

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7:00 pm Via Zoom.

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

1. Apologies for absence. Cllr. A Woodward

2. **Co-option of new Councillor**

3 Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

3.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.

3.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None.

3.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act. None.

4. Minutes - The minutes of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 zoom meeting were agreed and approved as a correct record.

5. Meeting open to the public member of the public.  
2 members present.

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

Cllr Spicer reported that SCC are putting in extra support for the second lockdown. Ixworth library is still open, not for browsing but for orders and internet access. The household waste sites are still open and operating a booking system. The unsuitable for HGV's signs will go up on the junction of Hepworth Road. It was still unclear what the traffic count in Mill Road was for, Cllr Spicer will continue to investigate this.

7. **Report from WS Councillor: C Bull**

Cllr Bull and Cllr Spicer have both offered funds towards the cost of the new cycle racks at the School. They have requested that quotes for the works are sent to them so that they can arrange the grants. Cllr Bull reported that the bins will still be collected and that advice would be coming out advising people of what should and should not be put in the blue bin. There has been a lot of contamination recently, especially with glass being put, incorrectly in the blue bin. People are being asked to make comments on the West Suffolk Local Plan consultation currently taking place. Cllr Bull will provide some posters, giving information on how to take part, for the Clerk to put up.

**Action Cllr Bull/Clerk**

8. **Report Barningham Primary School**

The school is now fully opened. Our attendance is high and spirits equally as positive. A few children and staff have been tested for COVID-19, but no one has been tested positive. All the staff remain vigilant and take great care to follow our comprehensive Risk Assessments. The school looks different but the family and encouraging atmosphere remains as strong as ever. I am very grateful for the dedication shown, as well as the continuing support from governors, parents, carers and the local community. There are currently 97 pupils on role. Our maximum number is 105.

The governors, working with the Diocese and Local Authority staff, successfully appointed Miss Stephany Hunter as the new Head Teacher. An experience teacher, Stephany is a Deputy Head at a school in Lowestoft. We have already been in communication and she is excited to be joining the team after Christmas.

The repairs to the Victorian rooms have been completed. The school is awaiting delivery and installation of the new cycle units. I would like to thank the Parish and County Councillors for their generous donations towards the costs. Since lockdown more children are coming to school by bike, which we want to encourage.

9. Progress reports. For information, from:

9.1 Chairman

Cllr Hammond reported that there had been no emergency calls received this month. As we are aware there has been damage to the zip wire seat again. Cllr Hammond met with the caretaker to discuss the path in the lawn cemetery, this is something that we need to be thinking about going forward. Cllr Hammond and Cllr Steer represented the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day service and laid a wreath. Cllr Hammond warned of a TV licence scam that is doing the rounds and that people need to be alert to this.

**9.2 Clerk:**

9.2.1.2 Parking in Mill Road

As discussed under Cllr Spicers report, we are still waiting for information regarding the traffic count in Mill Road.

**Action Clerk**

8.2.1.3 Damaged white picket entrance gate.

The Clerk is arranging a quote for the repair or replacement of the white entrance gate.

**Action Clerk**

9.2.3 West Suffolk Council new Local Plan, Consultation from 13 October

The Clerk will discuss any submissions to be made with the Neighbourhood Plan working party. Residents are encouraged to view and comment on the plan. Details on how to do so can be found at [www.westsuffolk.exhibition.app/](http://www.westsuffolk.exhibition.app/)

9.2.4 Overgrowing hedges

The Clerk has reported a number of hedges that are overgrowing the footpaths on the Millfield Estate.

8.2.5 Parish Forum

The Clerk attended the recent teams Parish Forum. Ian Gallin gave a report on the work West Suffolk has been doing to support business and communities during the pandemic. Home but not alone has been re-activated since going in to the latest lockdown. There was a discussion about how the tax base has been impacted by Covid 19. West Suffolk have seen an increase in people asking for a council tax discount, which means that they have suffered a loss of revenue from this and from people going bankrupt and entering into IVA's. A presentation on the local Health and Wellbeing picture across our communities, was given. It was reported that by 2028 there will be an increase of 504, over 65 year old patients for each GP practice. Concerns were expressed about the fact that there is only one manufacture of the pneumonia vaccine and that many practices do not receive the amount of vaccine they order. Louise Carsen, Census Engagement Manager gave a brief overview of Census 2021 preparations.

9. Finance. The following accounts were approved payment.

Admin		£2,003.81
SALC	Training	£30.00
Community Action Suffolk	Office	£60.00
R H Landscapes	grass Cutting	£1,224.00
R H Landscapes	grass Cutting	£612.00
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	£240.00
RBL,	Donation	£50.00

#### 10.4 Budget 2021/22

It was agreed to precept for £34,350. This will be a slight decrease on last year but it was considered that the reduction would not have an overall effect on the budget and it would mean a 0% increase in the Parish Council element of the Council tax this year.

#### 11. Village Hall

Tree works around the hall.

West Suffolk Council have granted permission for the tree works at the village hall. The clerk has obtained a quote of £325 but it is unclear what the quote covers. A meeting will be arranged with the tree contractor to discuss the works required.

**Action Clerk**

#### 12. Neighbourhood Plan

12.1 West Suffolk Council new Local Plan, Consultation from 13 October 22 December 2020.

The Clerk is attending a virtual planning workshop, this was postponed and will now be held on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan working party will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm.

#### 13. Review of Standing and Financial Standing Orders

To review and adopt updated Standing and Financial Standing Orders.

This matter is still ongoing.

#### 14. Speed devices

14. To discuss speeding on Pound Corner

A resident had a near miss with a speeding lorry on pound corner recently. We are working with SCC speed safety team to get a new VAS post on Pound Corner, which we hope will help with the issue of speeding vehicles in this area.

We will look at putting the speed device in Mill Road to collect speed data.

**Action Cllr Steer/Clerk**

#### 15. Caretakers report Circulated.

As you will be aware, there is a repeat item in this month's report as I have had to remove another vandalised seat from the zipwire. I have also put up permanent notices at both play areas regarding the control of dogs and COVID precautions. Tim McGhee, West Suffolk's Play Area Inspector, very kindly supplied the fixings for the sign at the small play area.

I have begun to sweep leaves at the usual trouble spots and I am still cutting back brambles in various places. I have lopped several overhanging tree branches in the Lawn Cemetery and weeded the War Memorial.

I have managed to rebuild my litter trolley to save buying a new one but I have had to buy a new sweeping brush. The separation of litter suitable for recycling is back in full operation after a long lay-off thanks to the support of the excellent Andrew Harvey at West Suffolk Waste Management. Recyclable material will now be put in my blue bin at home with blue bags available for any surplus.

#### 16. Play area /Cricket Meadow

16.1 Vandalism of zip wire seat.

We were very disappointed to find that the zip wire seat has been vandalised again. It was proposed that the new seat be ordered in the spring. Both Cllrs Baxter and Lusher will write something, for the Parish News and Facebook respectively, expressing our disappointment over this matter and how someone's selfish and stupid actions have an effect on so many other people. Also how the funds needed to replace this item, again, could be better used elsewhere.

**Action Cllr Baxter/Lusher**

## 16.2 Behaviour of dogs on the cricket meadow

There has been some incidents of dogs not being under control recently on the Cricket Meadow. All residents are reminded to be kind and considerate to all users of the meadow and make sure they act accordingly. Cllr Hammond/Lusher/Clerk will work together to put some information out reminding people the meadow is for the enjoyment of all.

**Action Cllr Hammond/Lusher/Clerk**

## 17. Churchyard/Cemetery

The following requests were granted.

17.1 Interment of the late T Watson

17.2 Interment of the late R Buxton

17.3 Interment of the late Bernard Sparkes

## 18. Planning

18.1 Pheasant Cottage , Coney Weston Road, Barningham, IP31 1DH Permission is GRANTED by West Suffolk Council

## 19. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

The boardwalk at Aggies is in a poor state of repair. The Clerk will speak to Steve regarding this.

**Action Clerk**

The Clock mechanism is very sensitive. Cllr Baxter's husband, Adam is currently adjusting it regularly to try and keep it on track. The Councillors are grateful to Adam for undertaking this job.

There seems to be an increase in dog fouling in the village. Cllr Bull has some signs that she will give to the parish council for erection.

## 20. Correspondence for information

None received

## 21. Date of next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

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