

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 10th October 2016 in the Village Hall. A draft summary of the minutes follows.

**Present:** Councillors R Housley, A Dew, D Ferguson, S Fuller, P List and several parishioners.

### **Public Participation.**

There have been no problems or complaints regarding the footpaths.

The ditch and pipe in Hall Road has still not been cleared. Cllr Hicks stated that a second letter has gone to the landowners.

There is a considerable increase in the number of lorries from Aspall Cyder passing through 'The Street' to the weighbridge at Kenton and then back. Properties vibrate and the road is narrow causing problems when they meet another vehicle or a vehicle is parked. Cllr Hicks replied that the business had been given permission to expand and the whole local area is concerned about the traffic produced. The local County Councillors hope to meet with Aspall Cyder to discuss their future plans and traffic issues.

At a recent fire at Bedingfield Hall involving livestock it took 30 minutes for a fire engine to arrive. Engines are not allowed to leave the station with less than 4 firemen. In rural locations this proves difficult during 9-5 working hours. Firemen have been hired to sit in some rural stations as extra support staff from 9-5.

Only 9 written replies had been received regarding the VAS sign, but it was clear residents affected wanted something done. If a VAS sign was to be purchased local fundraising would be necessary. Broadband is still a problem but Bedingfield is amongst the 3% who are not likely to get super fast broadband, however MP's are aware of the problems and are on the case. Subsidised satellite system is still available.

**1** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

**2 Apologies.** None

**3 Declarations of interest.** None

### **4 Minutes.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true record of the meeting. They were then signed and dated.

**5 Matters arising.** None

### **6 Highways.**

Only 9 written replies were received regarding the speeding survey published in the Village News and the majority were in favour of a VAS sign.

Suffolk police were invited to attend to discuss the findings but declined the offer.

Would a VAS sign make a difference? The residents in the affected areas would like some action. A suggestion was made that maybe we should co-operate with Occold as a VAS sign should only be left in one place for a few days at a time, and may not even be used all the time, to be most effective.

Speeding awareness should start at home with locals adhering to the 30 mph speed limits.

After much discussion it was proposed that a VAS sign should be purchased.

The Parish Council would fund approx £1000, Land charities £400 and the remaining approx £1100 would be from private individuals fundraising. Two councillors had reservations but the motion was passed 3 votes to 2. The VAS sign would need to be insured.

All the councillors agreed that we should contact Occold P C.

The 2 posts would be funded by Cllr Hicks.

It was agreed to send a letter to Aspall Cyder concerning the increase in lorry movements in the village.

### **7 Correspondence.**

SCC is no longer financing the website costs. Onesuffolk (Community Action Suffolk) will continue to manage the local websites but at a cost of £60 per year from 1<sup>st</sup> November, however Cllr Hicks has offered to pay for the first year from his locality budget which the councillors all agreed to accept.

A consultation, which ends on 4<sup>th</sup> December, has been received from MSDC regarding the telephone box. After much discussion it was agreed to place this on the next agenda.

A letter appealing for donations has been received from SARS. ([www.sars999.org.uk](http://www.sars999.org.uk))

### **8 Planning.** None

### **9 Finance**

There were no issues following the external audit by BDO and the annual accounts were accepted and approved by councillors.

All councillors agreed to the following payments:

Community Action Suffolk for insurance £171.90

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the village wreath £18

### **10 MSDC report** - None

### **11 SCC report – Cllr Matthew Hicks**

The vote for Devolution of Norfolk and Suffolk, with an elected mayor, takes place at the end of November. If this goes ahead it would mean more decisions taken locally rather than at government level and funding from the government would include:

£25m each year for the next 30 years to support economic growth and development of local infrastructure and jobs (this will increase the local economy to £43bn and create 95,000 jobs by 2026.

£130m investment over 5 years to support the building of new homes across Norfolk and Suffolk.

Suffolk Trading Standards are one of the best in the country. There are new scams everyday and these are highlighted on Radio Suffolk, and the press, to make the public aware.

### **12 AOB**

The road surface is very uneven and rough beside the water tower, from Mill House to The Plash Knoll. The clerk will notify highways.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7:30pm