

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A virtual meeting of the Council was held on 15th March 2021.
A draft summary of the minutes follows.

Present: Councillors R Housley, P List, M Booth, D Ferguson, S Fuller, M Hicks

1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

Public participation

The chairman had received a complaint regarding the HGV'S through The Street. Two lorries were meeting and driving over the kerb. The chairman had pointed out that this road was a designated lorry route and lorry drivers ought to respect each other when meeting in a narrow place. Lorries had also damaged a water meter cover in Hall Road.

The Village Hall committee have received several quotes to tarmac the car park. They are still bit short of funds and have asked contractors for a keener quote. The tarmac would go 2-3 yards back from the road edge, leaving the rest grass.

2 Apologies. None

3 Declarations of interest. None

4 Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting accepted as an accurate record of the meeting to be signed and dated when restrictions allow.

5 Matters arising.

The precept remained the same but there is still an increase on the Council tax bill. This is due to a change in MSDC tax base for 2020/21 which is recalculated each year.

6 Litter Picking Equipment

Many thanks to those who have been litter picking on a regular basis. There appears to be more litter discarded than previous years. It is hoped to have a litter picking day after lockdown to involve any parishioners willing to help.

7 Roads and snow clearance

Flooding on Plash Road has been reported to Highways but has not been resolved.

Many thanks to all the farmers who voluntarily retrieved stuck vehicles and cleared the roads during the recent blizzards. A snow plough not located in the village came through 2 days after the locals had cleared the roads. The chairman had received calls from the public requesting help to get cars recovered.

Is there a contractor responsible for snow clearance in Bedingfield?

8 Correspondence

Garden waste collection recommences on Mar 8th for area 1, Mar 15th for area 2.

Suffolk police have sent a covid update. They are holding a virtual locality meeting on 15th April where a representative of the parish council can attend.

A new Suffolk Care Services directory has been published.

Arthritis Action Group has formed a new virtual group for Suffolk and Norfolk.

www.arthritisaction.org.uk.

The following sent letters appealing for donations:

SARS. www.sars999.org.uk

Suffolk Headway. www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk

Fresh Start new beginnings. www.fsnb.org.uk

9 Planning

Discharge of conditions for details of plant and noise attenuation have been agreed for the chicken site on Land South of Hall Road.

No objections were raised to the detailed plan for at Old Station Yard, Kenton.

10. Finance

All councillors agreed R & M Berry should be asked to act as internal auditors this year.

11 Report from District Councillor.

The report was circulated and placed on the website.

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Lateral flow Covid test are available at Eye, Debenham and Framlingham. People working away from home are advised to get a test twice a week by booking a test on SCC website. Any company can register for a test pack to test staff regularly.

SCC has raised their council tax by 2% for Social Care and 1.9% for general council tax.

Highway's budget is doubling as there is a huge issue for maintenance and repairs on the roads.

The Police and Crime Commissioner controls his own budget which has to be approved by a panel.

Suffolk police are the worst funded in the country.

62 farmers have a contract for clearing snow on the roads in Suffolk. Not every village has one and most unclassified roads are not included. Their job is to clear the roads not pull vehicles out of snowdrifts.

SCC have snowploughs on the front of gritters and work 2x12 hr shifts to keep the A and some B roads clear when the weather is bad.

County Council and Police and Crime Commissioner elections take place May 6th 2021.

13 AOB

The footpaths are very wet and there is still dog fouling on some of the paths. The path opposite The Red Lion to Bucks Green has a hedge at Bucks Green end which may become a problem overgrown in the spring and summer when new growth is made.

The edge of the road going towards Rishangles Knoll is subsiding.

Any potholes or road subsidence can be reported on SCC Highways website where there is a good map showing the area and any works already recorded.

14 NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 17th May 2021 7:00pm followed by the Parish Council AGM.

According to covid guidelines this can be held in the Village Hall however if the rules change then it will become a virtual meeting.

Everyone was thanked for attending.