

# **BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Village Hall.  
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

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

**1** Everyone was welcomed to the meeting

## **Debenham Dementia Project – Lynden Jackson**

The aim of the Debenham Dementia Project is to support the carer which in turn also supports the patient from Debenham and surrounding villages.

It is a simple, straightforward, personal approach offering practical and emotional support, and social involvement. There are regular afternoon meetings, lunch clubs, fit clubs (seated activity), transport if needed for medical appointments, and signposting to professional help.

Sometimes a phone conversation can mean so much to a carer.

It is purely a community organisation but supported by local GP practices.

[www.the-debenham-project.org.uk](http://www.the-debenham-project.org.uk) 01728 862003

## **Public participation.**

This is the last meeting before the election.

Councillors were thanked for the last 4 years of service.

An updated map of public rights of way has been received which is much clearer than the old one but no changes have been made.

## **11 Report from County Councillor.**

The council tax will increase by 3.99%, with additional monies going to children's services, adult care and the environment. There will be no cuts to services. Illegal vapes are being sold in Suffolk, they are very dangerous. Please report any knowledge of these to Trading Standards. A new highways contract has been awarded to M Group Services, keep reporting potholes and highways issues on the website. No money is allocated for major infrastructure repairs and rebuild. Litter on the A14 is the responsibility of Highways England, District Council have letter pick teams for other roads.

The full report was circulated and placed on the website.

## **12 Report from District Councillor.**

Kathie Guthrie gave her report summarising the work of MSDC over the last 4 years.

The report was circulated and placed on the website.

The chairman thanked Kathie for her support as she retires from council work in May.

**2 Apologies.** None

**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.** None

## **6 Correspondence**

Houses4Homes – MSDC have an aim to improve engagement with the empty homes service. MSDC have provision for eligible children to attend free holiday activities and food during the Easter holidays. Spring litter pick promoted by the district council. Thank you to all who help with this already. High Suffolk Community Bus has timetable changes from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 details on the website - [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com)

## **7 Planning**

Permission has been granted for a solar installation at BHF Poultry. Councillors have no objections to the relaying of concrete at Flemings Hall Farm.

## **8. Finance**

JKP Littlejohn has been appointed the external auditor for another 4 years. The precept has been accepted. It was agreed that R & M Berry should be asked to continue as internal auditor.

## **9. Church Clock**

Nothing to report. Investigation is ongoing.

## **12. AOB**

Occold has a VAS which records speeds and letters are sent to offending motorists. This may be available from the police for short periods. Enquiries will be made. S Fuller is retiring from the Parish Council and he was thanked for the many years he has served, always available and helpful with any matters in the village. S Fuller replied that it was a pleasure to have served and will still be in the village from time to time.

## **13. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 7:00pm**  
The **Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7:30pm**

Everyone was thanked for attending.