

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday 17th October 2017 in the village hall.
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

Present: Councillors R Housley, S Fuller & P List.

Public Participation.

Complaints were received about the dog fouling on footpaths. Could a dog bin be installed? Many lorries from Aspoll Cyder are still driving through 'The Street' to the weighbridge despite residents being told that a weighbridge would be in place by the end of March 2017. Residents cannot get any response from the CEO. Residents will keep trying to get some information.

1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

2 Apologies. A Dew and D Ferguson

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 gully on Park Farm corner has been cleared and the ditch cleaned out.

6 Defibrillator.

The Lottery Grant has been received. The Community Heartbeat Trust quotation still stands but an upgraded defibrillator is now available which is £400 more per machine. If we opt for the Managed Fund with the Heartbeat trust no VAT is payable therefore we could afford the updated machines. The project team will consult with the Lottery Fund to confirm this would be acceptable. The Managed Fund would set up and install all aspects of the defibrillators, signage, counselling, telephone alert system, security, maintenance and the first year's insurance. This would run for 4 years or maximum of the guarantee of the machines. The Parish Council would only pay for consumables. One defibrillator will be in the restored telephone kiosk, the other on the Village Hall wall. All the councillors agreed to accept the Managed Fund.

7 Telephone kiosk.

Paint will be available when we sign up to the Managed Fund and restoration should soon commence.

8 Correspondence.

PC Daniel Peck is the new SNT constable for Eye. A police locality meeting will be held at Debenham Community Centre October 20th 1:30-3pm. The Local Government Boundary Commission has drawn up new electoral arrangements for MSDC which alters the ward boundaries and would reduce the number of councillors from 40 to 34. The consultation ends 11 December 2017 and details can be seen and comments made at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk> and www.lgbce.org.uk .

9 Planning.

No objections were raised regarding the planning application at Old Kenton Station for change of use of an agricultural building to form one residential unit and erection of a new dwelling following demolition of derelict buildings.

Two councillors attended a consultation meeting for MSDC Local Plan which when adopted will replace all previous plans. MSDC need 452 new housing units per year. Bedingfield is classified as a hamlet and only infill planning may be acceptable, but any applications will be decided on its own merit.

10 Finance

The external auditors pointed out that the balance carried forward figure and the bank reconciliation should be the same, but they reviewed the reconciliation and were aware that this was due to an unrepresented cheque. In future these two figures should be the same as the reconciliation. The accounts were accepted and approved by the councillors.

The claim for a refund of the VAT on the VAS has been successful.

All councillors agreed to pay:

Business Services at CAS for insurance £207.28

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £18

Any invoices received relating to the purchase and installations of the defibrillators are to be paid as received using the money from the Lottery Grant.

11 Village Notice Board

The notice board in 'The Street' is falling apart. Two councillors will look at it and consider options and report to the next meeting with recommendations.

12 MSDC report. None

MSDC and Babergh are considering options to work closer together including possibly dissolving both councils and replacing them with a new single council.

13 SCC report. Monthly report was previously circulated to all councillors.

14 AOB None

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7:30pm

Everyone was thanked for attending.