
9.1.5 LCPAS, Councillor training (Oct)	101588	£120.00
9.1.6 BDO, Audit	101589	£240.00

9.1 External Audit

Confirmation of completion of external audit.

Apart from some minor comments which require no actions, the audit has been completed satisfactorily and the Clerk has posted the relevant notices. She will prepare the information for inclusion on the Transparency Code page of the website.

Action Clerk

10. GP Surgery at Hopton.

As discussed under Cllrs Spicers report a meeting of the Community Action Group is being held next week to discuss the next steps to be taken.

11. Cricket Meadow.

Update on installation. Date for official opening.

The projection is nearing completion and is looking fantastic. The position of the picnic bench was agreed for near the seating mound. The date for opening was agreed as 2nd October at 3pm the Clerk and Cllr Bull will do the honours.

12. Review of Emergency plan

The date for this working party meeting was agreed for 13th September at Cllr Baxter's house.

13. Village Hall / Sandy Lane Parking

See under Cllr Bull's report.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

The date for this training was agreed for 7pm on 27th September at Cllr Hammonds house.

15. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

Cllr Sier and the Clerk will get together to consider a risk assessment for Aggies Piece. There are a lot of brambles obstructing the paths and the long hedge needs to be cut. The Clerk will contact Mark Bleay and ask him to deal with the overgrown brambles as a matter of urgency as access is currently restricted. **Action Cllr Sier/Clerk**

The Clerk has obtained information regarding a new bin for Aggies Piece. However, there is a bit of a reluctance to install new bins if there has not been a need for them in the past and nothing else has changed to warrant them. Before a decision about a new bin is made the Clerk will look at the existing signage and ask the caretaker if he is in favour of a bin here. **Action Clerk**

16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

16.1 Confirmation has been received from the Rural Coffee Caravan Information Project, that representatives of Alzheimer's society will visit in the village hall on 13th October in the afternoon.

Cllr Baxter is preparing a newsletter for November and asked the Councillors to consider items that they would like included.

Cllr Baxter has updated the welcome pack. She will send the updated version to all the councillors.

Following the success of the Keep Barningham Beautiful campaign and the Queen's birthday celebrations held at Barningham House, Cllr Baxter suggested that we plan an event for next year. In addition to making Keep Barningham Beautiful an annual event it was proposed that we look at hosting some form of fun sports day on the Cricket meadow. All in favour.

17. Caretakers report

August seems to have been National Bramble Month since their disposal has made up all of my extraneous activity. The problem of rapidly-growing spikey tentacles was brought on by a change in the weather and has been especially bad in the Lychgate Cemetery, the Play Area and along the Sandy Lane footpath. Since I am armed only with a pair of secateurs the solution is very time-consuming and of limited effect. I would like to repeat my call for the landscapers to cut the shrubs in Sandy Lane right back to give me a chance of keeping pace.

Unusual problem of the month was a spillage of mustard seed on the pavement beside the B1111. A member of the public kindly brought it to my attention as it was making the pavement rather like an ice rink, especially for some of our more elderly residents.

18. Cemetery

Update on memorial works. Request for interment

There has been a request for an interment of cremated remains for the late Heather Stacey. This was approved.

Two of the three memorials have been repaired. The third is due to be repaired directly.

19. Planning Matters

19.1 DC/16/1786/HH The Firs, Bury Road. 2no. conservatories to the rear elevation. **No Objection**

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20. Correspondence for information

20.1 Devolution responses. Circulated

20.2 Changes to planning advertising. Circulated

20.3 Bus Service Bill. Circulated

20.4 Government single departmental plan 2015-2020. Circulated

20.5 Website. Transfer of service.

SCC are no longer going to host the onesuffolk website. This is now to be handled by Community Action Suffolk (CAS). We need to let them know if we wish to continue with the onesuffolk website. There will be an annual cost of £50. It was agreed, provisionally, to continue with this service as long as good support is still going to be available.

Action Clerk

21. Date of next meeting: 5th October 2016

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