

## **BEDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Council was held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in the Village Hall.  
A draft summary of the minutes follows:

**Present:** Councillors R Housley, M Booth, P List, A Lawrence, J Jakeways and several parishioners.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

The order of the agenda was altered to allow the District and County Councillors to speak earlier.

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

The report was circulated and placed on the website.

Debenham is continuing to liaise with the Environment Agency regarding flooding in Debenham. Suffolk County Council will produce a Section 19 report giving recommendations.

### **Public participation.**

During continued rain, water is running off the field behind The Street causing flooding. Renworth House was almost flooded. The water is not getting away out of the ponds in The Street.

There are pipes under the road which should take the water. Further investigations will be made.

Why were the Parish Council against holiday lets at Flemings Hall? The report sent to MSDC regarding this application was read. The Council had raised concerns but not objected. The accommodation would be used for extended family to stay and when vacant used as a holiday let. A new application will probably be received.

### **13 Report from County Councillor.**

The report was circulated and placed on the website.

Please be aware there are a lot of scams in circulation. One is from the College of Suffolk; this college does not exist. SEND services are very poor, there has been a high increase in referrals. Gulleys and underground pipes are silting up and Highways have received an increased number of reports to clean them out. A new machine is being trialled to fill potholes.

1. Cllr J Jakeways was welcomed to her first meeting of the Council.

**2 Apologies.** None

**3 Declaration 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 -** None

## **7 Planning**

Conversion of and extension to barn complex to form 4 residential holiday rentals at Flemings Hall has been withdrawn.

## **8. Finance**

Mr & Mrs Berry are to be asked to audit the accounts again this year.

A local benefactor has donated money for the restoration and electrification of the church clock. A letter of thanks will be sent.

## **9. Church Clock**

No faculty by the church is required for the clock repair.

All councillors agreed to pay the required 50% deposit and then the work can commence. Balance to be paid on completion.

## **10. Highways**

Footbridges in Little Lane have been repaired. Councillors have cleared the overgrowth on the footpath at Plough Farm. A letter has been sent to the highways consultation opposing the continuation of the lorry restriction in Eye.

## **11. Dog bins**

The annual emptying charges are to increase to £69 per bin from April 2024. Further increases are expected as the direct service cost to MSDC is £175 per bin. This may affect the Parish precept in future. Not all residents have dogs. Are fixing bands required for the bins? MSDC have asked councils to defer requests for new bins until after April 2024.

## **14. AOB**

A lot of rubbish has been dumped in the ditch on Dublin Road.

Defibrillator replacement pads are needed in April. A defib refreshing course would be beneficial and the VETS list needs updating.

## **15. NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm followed by the Parish Council AGM.

Everyone was thanked for attending.