

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 16th January 2023 in the Village Hall.
A draft summary on the minutes follows:

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

1 Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

Public participation.

There is standing water on the road in The Street where the road is sunk. When vehicles pass spray contaminates nearby houses. The road surface in The Street should be skimmed before further re-surfacing due to the height compared with residents front doors. Any highways problems should be reported on the Suffolk County Council website.

Footpaths are good at the moment. Any problems contact Vanessa or Mark Booth.

Parish Council elections are in May.

2 Apologies.

Cllrs M Hicks and K Guthrie.

3 Declarations of interest. None

4 Minutes.

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

5 Matters arising.

The VAS has been repaired and is now working.

6 Correspondence

SARS (Suffolk Accident rescue Service) Annual report has been received.

MSDC Liaison meeting 7th February in Stowmarket.

Debenham dementia project was significantly impacted by Covid but now wish to revitalise the scheme. A representative will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to explain their objectives and how they might help our area.

The following are asking for donations:

Headway Suffolk www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk

CAB www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk

7 Planning

Mid-Suffolk is satisfied with the conditions for biodiversity enhancement at Flemings Hall Farm.

Permission was not required for an agricultural storage shed at Flemings Hall Farm.

8. Internal Audit and Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment was approved to be comprehensive

The Internal Audit was reviewed and considered to be appropriate.

9. Finance

A grant was received from Cllr M Hicks' Locality budget of £318 towards the defibrillator replacement batteries.

The following payments have been made.

CAS Insurance £234.08

Two replacement defib batteries

Community Action Suffolk for website hosting £60.00

RBL for the poppy wreath £19.99

The budget for 2023/24 was circulated with the agenda. Following a brief discussion, the councillors agreed the precept should remain at £1620 for 2023/24.

The clerk has applied for a VAT refund.

The clerk's salary was discussed and all councillors agreed it should remain the same as last year.
The clerk was thanked.

10. Church Clock

The clock improvement quote was very expensive, so at the moment is on hold. It needs winding every 3.5 days but the ladder is not ideal to reach the clock. Investigations are under way to see if a ground level winding mechanism could be fitted.

11 Report from County Councillor.

The report was circulated and placed on the website.

12 Report from District Councillor.

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13 AOB

There are no problems with the footpaths that is not weather related. Walkers are using the field in one part as the path is inaccessible. Rubbish was dumped in a gate way in Church Road but has been cleared by M Booth

14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 27th March 2023 7:30pm

Everyone was thanked for attending.