

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 7th September 2020 in the Village Hall.
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

Present: Councillors R Housley, P List, M Booth, S Fuller.

A risk assessment has been carried out and all Covid-19 guidelines adhered to.

1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

Public participation None

2 Apologies Cllrs. D Ferguson, M Hicks and K Guthrie

3 Declarations of interest. Item 8 Finance. R Housley in Village Hall and newsletter and P List in Village Hall.

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.

The Annual Parish meeting and the Parish Council AGM were cancelled due to Covid-19.
The Village Hall noticeboard has been repainted and a drip cover added. All the councillors agreed that a self-healing pinboard (£67.49) should be added to the board to make fixing notices easier. This should be purchased using CIL grant money.

6 Correspondence

Regular updates are received regarding Covid-19.

MSDC have a free composting event on 12 September 9-12. Maximum two bags per car.

MSDC Licensing Policy revision is under consultation until 16 September.

Suffolk Minerals and Waste Recycling Plan was adopted by SCC on 9 July 2020.

There are problems with some of the footpaths.

Old Red Lion to Bucks Green the hedge is neatly trimmed by the field but entrance blocked with vegetation near Plough Farm.

The bridge near Bedingfield House is overgrown.

Big Lane is blocked with fallen tree branches.

Small Lane still has a dog fouling issue.

Councillors will visit the sites and try to clear any problems.

7 Planning

MSDC have granted planning permission for 3 poultry breeding sheds on land south of Hall Road, however MSDC still have to agree to the landscaping scheme before work can be commenced above slab level. Change of use of land for stationing a log cabin at Spring Cottage was refused. The barn extension at Oak Farm did not require planning permission.

8. Finance

The accounts have been audited. The internal auditor questioned whether the assets should be written down each year but Parish Council assets remain at acquisition cost until they are changed or disposed of.

We were told several years ago to revalue the pump and clock at £1.

The accounts for 2019/20 were examined by the councillors. All the councillors were in favour that these should be signed as correct. They were then closed, signed and dated.

The Certificate of Exemption from an external audit was accepted, completed and signed.

All councillors agreed that the bill for insurance when received should be examined by M Booth and if acceptable then paid.

R Housley explained that last year's donation for the newsletter was adequate.

R Housley declared an interest.

Councillors agreed that a donation of £100 be made to support the printing of the newsletter.

P List declared an interest.

Payment for the hire of the Village Hall for meetings was agreed. £90

The following were paid by the clerk since the last meeting.

Community Heartbeat trust for VETS contract. £120

MSDC for litter bin emptying. £43.26

9. Report from District Councillor.

Newly refurbished gym and equipment has been opened at Debenham Leisure Centre.

Stradbroke swimming pool and fitness centre has seen an upgrade and Stowmarket Leisure Centre is also in for a £2.2m upgrade. Facilities will include the opportunity to book classes, etc online.

Approval of planning applications at Stowupland will enable further junction improvements near the Co-op.

10. Report from County Councillor.

Report previously circulated and on the village website.

11 AOB

Would it be possible to have a bus shelter at the Village Hall for the children waiting for the school bus?

There is a dangerous gully on the side of the road just past the water tower.

Have we any litter picking equipment? Could it be borrowed or hired?

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday 18 January 2021 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone was thanked for attending