

A meeting was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in the village hall. A draft summary of the minutes follows:

**Present:** Chairman R Housley, S Fuller, and P List, and a few parishioners.

**1** The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the parishioners to air any concerns they may have.

Broadband is very poor and unreliable in some parts of the village. Could Cllr Hicks give an update on fibre optic broadband in Bedingfield? Will BT provide a dish if broadband coverage is very poor?

The pipe under the ditch at Church Croft Hall, Hall Road has still not been cleared which makes the road dangerous when flooding and frost occurs.

**2 Apologies.** A Dew and Cllr Matthew Hicks

**3 Declarations of interest.** None

**4 Minutes.**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as accurate covering all items discussed. They were then signed and dated.

**5 Matters arising**

It was agreed that parishioners may not agree with precept money being given to charities, so details of requests from charities would be noted in the minutes and on the notice board and then parishioners could give personally if they so desired. Letters asking for donations were from Magpas ([www.magpas.org.uk](http://www.magpas.org.uk)), Home-Start (provides support to families with children under 12), Headway ([www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk](http://www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk)) and Age UK ([www.ageuksuffolk.org.uk](http://www.ageuksuffolk.org.uk)).

**6 Footpath report**

No complaints have been received. The problem footpath last year, footpath 21, Little Lane, from The Street to Hall Road which was difficult to walk, has been cleared by the land owner and a satisfactory footpath width has been left uncultivated.

**7 Highways**

SCC ordered installation and replacement of the 'Bedingfield' sign near the water tower on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

The 30mph repeater sign near Yew Tree Farm has been reported missing and should be replaced shortly. The end of 30mph sign on the Debenham Road is lying on the ground.

R Housley read out a personal e-mail from PCSO Abigail Durrant regarding speeding.

The police have monitored speeding in The Street from time to time and say that the problem is not bad enough to warrant action by the police, however they will continue to utilise the visual speed monitor occasionally when it has been repaired. All speed safety measures are very expensive.

R Housley has spoken to several people in The Street regarding 'Speed Watch', asking for volunteers but with little response. An article is to be included in the newsletter. Costing for 'Speed Watch' and a flashing speed light detector are to be investigated.

R Housley will speak to the Police Inspector at Eye.

**8. Telephone Box**

Neither the Chairman nor the clerk had received any formal correspondence for or against adopting the kiosk since the last formal decision by the Council not to adopt the telephone box. If adopted all maintenance would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. The telephone is still working using a phone card and can be used for emergency calls without a card. All councillors agreed to review the adoption of the kiosk when BT notifies the village that it will be removed.

**9. Correspondence**

A letter was read from D Scott following his retirement from the Parish Council saying that he hoped the new councillors would find the work as interesting as he had. Licensing & Gambling Act consultation papers were circulated. Under the Transparency Code all Parish Council documents must be available on a website. R Housley agreed to be responsible for this and the website could include other village information. OneSuffolk will set the initial website up free of charge and help with any problems in uploading information. S Fuller acknowledged how fortunate the village was to have people dedicated to undertake this work. Grants may be available for equipment.

#### **10.Planning – MSDC planning decisions:**

Permission has been granted for alterations to the pavilion and family wing at Flemings Hall.

Permission has been granted for the removal of condition No 12 at The Oaks so that the space can be used for living accommodation.

Permission has been refused for a 1.8m fence at 2 Munters Cottage.

#### **11.Finance**

There were no issues following the external audit by BDO and the annual accounts were accepted and approved by the councillors.

Money invested in H.M. Treasury Consolidated Stock many years ago £19.75 has been returned under compulsory redemption.

All councillors agreed to the following payments:

Community Action Suffolk for insurance (£177.10), M.S.D.C. for election expenses (£392), and Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the village wreath (£18)

**12.Report from Police.** None. PCSO Martin Kane is our local representative but PCSO's will no longer attend parish council meetings.

**13.Report from District Councillor.** None

#### **14.Report from County Councillor.**

A report had been received.

Suffolk GCSE results rose this year by about 4% for students obtaining five or more A\*-C grades, including maths and English. A new vaccination programme has been launched to offer teenagers protection against meningitis. Suffolk Trading Standards successfully ran a Scamnesty campaign in July were 400 pieces of scam mail and other fraudulent documentation was taken out of circulation. Always be careful, every year millions of people lose thousands of pounds to fraudsters.

Suffolk Skills Show takes place at Trinity Park on 21<sup>st</sup> October and will provide a great opportunity for businesses to showcase their work.

#### **15.AOB.**

The village pump will be tidied and painted shortly by volunteers.

Concerns were raised in the spring by the Village Hall Committee regarding the potholes on the car park. If the boundary between the road and the car park was defined volunteers could improve the quality of the car park while County Council maintain the road. A Highways representative has visited the site and a low level kerb was suggested. The clerk has now handed the correspondence over to the Village Hall Committee for any further action they may consider taking.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Monday 18th January 2016 7:30pm

Everyone was thanked for attending.