

# **BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 in the Village Hall.  
A draft summary on the minutes follows.

**Present:** Councillors R Housley, P List, M Booth, S Fuller, and 2 parishioners

**1** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

## **Public participation**

Concern was raised regarding the horses using the village roads. Some of the horses appear difficult to control in traffic, sometimes there is a dog with them not on a lead. They also occasionally ride over crops in nearby fields. Motorists are advised to take extra care.

The footpaths are in relatively good condition, the entrances can be a bit muddy.

**2 Apologies.** Cllrs M Hicks and K Guthrie.

**3 Declarations of interest.** None

## **4 Minutes.**

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

**5 Matters arising.** None

## **6 Parish Councillor applications**

The relevant procedure has been followed, with a notice from MSDC displayed, then an invitation for anyone interested to apply to the clerk and complete an application form. Mr A Lawrence was the only applicant and the Councillors were all in agreement that he should be co-opted onto the Council.

Mr A Lawrence was formally welcomed and subsequently signed the declaration form of acceptance then joined the meeting.

## **7 Correspondence**

The chairman attended a police locality meeting in Eye on 14<sup>th</sup> March. There were no major issues. Parking and drug use in Eye was raised and speeding in the villages. Speed detection vehicles are in great demand and cannot visit a site very often.

Mid-Suffolk are running a campaign by Food Savvy called Use You Loaf aimed at reducing the 20 million slices of bread wasted each day in the UK. Schools and adults are invited to come up with a food saving toastie. Email your recipe, photo, or mini film to [foodsavvy@hubbub.org.uk](mailto:foodsavvy@hubbub.org.uk) by 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Walking Festival 14<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May. <https://suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk>

The following sent letters appealing for donations:

SARS. [www.sars999.org.uk](http://www.sars999.org.uk)

Fresh Start new beginnings. [www.fsnb.org.uk](http://www.fsnb.org.uk) They are also looking for volunteers.

## **8 Planning**

Permission has been granted for the conversion of old station building to 3 dwellings at Old Kenton Station. Permission was refused for a change of use for The Former Mill Building at Old Station Yard. A resident had raised a query regarding the Agricultural Dutch Barn erected at Manor Farm but the regulations relating to Agricultural buildings was explained and accepted.

## **9. Finance**

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

## **10. Church Clock**

The manufacturers of the clock have not visited yet to quote on a winding mechanism. It currently needs winding twice a week and works well. The ladder to access the clock is weak. The rungs are quite solid, perhaps extra supports could be added and the ladder refurbished. If using the ladder, a safety harness should be used.

## **11. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Six people have volunteered to organise a celebration for the village. The councillors agreed that a maximum of £500 could be spent.

A symbolic torch (transported by e-rickshaw) will tour Suffolk in May to start the Festival of Suffolk and mark HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It will pass through Bedingfield on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Councillors agreed that Derek Scott should be asked to carry the torch for Bedingfield.

## **12 Report from District Councillor.**

The report was read and placed on the website.

## **13 Report from County Councillor.**

The report was circulated and placed on the website.

## **14 AOB**

Should there be a Defibrillator refresher course? Review the defibrillators VETS list.

## **15 NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday 23rd May 2022 7:00pm followed by the Parish Council AGM.

Everyone was thanked for attending.