

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 23rd January 2017.

A draft summary of the minutes follows:

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

Public Participation.

A parishioner raised awareness of the benefits for the village to have a defibrillator. A comprehensive paper had been compiled and sent to the Parish Council. Heart Beat Trust would help with funding and maintenance is essential. The first requirement when anyone suffers a cardiac arrest is 999 and commence CPR immediately.

Water still stands on Hall Road and has been frozen recently. Highways are coming to Hall Road on 24th Jan to check if the ditch under the road is clear.

A speed recorder box was placed near The Old Rectory between 13th and 20th January.

3559 vehicles were monitored, 2003 exceeded 30 mph. From these results police speed camera checks will be instigated. The speed recorder box can only be used in the same area once a year so The Street cannot be checked until May.

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 Telephone kiosk consultation.

The light is on in the telephone kiosk. The kiosk is not on private land. BT is aware that we are looking to adopt the kiosk and will send the contract.

7 Highways.

A resident of 'The Street' invited Des Smith (Aspall Cyder) to visit her and two parish councillors were present. He was sympathetic to their concerns and said that the businesses exports had risen since Brexit was announced thus causing more lorries to pass through the village. He assured the residents that Aspall Cyder had applied for planning permission for a weighbridge which they hoped would be in place by the end of March.

New criteria are now in place regarding the position of VAS. A visit by SNT has highlighted places where additional posts may now be allowed. Following this Cllr Housley has completed a lengthy application for a review of the post positions. The VAS will cost £25 per year to insure.

8 Correspondence.

Letters appealing for donations has been received from:

St Elizabeth Hospice, stelizabethhospice.org.uk,

Fresh Start who support children and young families who have experienced sexual abuse, fsnb.org.uk.

Suffolk Age UK, ageuksuffolk.org.uk.

A debrillator would cost approx £1300, a stainless steel case £880, £50 per year for maintenance and £3 for electricity. Trained volunteers living in the village would be required. Some funding is available from Heart Beat Trust. After much discussion the councillors agreed to a debrillator in principle but had further questions that needed to be addressed and the originator of the submission would be approached.

Funding may be available from the Transparency Fund for the upkeep of the website. The chairman and clerk will investigate.

9 Planning. None

10 Internal Audit and Risk Assessment

These had been circulated with the agenda and were deemed by all councillors to be adequate.

11 Finance

The budget was discussed and all councillors agreed to leave the precept unchanged at £1420.

All councillors agreed to:

The purchase of the VAS from Westcotec for £3150 incl. vat and an additional clamp £60.

Village Hall Hire £120

V Martin for clock winding £40

Clerk salary £500

V Martin is no longer living in the village so R Housley is currently winding the clock twice a week. He will contact V Martin for a lesson on clock maintenance and would like somebody to share winding duties

12 MSDC report

Arthur Charvonia has been appointed as Chief Executive for Babergh and Mid-Suffolk.

Mid- Suffolk are changing to a Leader-Cabinet form of Governance from May 2017.

13 SCC report

Many eligible people have not had a flu jab. It is not too late, please contact your doctor.

There has been a great improvement in education over the last 3 years. 86% of Suffolk schools are either good or outstanding but key stage 2 is still below average. Schools are being visited to teach children about recycling.

Sizewell C is progressing fast and SCC are trying to get the best for Suffolk.

A consultation is available for the Northern Ipswich bypass.

14 AOB

Some patching of the road between Dublin Road and The Street has been done and should be top dressed in the summer. The Street will be skimmed before resurfacing possibly next year.

Police SNT visited the village and there may be suitable sites for Community Speedwatch.

Many thanks to all parishioners who have contributed to the cost of a VAS.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th March 2017 7:30pm