**BADINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**FRIDAY MAY 31ST 2018– 7.30PM**

**BADINGHAM VILLAGE HALL**

**Attendance**

Parish Councillors – Cllr Frost, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Barber, Cllr Welham, Cllr Horrocks and Clerk Mrs S Piggott

12 members of Public

**Chair** – Cllr S Frost

**Minute taking** – Mrs S Piggott

**1 APOLOGIES**

Sonia Russell, Linda McQuade and Ann Foster

**2 MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2017**

The Minutes were approved and signed.

**3 PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – Chairs Report- Full report attached**

The Parish Council has had a moderately ‘peaceful’ year, given events of previou8s ones, and has conducted the routine business as expected.

**Village Hall:**

Over recent years the PC has been aware of various problems that have beset the Village Hall and the committee, and we have always aimed to support the Village Hall in whatever capacity we can. We are very please to see the new committee established and wish them every success in their work to cherish and maintain the Hall, helping it to restore robust governance and meet the needs of the whole community in Badingham.

**Precept:**

We have worked hard to budget for the following financial year and were able to avoid increasing the Precept which remains at £9,500.

**Pocket Park**

The difficulties pocket park experienced a few years ago are hopefully behind us now that a regular maintenance programme is in place. We would like to thank Cllr Welham for his work in maintaining the Pocket Park, Rob also spend a day planting 1,000 bulbs in the Bench Site opposite the Pub which were spectacular.

We have been approached by Julia Macluskey recently regarding a request to hold a Forest School in the Park, to run sessions on a number of Saturdays through the summer. We are currently looking into a number of implications of this so we can work with Julia if this is possible.

**Emergency Planning**

Emergency Planning is something every village is encouraged to do, and we have raised this a number o times. We have experienced storms, floods and snow recently and any number of other scenarios possible it would be great to get this in place. Cllr Barber is the lead on this project and if anyone is interested please contact him or the clerk.

**Planning**

The Council considered and responded to a number of local planning application and members of the public are welcome to come and put forward any views in the public part of the PC meeting, but must always register any significant issues on the SCDC Planning site. In October the Parish Council met and formed responses to the SCDC Public Consultation for Land for Development.

We have considered revising the Parish Plan, but while very useful it is not a legal document. Neighbourhood Plans are now the current way to set out the vision for an area and identify land for development. A Neighbourhood plan is a bespoke document for the Parish it has to be produced by a minimum of 6 members of the community of which up to 3 can be Parish councillors. To date we have not received support for this and it will not happen without three or four members of the community to work with the Parish Council.

**GDPR**

Data protection regulations have come into force, we have appointed LCPAS to oversee and ensure our compliance.

**Councillors**

I would like to thank Cllrs Shirley Osborne, Linda MacQuade, Tim Barber, Rob Welham and Duncan Horrocks for all their hard work this year. We look forward to working with the BCC and VH committee to hold an event on 11th November for the National Beacon Celebrations of WWi.

Badingham has potential of nine Councillors and have three vacancies. We would really like to fill those vacancies in order to maintain a robust council, ensuring we can be quorate in the vent of illness and holiday leave.

The Parish Council continues to conduct business and administration and has responsibility for :

* Managing Pocket Park and Bench Site
* Village grass cutting
* Managing trees and vegetation on its land
* Alerting SCC of issues
* Alerting Highways to problems
* Maintaining the village website

I would like to conclude by thanking our Clerk Sue Piggott for her continued work for Badingham PC, I know that her work far outweighs her designated hours and she remain constantly vigilant for opportunities to benefit the village, and access funds such as the Tesco Playspace equipment.

Many thanks Sue

Sonia Frost, Chair Badingham Parish Council

**4 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT - None**

**5 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – Full report attached**

***Cllr Stephen Burroughes - Framlingham Division***

* **More than 94% of children offered first choice primary school**

Suffolk’s primary school admission figures released on 16 April show that 94.6% or 7,435 children have been offered a reception place for September 2018 at their parents' preferred school, with 98.8% offered one of their three preferences. 0.6% more children received their first preference this year than last year.

* **Over 6,500 potholes repaired in Suffolk since January**

Suffolk has seen over 6,500 potholes repaired since 1 January 2018; with a further 950 scheduled over coming weeks as the county council continues its war on potholes. Since the start of 2018, Suffolk Highways has received approximately 9,500 pothole reports from members of the public, some of which are duplicates. This is double the number received during the same period last year; demonstrating the impact that the severe winter has had on the county’s road surface.

Suffolk Highways has made some significant steps forward to deal with the high volume of reports. Additional gangs have been brought in to undertake pothole and road repairs across the county, different materials are being used and existing resources are being diverted to help deal with the backlog of reports.

On 5 March, Suffolk Highways also begun trialling a new approach using a machine called a ‘Roadmender’. The Roadmender is a highways vehicle with an asphalt mixer on the back. It works by keeping the material at a consistent and ideal temperature for compaction and only uses the quantities needed, limiting any waste material. This is an alternative treatment technique and the results are currently being analysed.

* **Funding for first time heating systems**

A reminder that up to 100% funding is available to install first time central heating systems in Suffolk residents’ homes. This funding from National Grid’s Warm Homes Fund has been secured by Suffolk County Council and the district and borough councils to help more than 500 fuel poor households in Suffolk over the next three years.

In Suffolk there are still a large number of houses that do not have a central heating system with a boiler and radiators. Cold homes are not just uncomfortable to live in, they can also have a negative effect on health.

To find out more about the scheme, people can:

* Complete the online enquiry form at [www.greensuffolk.org/seaenquiry](http://www.greensuffolk.org/seaenquiry)
* Call the Suffolk Warm Homes Healthy People service on 03456 037 686 (local rate) or
* Email [sea@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sea@eastsuffolk.gov.uk) quoting the ‘Warm Homes Fund’.
* **Suffolk launches innovative new fire engine**

On Tuesday 24 April, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service celebrated the launch of the new Light Rescue Pump (LRP) at Wrentham Fire Station.

The LRP is a new-look fire and rescue vehicle and was developed following feedback from local residents and staff through the Integrated Risk Management Plan 2015-2018 consultation.

appliance with similar firefighting and rescue equipment.

* **Call for on-call firefighters**

In Suffolk, part-time on-call firefighters make up 66% of the total fire service workforce and crew 86% of our fire engines. Suffolk has more than 400 on-call firefighters working at the 35 fire stations across the county, and they play a vital role in ensuring people are safe from fires and other incidents. They do a fantastic job and are highly regarded in their local communities.

The fire service is always looking to recruit more on-call firefighters. After lobbying of Government by Suffolk and other fire and rescue services, the Home Office will soon be launching a national video and promotional literature to encourage the recruitment of more on-call firefighters, particularly focussing on female and BME applicants. This national support recognises the increasing challenges fire and rescue services face with the recruitment and retention of on-call firefighters and that these challenges exist right across the country.

More information on the role of on-call firefighters can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/suffolk-fire-and-rescue-service/working-and-volunteering-for-fire-and-rescue/how-to-become-an-on-call-firefighter/>

* **We Are Listening events in May**

Suffolk residents are invited to come along and chat with our Leader, other county councillors and senior managers about their **concerns** and **ideas** for the county of Suffolk.

* Wednesday 9 May - Halesworth, Thoroughfare
* Wednesday 30 May and Thursday 31 May (all day) Suffolk Show
* **Police and Crime Commissioner Public Meetings and On-Tour Events**

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has now confirmed dates for his 2018 series of Public Meetings and on-tour events, to be held in each of the seven district/borough areas across the County.

The Chief Constable, Deputy Chief Constable or Assistant Chief Constable will join the PCC at each of the public meetings. The on-tour events will involve the PCC and the Chief Constable.

Dates, times and venues can be viewed on the PCC’s website: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/>

For further information or questions please contact me at: [**stephen.burroughes@suffolk.gov.uk**](mailto:stephen.burroughes@suffolk.gov.uk)

**6 POCKET PARK REPORT -Cllr Welham**

The new play equipment is now up. The hedging is trimmed which will be better for residents of New Lea and will be done on a regular basis. The hedge around the pond attracts wildlife, and a should and a jetty could be developed to improve the pond area. Cllr Welham thanked all the people that involve themselves and help at Pocket Park.

**7 DENNINGTON SCHOOL REPORT - None**

**8 VILLAGE HALL REPORT – Chairs Report**

Badingham Village Hall Management Committee - Report for Annual Parish Meeting

I am pleased to provide this report on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee.

At the Village Hall AGM in June 2017, a new committee was elected and since then we have worked hard to manage the Village Hall charity on a day to day basis. The Parish Council owns the Village Hall but we, the Village Hall Management Committee, accept and share a collective responsibility to act for the good of the charity and for the benefit of ALL the residents of Badingham and not for any particular age or user group. In doing this we are mindful of the original 1951 Conveyance and its Schedules outlining a constitution which we continue to uphold in its conception, in its principle and delivery.

All the Badingham Village Hall Management Committee members, with the exception of the newest member (representing Badingham Playschool), are long term residents of Badingham. As residents of Badingham we have all made a personal investment and commitment in terms of giving up time and directing our energies towards ​starting​ to make the village hall a more open and accessible place for different types of adult or young people’s activities as well as pre school. I would emphasise that this is a beginning, and as with all starting points, it is not without difficulties and some tough decisions have had to be made.

We acknowledge that in adopting a more business like approach, we should not be reliant on a single source of income but that we should be meeting a wide variety of needs and therefore attracting wider sources of income. The Hall is currently used by a small number of regular users, the Committee want to expand this so that an increased number of activities can be offered to a wider cross section of people. Table tennis and the the new Kurling Club is going well and the Hall has been used for a variety of private functions but again the Committee want to increase bookings at weekends and at other times. We are pleased that Badingham Playschool continues to use the Hall.

During the past few months, the Committee conducted a review of our own Village Hall and also research with other village halls and pre-school establishments; this has proved to be a worthwhile and useful exercise. We revised and reissued the Terms and Conditions and allocated storage space to regular users so that the limited storage space available could be best used. Governance and Operating Procedures have also been written to support the Constitution and to make it clearer to everyone just how the Village Hall operates. The Committee are now in the process of reviewing our funding and reserve strategy.

There have been resignations during the past few months and we, the Committee, were sorry to lose Sam Donavan, who had served on the Committee for several years as Treasurer. Sam gave up a great deal of time to support the Village Hall and the Committee are grateful for her contribution. Joyce Probart is in now in place as Treasurer and it is reassuring to know that financial matters are now in Joyce’s very capable hands. Debbie continues to be our booking secretary and Suzie picks up numerous other things; Matt Lunn is our new member.

The situation now is much different to that which the Committee inherited although I have to acknowledge that challenges do remain. Changes do need to be made now and again which unfortunately does sometimes meet with resistance. However the Committee does look to the future in a positive light; we have much to do and I am personally so grateful to the Committee, to the Parish Council and especially to residents for all they are doing to support Badingham Village Hall.

Shirley Osborne

**9 REPORTS INVITED FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS -Reports were received from**

* + Badingham Community Council
  + Enterprise Badingham and Badingham Café
  + Maypole
  + PCC-St John’s Baptist Church
  + Play School and Play and Stay
  + Neighbourhood Watch
  + Gardening Club
  + Quiz Nights

**All reports are attached.**

**10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – COMMENTS ON ANY VILLAGE ISSUES**

**Village Defribrillator –** Tony Kelk monitors the Defibrillator and liaises with the Co-Op – it is operated by 999 call where instructions are given Malcolm Knott also holds the details. The BCC will look to hold a refresher course which will be arranged by the ambulance service.

**Next Door –** is the village social media app. It has 115 people signed up to it and is working well.

**Bell Ringing –** Duncan Horrocks explained that the team has 8 people having lost 2 members and put out a call for new members.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Chair Date