

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 6th March 2017 in the Village Hall.
A draft summary on the minutes follows:

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

Public Participation.

Engineers unsuccessfully tried to clear the blocked pipe under Hall Road again. They have marked the road and sent a report back to their manager. There are no reported problems with the footpaths.

1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

2 Apologies. Cllrs M Hicks & D Ferguson.

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 Defibrillator.

The chair of Heart Beat Trust will attend a meeting on 8th March to discuss the implications of installing a defibrillator. A lottery grant may be available to fund 2 defibrillators plus one year's expenses. Ongoing cost would be insurance and maintenance. A constant electricity supply would be required. As we are a spread village one would be placed in the phone box and the other in a suitable, accessible location to be decided. Training and volunteers would be required.

7 Telephone kiosk.

The contract with BT has been completed and the Parish Council have purchased the phone box for £1. The phone has been removed. The light is working. The contract stated that BT will provide the electricity for now. This needs to be insured. D Ferguson has agreed to supervise the renovation and maintenance of the phone box with volunteers.

8 Highways.

SCC contractors have approved 4 positions to install posts for the VAS. Two in The Street and two in the Church area. This work should be carried out in 4-5 weeks at no cost to the parish council.

A grant of £400 from SCC Cllr M Hicks locality budget has been received. The VAS has been purchased and needs to be insured.

Police speed cameras have been near The Rectory checking the speed of vehicles travelling from Southolt.

9 Correspondence.

The chairman attended a police meeting on 3rd March. The police are under funded and under staffed but will try their best. Speeding is a low priority, with domestic abuse and people trafficking high priority. Staffing levels are low in our area but when necessary staff from other areas would be drafted in.

The volunteer sector has a meeting in Eye on 21st March discussing how children and young people can be supported and the needs of older people.

10 Planning.

Plans had been circulated for a first floor extension and a single storey ground floor extension at Pightle Cottage. There were no objections.

Plans were discussed for a two storey rear extension to Church Farm Cottage. This is a listed building so MSDC would monitor these alterations closely. There were no objections.

11 Clock maintenance

Gillett & Johnson (Croydon) have been contacted and details of the clock purchase and specification was still on their file. It was delivered to Rev. Shaw on 1 May 1920 costing £50. The clock was purchased in memory of those who died in the First World War. The mechanism is working but gains about 10 minutes every 2 weeks. R Housley is currently winding the clock twice a week and correcting the time. Servicing is available but not required at the moment.

12 Finance

The precept has been accepted and a small transparency grant applied for.

All councillors agreed that Mr or Mrs R Berry should continue as internal auditor.

13 MSDC report. None

14 SCC report. Previously circulated to councillors.

15 AOB

A lot of road signs are rotting and breaking off. Are they going to be replaced?

NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Monday 15th May at 7pm followed by the Parish Council AGM.

Everyone was thanked for attending.

The meeting closed at 9pm.