**BADINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Wednesday December 4th 2019 at 7.30pm**

**at Badingham Village Hall**

Reports from District & County Councillors, and questions from members of public: -

Duration time maximum 20 minutes - 3 minutes per person.

Meeting opened 7.35pm

**1 PRESENT APOLOGIES**

Cllr S Frost - Chair

Cllr D Horrocks

Cllr S Osborne

Cllr R Welham

Mrs Sue Piggott – Clerk

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr S Osborne – Village Hall Management committee and family member

involved in Flood incident- Low St.

Cllr S Frost - resides close to Flood incident – Low St.

**3 MINUTES OF MEETING:** Approve minutes

Council members considered and approved the Minutes for October 2nd 2019

**4 MATTERS TO REPORT FROM ACTIONS OF LAST MEETING**

The Clerk contacted the BCC and arrangements were made to meet with Parish Councillors to work on organisation plans for the VE Celebrations May 8th 2020.

The Clerk notified Kiwi fencing that they were no longer appointed to install the gates at Pocket Park since there was still no sign of them honouring the contract. The Clerk contact Country Care and appointed the contract to them. The new gates are now in place at Pocket Park. The Clerk submitted the response to the planning app DC/19/3670/FUL as agreed. The Clerk researched prices for wooden footpath finger posts, the average for each post is £120-£150, oak being the most expensive, installation costs would then be in addition. The Clerk has prepared the budget so that a precept can be agreed for 2020/2021 year end. The Clerk tried to contact LCPAS but has not successfully made contact. There is no training programme on the website. The Clerk is concerned that LCPAS is no longer able to offer the services they have in the past. Changing to SALC is the only option, this will offer a training programme, and there is also quite a lot of material to access. Joining the Clerks and Councillors association which involves further costs would help in supporting the Parish Council.

**5 FINANCE –** To Approve Financial Statement.

Council members agreed the Financial Statement

**5.1** **To Approve Budget and Precept yr end 2021**

The precept amount that is granted by East Suffolk for the same charged rate per household takes the precept amount of £9,500 to £9,691.81 – this is the result of the additional households resulting from the new development ie new dwellings; there is therefore no extra household community tax per household which will show as 0% increase. Council members agreed to request £9,691.81, members considered the Budget for this amount and agreed the Budget. Members agreed to change their advisory service to SALC since LCPAS were no longer offering a full service and one that included training, also to join the Clerk and Councillor Association which provides thorough legal advice and information newsletters. The Clerk will organise the memberships. **SP**

The Clerk will put the official request to East Suffolk. **SP**

**6 VILLAGE HALL –** Cllr S Osborne - Updates

Cllr Osborne reported on the progress so far in relation to the refurbishment project for the hall. The project for renovation is very challenging with such a small committee and expected resignation, which would leave a membership of 3. Council members discussed the importance of the project that they had pledged £7,900 towards the project to resolve the external wall from the fire door to front corner, and to fit out a kitchen within the servery to allow large event catering such as weddings and wakes on separate hire and to refit the small kitchen area as a tea room included in all hire for groups. To ensure this phase of the project is realised members agreed (Cllr Horrocks abstained) to offer a ‘Grant of Works’, this would help the VHC and Village Hall renovation programme. The Parish Council along with donating money will take on the administration of the project which will support the VHC.

**7 VE CELEBRATIONS – May 8th 2020-** Any Updates

The Chair reported that she had met with the BCC to organise an event for the VE Celebrations and had decided to centre celebration’s around a Hog Roast, which will be booked for the evening of May 8th 2020. **SF**

**8 FLOODING EVENT IN LOW STREET**

Council members considered the reports of the Flood event in Low Street which resulted in one property being flooded at ground level. There is clear evidence of neglectful management of the watercourse. Reports to Environmental Agency (EA) have been made repeatedly with a site visit by the EA that confirmed the serious problem. No action was taken, and the neglect of the water course continued. The homeowner fearing at the rising water level and predicted heavy rainfall contacted the EA 10 days prior to the flood event, no action was taken. SCC flood reporting was also used to notify together with the flooding to the Highway, but no action was offered.

Council members agreed to write to both EA and SCC cabinet minister for environment/flooding, also to SCC Directorate, to request an explanation with regard to the non-action to ensure that the watercourses are properly managed to prevent flooding to households. **SP**

**9 PLANNING**

**DC/19/4194/FUL** – Change of use of land to garden land & erection of residential vehicle shed – Lime Tree Farm, Pound Green Rd, Badingham, IP13 8LU.

Council members considered the application and agreed with a response of ‘No Objection’. **SP**

**DC/19/4326/FUL** – Change of use and conversion of rural building to dwelling The Mill, Mill Rd.

Council members considered the application and agreed with a response of ‘No Objection’. **SP**

**10 POCKET PARK –** Cllr R Welham

The Chair reported that she had heard from a member of Badingham Enterprise who would like to create a community orchard within Pocket Park. Members agreed this was an excellent idea it was agreed that Cllr Welham meet with this member to discuss the best positioning for the orchard **RW**

**11 HIGHWAYS**

Flood issue to Low Street covered und Item 8

**12 FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

Flood issue to Low Street covered und Item 8

**13 CORRESPONDENCE**-None

**14 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

* Ratify Standing Orders, Financial Regs, Internal Auditor, Risk Assessment

**15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

22nd /29th January 2020- TBC

Meeting Closed – 9.45pm

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Chair Date