

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 7:00 pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, W Martineau, R Baxter, S Lusher, J Chalmers, T Steer, C Cllr Spicer & B. Cllr Bull

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr S Kenyon

2. Minutes -- Minutes of the Wednesday 6th October 2021 meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

3. Meeting open to the public 1 member present

The member of the public present reminded the Parish Council that we have said we would publish the results, of the Neighbourhood Plan Village Questionnaire carried out previously, on the website. The Parish Council apologised for the delay and will ensure the results are published on the website. The resident also raised concerns about the increase in traffic new development, not just in Barningham, but in general, will bring. Cllr Bull informed those present that SCC would look at traffic concerns surrounding new developments but would not do so until an application is put forward. Cllr Spicer said that SCC officers always do a lot of work to try to find the best solution possible. These concerns however are just relating to the area around the development and not the wider area. It is a difficult situation as West Suffolk are required to find a balance between providing the housing and managing the concerns, in relation to local traffic, which in turn impacts the wider road network and infrastructure. The wider road network and infrastructure concerns come within the scope of the County Council.

4. Report from County Councillor: J Spicer

Complaints have been received about the behaviour of some children waiting for the school buses. The Clerk will contact both Ixworth and Thurston schools to ask them to speak to the children, who come on the bus from Barningham, about their behaviour. It was also noted that the bus stop seems to have moved and the bus now stops opposite the entrance to Hopton Road, which seems less than ideal. Cllr Spicer will speak to the school transport department about having the driver stop at the original stopping place, which is on the green verge, near the electricity sub station.

Action Cllr Spicer/Clerk

Option for Parking at the School. Turnaround-drop off.

A suggestion was made to put in a drop off area in front of the school. It was considered that this work would be prohibitively expensive and sadly would therefore not be a viable option.

5. Report from WS Councillor: C Bull

Update on streetlight in Sandy Lane.

Cllr Bull is still struggling to get a satisfactory answer to the issue with this light in Sandy Lane. Cllr Bull has been told that the light has been replaced but not energised. She will continue to pursue the matter.

West Suffolk Council, which is working to reduce its own carbon emissions to net zero by 2030 and influence residents and businesses to make similar steps, has been named Regional Council of the Year in the Energy Efficiency Association, East of England Energy Efficiency Awards. Cllr Bull has provided the Parish Council with some links as she is aware that we are looking at producing our own environmental policy

As part of the outline planning application process, the second phase of pre-application public planning engagement, for the new hospital will launch on Monday, 1 November and run until Sunday, 12 December. This will provide indicative illustrations and plans on how the Hardwick Manor site could be utilised for the new hospital as well as how feedback gathered at the first round of engagement has helped to influence and shape early outline proposals. A series of Covid secure face-to-face events have been arranged with precautionary measures in place including temperature checks, a one-way system, social distancing, a limit on numbers in the

venue, and regular cleaning and sanitising of the equipment. Additionally, the first hour of each event is reserved as being quieter and sensory friendly. An event is planned in Bury St Edmunds on 17th November, from - 2pm – 8pm at The Apex. A virtual meeting will be held on Monday 22 November 7pm – 8.30pm and can be joined at wsh.nhs.uk/live-event For those unable to attend any of the planned events, the information displayed at the events and an online feedback form will be available on the Trust website at wsh.nhs.uk/planning from Monday, 1 November until Sunday 12 December.

6. Progress reports. For information, from:

6.1 Chairman

The Chairman is continuing to report and monitor the flooded area and damaged footpath at Bishops Croft.

6.2 Clerk:

6.2.1 Bins in village, update

The Clerk met with the contractors to discuss locations for the new bins. After discussion with the village caretaker, it was agreed that, rather than put the new bin next to the picnic bench as previously discussed, it would be erected under the trees near the bench on the Cricket Meadow. This will hopefully put it far enough away from the picnic table to deter any vandals but closer enough for anyone using the picnic table to see and use it easily.

6.2.2 Hedge cutting update

The laurel hedge in the Lychgate cemetery has been cut back and the pile of arising removed. The Sandy Lane path has also been cut back. It was suggested that Sandy Lane would benefit from a good cut back, this will be organized for next year. Aggies will have some work done on Friday.

6.2.3 Councillors roles, including the appointment of a tree warden

The following Councillors roles were agreed:

Chairman Carol Hammond

Vice Chairman William Martineau

Highways – Grit bins Pot holes, road signs, etc.: - Janice Chalmers

Transport - Bus Times, community transport – Janice Chalmers

Storage – Anton Woodward. Although no longer on the Parish council Anton Woodward is still happy to store Parish Council equipment

Communication- Village magazine, 6 monthly newsletters etc.: Bobby Baxter

Web site –Sue Kenyon

VAS/Speedwatch – Tony Steer

Community Affairs — village hall: - Sharon Lusher

Social media – All

Legal- William Martineau

Police Liaison – Carol Hammond

Cemeteries: Bobby Baxter

Environment- footpaths, trees, Aggies: - Sharon Lusher

Doctors liaison:- Carol Hammond

WORKING PARTIES

Emergency Plan: Bobby Baxter, lead, All Councillors

Policies – Review of and implementation of documents, Standing orders, risk assessment etc.

All Councillors

Employment & Finance All Councillors

Neighbourhood plan: Carol Hammond & Tony Steer

It was agreed that we will ask, in the village newsletter, if someone would like to become a tree warden for Barningham.

Action Cllr Baxter

6.2.4 Works to Village Sign

The village sign has been removed, as it was unsafe. It is being store by Des Bavlowe, in his workshop. The black frame he can repaint , however we need to find someone who can repaint the sign as it is a bit “flaky”. An appeal for a local artist, who could carry out this work, will be made both in the village magazine and on social media. We need to look at the condition of the brick base to see if this needs repairing or replacing. **Action Cllr Baxter/Lusher**

7 Finance.

7.1 To consider invoices for payment.

Admin	Various	£1,677.05
Countryside, conservation and tree services	Church Cemeteries	£650.00
Countryside, conservation and tree services	Church Cemeteries	£325.00
R H Landscapes	grass Cutting	£612.00
Glasdon	Aggies	£305.01
Glasdon	Playing field	£521.24

7.2 Bank reconciliation and budget report

The Clerk provided the Councillors with an up to date bank reconciliation, budget report and schedule of payments.

7.3 Budget. To discuss budget for 2022/23

Following discussion is was proposed that we precept of £34,758 this will represent a nil percent increase on the Parish Councils element of the overall Council tax bill. This amount will still enable us to meet our financial commitments/projections for next year. **Action Clerk**

8 Jubilee Event

8.1 Update on arrangements

The Clerk confirmed the Morris dancers were booked for the Friday event for a cost of £70. The working party are still working on putting a budget together.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Bull reported that there has been a delay at West Suffolk and the document we need will now not be available until January 2022.

10. Speed devices

Cllr Steer has been experiencing problems with the batteries. He will continue to monitor the situation but we may need to purchase some replacement batteries. **Action Cllr Steer**

11. Aggies Piece

Work is being done in the area on Friday.

12. Caretakers report Circulated.

Another quiet month with restricted hours. I will further reduce my hours from November by reverting to one visit to the village per week. The most likely outcome of this will be the bin beside the pub filling with dog bags. I have weeded the War Memorial ahead of Remembrance Day but the landscapers in the churchyard have blown grass clippings all over it. Cllr Hammond will check the memorial is clean ahead of the memorial service.

13. Play area /Cricket Meadow

See under item 7.2.1 for an update on the new bin for the cricket meadow.

14. Churchyard/Cemetery

14.1 Lych-gate gate. To discuss replacement gate.

We are still waiting for the quote. The Clerk has chased this up.

14.2 Condition of Lawn Cemetery

A complaint has been received about the condition of the ground in the lawn cemetery. It was thought that the Heagney grave had been levelled and that the work had been carried out whilst the ground was wet. The Clerk had asked to be informed when this work was due to be carried out, so she could let the relatives know. This had not happened. It would also appear that a ride on mower had been used, whilst the ground was wet, between the graves. Cllr Baxter will have a look at the damaged and update the Clerk. The Clerk will contact the contractors to express our disappointment about that the lack of care and the disrespect that has been shown whilst carrying out works in such a sensitive area. **Action Cllr Baxter/Clerk**

15. Planning

None received.

16. Environmental Policy

To discuss the adoption of an environmental policy for the Parish Council

As mentioned earlier by Cllr Bull, West Suffolk have delivered a Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan. A number of Parish Council have declared a Climate emergency and to this end Cllr Baxter has done some work on preparing an environment policy for the Parish Council.

The aims of Barningham Parish Council Environmental Policy are:

- To increase environmental awareness and stewardship across Parish responsibilities and assets for the benefit of the local community.
- To promote the importance and value of a quality environment, and to support local people in their enjoyment of it.
- To carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises or eliminates its adverse impact on our environment.

Further work still needs to be done on the policy and Cllr Baxter will continue this and circulate the document for review by the other Parish Council members. **Action Cllr Baxter/All**

17. Tolerance Policy

To discuss the adoption of an tolerance policy for the Parish Council

Work on this document is still in hand.

Action Clerk/Chairman

18. PCC consultation on new Police and Crime Plan

18.1 PCC consultation on new Police and Crime Plan

The draft Police and Crime plan, is now out for public consultation before being presented to the Police and Crime Panel in January. Comment can be made on line. The Clerk has circulated the email containing the link.

18.2 SCC, Lorry Route Map Review in Suffolk

Suffolk County Council is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county. The review is formed of two parts: a technical review of routes and a community-led review of issues on lorry routes. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit the following comment: The Parish Council already have concerns about the amount of lorries that use the B1111 through Barningham but recognise that a ban could have a negative impact on neighbouring villages. They would not support any initiative that would see an increased in the volume of lorries through Barningham.

19. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

19.1 Emergency plan update.

Cllr Baxter has been making sure the plan is up to date. She is contacting all the volunteers to check that their details are still correct. Cllr Baxter will include a piece in the Parish News asking for more volunteers.

The white picket entrance gate/fence is looking very poor since it has been exposed by having the grass cut back. This was repaired/repainted earlier this year. Cllr Steer will have a look to see what needs to be done.

Action Cllr Steer

The Perspex in front of the bus timetable is broken. Cllr Steer will have a look to see if he can repair it.

Action Cllr Steer

20. Correspondence for information

20.1 Support and accommodation for people who are homeless or rough sleeping. Circulated.

21. Date of next meeting Wednesday 1st December 2021 7.00pm

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.