

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 9th March 2020 in the Village Hall.
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

Present: Councillors R Housley, P List, M Booth, S Fuller and a few parishioners.

1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

Public participation

Could the Village Hall knoll be removed or made one way? One way is not practical for HGV's. Is it of historical interest? The bend at Plash Farm is dangerous could a mirror be installed? We should drive a suitable speed for the conditions. Hall Road floods outside Oak Cottage. This can be reported on the SCC website including pictures. Please also report any pot holes. The traffic lights at Aspall Cyder will be reinstated when necessary for lorry movement to the site for expansion work. Initially this will be 11th & 12th March.

At this point some of the parishioners left the meeting.

The agenda was altered to allow Cllr Guthrie to give her report first.

11 Report from District Councillor.

MSDC has agreed their Financial Budget for 2021. An increase of £2.76 per annum will be added to a Band D property.

The development Management Team has scooped a National award for technological advances as part of 21st Century Planning.

Needham Market railway station has been awarded a government grant to improve accessibility for all. Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swim and Fitness centre have been named as some of the country's best.

A number of shops in Suffolk are offering refills for a host of household items in a bid to cut down on packaging and plastic we use.

2 Apologies. None

3 Declarations of interest. R Housley and P List in CIL grant, 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. A notice has been placed on the Village Hall litter bin requesting no dog bags.

6 Correspondence

Request for money was received from EACH (www.each.org.uk).

If your child is eligible for SCC funded school travel you need to opt-in every year. Information can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/optin.

Bedingfield should have the grass borders cut by SCC highways once this year w/c 6th July.

A new Care Services Directory has been published which helps people to understand the options available and where to go to for advice if you need assistance. Contact Care Choices on 01223 207770.

(www.carechoices.co.uk)

7 Planning - None

8. Finance

New batteries for the VAS are £60 + VAT + carriage. Their life depends on how it is looked after and use similar to a car battery. These are not required at the moment.

Each Defib only has one set of pads which last 3 years if not used. Should we consider a spare set with each machine? When reordered they usually arrive quickly and we do have two defibrillators.

All councillors agreed Robert or Marion Berry should be asked to audit the accounts.

9. Footpath Warden

Vanessa Booth has agreed to become the footpath warden.

Little Lane bridge is becoming overgrown. Walkers are encouraged to take secateurs with them to trim back any brambles or overgrowth. Footpaths are still very wet due to the extremely wet winter.

The farmer will try to improve the entrance to Big Lane and Little Lane.

Bridle Ways should have permission from SCC to change the surface.

10. CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) grant

R Housley and P List declared an interest.

A letter had been received from the Village Hall Committee requesting a donation of £1200 towards Village Hall repairs and painting of the windows. This was agreed as CIL monies were available.

After much discussion about a new notice board on the Village Hall it was agreed to look at the existing one and consider whether it could be renovated with a drip cover and a self-healing pinboard.

12 Report from County Councillor.

Report previously circulated and on the village website.

13 AOB - None

14 NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting Monday 18th May 2020 7:00pm

Followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:30pm

Everyone was thanked for attending