

BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on Monday 4th September 2023 7:30pm in the Village Hall.
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

Present: Councillors: R Housley, M Booth, P List, A Lawrence, and some parishioners.

1. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

Public participation.

Concern was raised about the dog fouling on footpaths. The footpath between The Street and Hall Road (Little Lane) was particularly highlighted. Could we have some dog litter bins? How many would be needed we have a lot of footpaths?

People from other areas are walking our footpaths and some are impassable. Please contact the footpath warden, V Booth, if you know of a problem. Carry a pair of secateurs with you to help keep them clear.

When will The Street be resurfaced? It needs skimming because of the level of the road compared to the houses before resurfacing. The drains are above the surface of the road so water does not drain away.

The hedge is an obstruction when turning right out of Hall Road near the Village Hall.

2 Apologies. MSDC Councillor Teresa Davis

3 Declarations of interest.

R Housley and P List declared an interest in Item 8, Finance, Village Hall.

4 Minutes.

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

5 Matters arising. None

6 Correspondence. CAS have secured a different insurance provider and an assessment form needs to be completed before a quote can be received. This form was discussed and advice given to the clerk for completion. The clerk will liaise with A Lawrence when the quote is received.
Barclays bank have sent a form to complete verifying details of the account.

7 Planning

Full planning permission has been granted for a single storey extension at Orchard Farm.

8 Finance

External audit exemption status has been accepted.

The councillors agreed to pay:

Bedingfield Village Hall for the hire of the hall. £120

MSDC for election expenses. £125.81

Councillors discussed the bank mandate and internet banking. The mandate must be updated.
The signatories will contact the bank to set up internet banking.

8 Finance (cont.)

R Housley and P List declared an interest.

The vice-chair continued the meeting and discussed a request for a grant to the Village Hall towards the cost of replacement windows. The councillors agreed to the request for £965.33

R Housley and P List thanked the council and returned to the meeting.

9 Church clock

A Lawrence has arranged for a retired watch/clock repairer from Stradbroke to visit soon and advise regarding a winding mechanism. He would not be able to do the work himself but would co-ordinate the work for us.

10 Highways

Plash Road water grid regularly blocks causing a major flood when it rains. It is 8 months since it was first reported but it is classed as routine maintenance. The drain fills with straw and leaves, these have been cleared by a councillor but the problem persists.

There is an increase in lorries in the village since the ban of lorries through Eye, which is causing the lorries to do a lot of extra miles.

11 Councillor Vacancy

Some interest has been shown regarding the vacancy. The process to co-opt a councillor will begin.

12 Report from District Councillor

This has been circulated and will be on the website.

13 Report from County Councillor

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14 AOB None

15 NEXT MEETING

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

Everyone was thanked for attending.