

House/Rattlesden Road junction, Church and Blacksmiths corner.

The cllrs discussed a request from Gareth Roscoe on speed limits and a suggestion on 20 mph stickers on refuse bins. It was noted that we cannot put up 20mph signs where the speed limit is 30mph.

5. Alice Robinson Village assets and allotments

Play equipment requires repair. We are awaiting a report from SALC who have performed a review of the equipment and will offer suggestions on repair costs.

6. Malcolm Turner Footpaths

Footpaths generally very wet.

New sleeper bridge on Hill House Lane and sleepers have been delivered to the bottom of Chapel Lane. Location for new poo bins were Hill House Lane, Hill Farm, Rattlesden Road near Gedding Hall and Cross Street. Agreed to purchase 4 new bins.

7. Christine Emery Community engagement

Christmas party for children in 2023 was a success. Ideas for additional children's activities including a fun run and a children's pub night. Discussion for an Easter egg hunt using the public footpaths in the village. Awaiting insurance advice on whether we need additional licence insurance. Cllr Emery thinking that there will be significant interest in the event.

8. Clerk report
No additional comment

4. Approval of minutes of meeting held Monday 4th December 2023.

Agreed

5. Public comment or question invited by the Chair.

A request as to whether we can clear the debris / gravel at the corner of Blacksmith Corner. Suffolk County Council will deal with it, dispute as to whether it is mid-Suffolk or Suffolk.

6. The proposed bank transactions for the month were agreed and the Chair received the latest bank reconciliation.
- a. To review proposed payments:

| | Description | £ |
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| UT1 | Village hall hire 5 th February | 20.00 |
| UT2 | ICO | 40.00 |
| UT3 | Laptop and mouse | 714.98 |
| UT4 | Children's Xmas party | 167.34 |
| UT5 | Percussionist | 500.00 |
| UT6 | Microsoft subscription | 59.99 |

Proposal: Cllr Selvey Council agreed that the expenses listed above be authorised for payment.

7. Planning:

- 7.1 Holm House Garden House Lane Drinkstone Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9FJ

Application. No: DC/24/00288

no comment.

- 7.2 Abbots Lodge The Street Drinkstone Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9SX

Application. No: DC/24/00004

no comment – application proportionate to the plot and previous permissions.

- 7.3 Threeways Rattlesden Road Drinkstone Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP30 9TL

Application. No: DC/23/05427

Detailed report submitted by Cllr Elnaugh showing problems with no GP surgery, school or amenities. Development would cause a loss of biodiversity in the area. Development not proportionate to the size of the plot and is not consistent with the other properties in the vicinity. Confusion over the use of materials, cladding and the format of the windows. Application is inside the settlement boundary but the Application is not consistent with the neighbourhood plan. Driveway close to the area where children are playing however the application is quiet on this matter.

Clerk requested to object to the plan.

8. Proposed spending plans for the remainder of the accounting year to 31st March 2024
The Cllrs agreed to purchase 4 new poo bins and arrange for repairs to the playground equipment. Litter picking equipment to be purchased and heavy duty bin bags.
9. Visit by Jo Churchill MP / Matthew Hicks (Suffolk) regarding road damage as a result of A14 works – it was noted that a meeting for the 9th February 2024 was to be held with Jo Churchill and Suffolk Highways.
10. Review of allocation of the CIL grant and actions:

The Cllrs agreed to carry over the funds to the next year for a large capex activity.

It was agreed that the PCC conduct a review for the purchase of two defibs, one at the Cricket and one near the Church.
11. Village Hall proposal for a film club
Lyn Hannant presented a paper to request funding for a screening licence. It was noted that whilst this is a village Hall initiative the PCC agreed to a request for funds of £91+VAT.
12. To confirm that the scheduled date for the next meeting is agreed by Council as Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 8pm.
13. Close the meeting.

Signed

Drinkstone Parish Chair

Paul Selvey

4th March 2024