

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 17th July 2017 in the Village Hall.

A draft summary of the minutes follows:

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

The chairman welcomed several parishioners and Mr Martin Render, Community Heartbeat Trust to the meeting. Mr Render gave a very interesting and informative talk on the importance and application of a defibrillator. Several questions were raised which he answered with expert knowledge. At the end of this presentation Mr Render was thanked and he and most of the public left.

Public Participation.

No negative footpath reports. VAS is having a positive effect especially where it is sited. The road has been resurfaced between Church Road junction and Plash Knoll. The Street is to be skimmed before redressing, probably next year, to keep the road level down.

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 and accurate record of the meeting. They were then signed and dated.

5 Matters arising.

The overgrowth around the AA sign at Yew Tree Farm has been trimmed back.

6 Defibrillator.

The Lottery Grant Fund has requested some more paperwork. A copy of the Standing Orders was signed and dated to send. Cllr Hicks has offered a grant.

7 Telephone kiosk.

Cleaning and repainting the kiosk has not commenced yet. The Heartbeat Trust can advise where to get the BT red paint. This is to be obtained. The kiosk is insured for £1500 at no extra premium until renewal at 1st October.

8 Correspondence.

An Electoral Review of Mid Suffolk is under consultation which may involve different ward boundaries and numbers of councillors. (<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>).

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service is appealing for donations to help with their running costs. (www.sars999.org.uk).

The next police locality meeting is at Eye on 20th July 11am.

9 Planning.

From 1st July the planning team at Babergh and Mid Suffolk are introducing charges for their pre-application service.

10 Finance

All councillors agreed to pay Mid Suffolk £36 for emptying the litter bin which is frequently used.

11 MSDC report. None

12 SCC report.

The Chief Executive of SCC has left. She will be sadly missed and has overseen a dramatic improvement in various aspects of the Council.

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service are raising awareness of the dangers of everyday activities near water after statistics show nearly 50% of people who drown never intend to enter the water.

94% of Suffolk children have been offered their first choice of primary school.

The cycling Tour of Britain is coming to Suffolk on 8th September, starting in Newmarket and finishing in Aldeburgh.

Superfast broadband should be available to most properties in Bedingfield by the end of March 2018.

Unfortunately 18 properties will have to wait until December 2020. To get a good speed you must be within 1 km of a box.

The drain blocked under Hall Road is not impacting on many people therefore the repair is of low priority.

13 AOB

The gully is blocked on the bend outside Park Farm causing flooding into the middle of the road, with traffic going onto the wrong side of the road to avoid the water.

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 16th October at 7:30pm.

Everyone was thanked for attending.