

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 5th September 2022 in the Village Hall.
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

Present: Councillors: R Housley, P List, M Booth, S Fuller, A Lawrence and one parishioner.

1 Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11 Report from District Councillor

The report has been placed on the website.

Anybody struggling financially should visit MSDC website.

Replacing boilers – fossil fuel boilers for new houses are being stopped from 2025, for existing houses they can be installed until 2035. After then they will have to be replaced by a low-carbon alternative.

Public Participation

Please contact a councillor if you need financial support during these difficult times.

Suffolk Local History Council would like a village recorder for Bedingfield, it involves writing a report every year, with photos if possible and sending to the record office.

Anyone interested to contact P Debenham (clerk). An advert will be placed in the newsletter.

2 Apologies. None

3 Declarations of interest.

P List and R Housley declared an interest in Item 8, Finance, Village Hall

4 Minutes.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as correct. They were then signed and dated.

5 Matters arising. None

6 Correspondence

The lorry route review by SCC has been completed and there is insufficient evidence to support changes in Bedingfield.

MSDC have a new Model Code of Conduct. It involves changes to registrable interests. This will be put before the council for adoption next year to be in place for the councillors after the election.

R Housley has completed the rural services survey.

7 Planning

MSDC have granted permission to the following:

Erection of a lean-to extension agricultural building at Flemings Hall Farm.

Listed building consent for windows at Boars Barn.

Listed building consent to re-line chimney and add ceramic chimney pot at Church Farm Cottage.

Conversion of farm building to form a dwelling at Flemings Hall Farm.

The councillors had no objection to the erection of a new agricultural building at Flemings Hall Farm.

8 Finance

The external auditor has accepted the exemption status.

A Locality grant of £250 was received towards expenses for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

A further £262.13 was needed from Council funds.

MSDC Litter bin emptying has been paid £44.56

M Booth will study the insurance policy when it arrives and the councillors agreed to payment.

P List and R Housley declared an interest.

Councillors agreed to pay for the hire of the Village Hall £120

Payment for the poppy wreath was approved for November.

12 Report from County Councillor

The report has been placed on the website.

SCC has brought together a number of organisations that can help with the cost of living crisis. These can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/FinancialHardship

Please dispose of your batteries safely. They should NOT be placed in the refuse or recycle bins as they can cause fires. Most supermarkets have a recycling box where they can be placed.

9 Church Clock

Gillett & Johnston the clock makers have sent an estimate to service the clock and install an electric winding mechanism of £8484.00 (incl VAT).

Other churches will be contacted to see if they know of other available engineers.

Could a winder be installed at ground level?

10 VAS

The VAS is being assessed for repair. There is thought to be a spider's nest, which is getting bigger, inside a sealed unit. The assessment will cost £39.50 + VAT. All councillors agreed to pay.

13 AOB

Footpaths are in good order.

The entrance to the footpath at Bucks Green to The Red Lion needs clearing. P List will have a look.

Little Lane has dog litter bags thrown in the hedge. Please take your bags home with you.

Grass verges were cut when the grass was dead thus causing a fire hazard in the extremely hot, dry weather.

Vehicles still appear to be speeding through the street.

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th January 2023 7:30pm

Everyone was thanked for attending.