

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, A Steer, S Lusher, A Woodward, N Greenwood, W Martineau, B. Cllr Bull & C. Cllr J Spicer

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr R Baxter

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 7th November 2018 meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. **Meeting open to the public**

3 members present, no comments/questions raised.

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

Cllr Spicer apologised for missing our last meeting, she was attending a service at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. Cllr Spicer reported that the situation with the caravan on the boundary with Thelnetham/Hopton/Market Weston is still ongoing. SCC are currently discussing their budget. Within this they are looking at bus services and this has been why Cllr Spicer has been unable to give any update on the recent changes at this time. Cllr Spicer asked that we give any feedback, that we can, about current usage in the village. To this end Cllr Lusher will put something on Facebook. The changes to school transport will come in to force in September 2019. Current transport arrangements for those already using it will continue but new pupils and anyone who moves to a new house will be affected by the new arrangements. Cllr Spicer is working with Thurston School to look at alternative transport arrangements and asked that if anyone has questions or concerns that they contact her. Cllr Spicer confirmed that she has made a £500 donation to the village hall for works to the garden area. Cllr Greenwood asked again about the possibility of changing the Give Way sign, at Pound Corner to a Stop sign. Cllr Spicer will chase this up. **Action Cllr Spicer/Lusher**

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

To discuss new street light for Bishops Croft.

Cllr Bull has spoken to the officer at SCC about a new light for Bishops Croft, this has become more urgent following the recent burglary there. She will liaise with the Clerk about a site meeting to discuss the most suitable location. **Action Cllr Bull/Clerk**

7. **Report from Police**

No report.

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

8.1. **Chairman**

The Chairman had no report to make.

8.2 **Clerk:**

8.2.1 Highway matters.

Road painting outside school: The Clerk has been contacted about the road markings, in Bardwell, outside the school. These seem to be very effective, but it was asked if these measures could be replicated in Church Road. The Clerk and Cllr Spicer thought that this was meant to be the case. Cllr Spicer will investigate this matter further. **Action Cllr Spicer**

8.2.2 Payphone/Defibrillator

The payphone has been removed.

The clerk is still waiting to hear from Spa's head office about conditions regarding the installation of the defibrillator and the Heartbeat Trust about our grant application.

8.2.3 Trees on Millfield

Following concerns raised at the last meeting about overgrown trees the Clerk has been informed that Barningham is part of this year's cyclical tree survey, by St Edmundsbury Borough Council so this will be picked up when they visit, hopefully before Christmas. Michael Rutherford will check the ownership of the drain as he believes this may fall under highways ownership (land not drain).

9. **Finance.**

9.1 The following accounts were approved and signed by 2 signatories

Admin		£1,584.57
Morelock Signs	VAS	£2523.00

9.2 Signing arrangements, Barclays Bank

This matter is still in hand.

9.2.1 Barclays request for information:

The form from Barclays has now been completed by all the Councillors and the Clerk will now return all the information requested to Barclays. **Action Clerk**

10. **Grass contract 2019/20**

The Clerk will be sending out requests for tenders in the new year.

11. **Village Hall**

Car parking around the village hall is still an issue.

12. **Speed watch and SID**

The cheque has been raised to purchase the new speed indicator device.

13. **Neighbourhood Watch**

There was a burglary in Bishops Croft.

14. **Neighbourhood Plan**

Update on progress and information regarding SEBC Call for Sites 2018 - Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). The Clerk has been discussing the arrangements regarding their request for sites and there is still a bit of confusions regarding this. As the Clerk has a conference call with the technical support team on Friday to discuss the plan of action, she will discuss this matter with them. **Action Clerk**

15. **Councillors reports and items for future agenda**

Cllr Martineau reported a large pot hole at the junction of Droughts mand and Bardwell Road.

16. **Aggies Piece**

To discuss ongoing maintenance following site meeting with Peter Kerry
Peter Kerry met with the Chairman, Clerk and Cllr Greenwood to discuss taking the project forward. It was agreed that an aerial image of Aggies should be used for planning which areas should be cleared. Much of the work will need to wait until spring but this is complicated by the fact that we will not be able to do some works, that would interfere with nesting birds after the 1st March. Cllr Steer will produce an aerial plan, Cllr Woodward will compile a list of the equipment we already hold, and Cllr Greenwood will liaise with Peter Kerry and seek volunteers from the village. **Action Cllrs Steer/Woodward & Greenwood.**

17. Caretakers report Circulated

Leaves have been the main theme again this month with the usual places needing attention. I managed to get access to the layby mulch again and have been able to rake both cemeteries. The leaf blower has come in very handy too. I have cut back the brambles growing in the kissing gate in the Lawn Cemetery. The wheels on my primary litter trolley have given up the ghost so I have tried fitting a more robust solution; this will not get tested until my standby trolley goes the same way.

18. Play area reports

The wet pour at the play area has been flagged as a risk. The Clerk will get a quote to have the repair work carried out. She will also investigate alternatives to wet pour if they are suitable.

Action Clerk

19. Churchyard/Cemetery

A request for an additional inscription for the late E Snelling was received and approved.

20. Planning Matters

20.1 DC/18/2226/LB Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of new access gates, to include partial demolition of existing front boundary wall (Previous Application DC/18/0691/LB. Holm Cottage Mill Road. Mr Perinton-Powell. **No objection**

20.2 DC/18/2222/HH Householder Planning Application - (i) single storey rear extension and (ii) linked side extension. Imastar Hepworth Road. **No objection**

21. Correspondence for information

None received.

22. Date of next meeting: 9th January 2019 7:30

23. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items: 23.1 Personnel Issues. 23.2 Legal Issues.