

Bardwell Parish Council
Chairman: David Ruffles

Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of Bardwell Parish Council to be held on
Tuesday 7th February 2023, commencing at 7:00pm.
Venue: The Tithe Barn, Bardwell's Village Hall, Up Street, Bardwell IP31 1AA

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of interest**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022.**
- 4. Public Participation Session** – Members of the public are welcome to ask question or make comments relating to matters on the agenda. Any other matters raised may not be responded to but, if appropriate, may be responded to outside of the meeting in writing, via email or considered for inclusion on a future agenda
- 5. Report from County Councillor Joanna Spicer**
 - 5.1 Footbridge over River Black Bourn:** Progress update
 - 5.2 Meeting of Chairman, Cllr Spicer and the Community Highways Engineer, Andy Moore on Wednesday 25th January 2023:** See attached summary/outcome of meeting from Cllr Spicer re
School Lane Sign; Overhanging trees along School Lane to Water Mill turning; Quaker Lane road surface (inner road to rear of grassed utility area); Flooding opposite the Green (top of Up Street).
- 6. Report from West Suffolk District Councillor Andrew Smith**
- 7. Chairman's Report**
- 8. Highway's Matters**

Low Street Hedge and overhanging bramble: To note that the work agreed during the December meeting has been carried out. A grant for the sum of £150.00 to cover the cost (ex vat), has been provided by Cllr Spicer (locality grant).
- 9. King's Coronation:** To consider suggestions for celebrating the King's coronation
- 10. Planning Matters**
 - 10.1 Planning Application: Consultation documents received from West Suffolk Council**

DC/22/2133/HH | Beech Farm, The Green, Bardwell IP31 1AW
Householder planning application - a. raise roof of existing two-storey rear projection; b. single storey and two storey rear extensions; c. change roof tiles and alterations to exterior fenestration

The response to this application was made outside of the meeting due to the timeframe re deadline. Parish Councillors were consulted: Several issues were raised, causing the parish council to be unable to support this application.

10.2 Planning Matters in neighbouring parish for consideration:

DC/22/2190/HYB COPART: Land at Shepherds Grove Bury Road, Stanton, Suffolk
Bardwell Parish Council (as have all local pc's) has received correspondence from Walsham-le Willows Parish Council detailing their objections to this planning application and asking for the support of Bardwell PC (together with other parish councils in responding to the consultation documents. Likewise, Hepworth Parish Council has also been in contact. (Correspondence previously circulated)

DC/22/2190/HYB | Hybrid planning application - (A) (i) Full application on 27.56 ha of the site for the storage, distribution and processing of accident damaged and non-damaged motor vehicles, together with the erection of ancillary buildings (B8 Use Class), perimeter fencing and landscaping works (ii) Full application for a new roundabout /road and additional landscaping on circa 5.37 ha of the application site - (B) (i) Outline application for commercial/roadside uses (Use Classes B2, B8, C1, E (excluding E(a)), and a hot food takeaway and pub/restaurant) on circa 2.7 ha of the application site (Plots A, B and C) (ii) Outline application for general employment uses (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)) on circa 1.37ha of the application site (Plot D)
(Details previously circulated. Please view plans on website.)

10.3 To Note Planning Application Decisions by West Suffolk District Council since December meeting (see attached).

11. Local Plan – School Lane Site: To consider response to correspondence, previously circulated, requesting that the parish council review its opinion and considers an alternative option at Bardwell Community Field.

12. Community Field

12.1 To consider action/response to correspondence, previously circulated, about footballer urinating in public view at the Community Field.

12.2 Review of work recently undertaken and any future planned work

13. Financial Report and invoices for approval

14. Clerk's report

15. Correspondence

15.1 Davey's Lane: Request re potential reduced speed limit/signage to warn re no passing places/high banks, by resident following recent accident (details of accident previously circulated – copy attached). Note: Davey's Lane has been designated as a Quiet Lane: signs awaited.

15.2 Complaint received from resident regarding unauthorised use of Havebury residents' car park, School Lane by parents dropping off/picking up children at school. (Note: Details of complaint have been passed to the school.)

- 16. Reports from Organisations on which the parish council has representation.**
- 16.1 Bardwell Speed Watch (AC)**
- 16.2 Bardwell Playing Fields Association (PS/GC)**
- 16.3 Bardwell Charity Trustees (TS/AS)**
Report: (received from Barry Felton, Chairman, attached)
- 16.4 Bardwell Village Hall Management Committee (AS)**
- 16.5 Suffolk Association of Local Councils (TS)**

- 17. Parish Council Elections 4th May 2023: Schedule and Arrangements**
First Meeting of the New Council will be Tuesday 16th May 2023
To reiterate details of the new arrangements for voting: photo ID required when voting in person.

- 18. Bardwell Annual Village Meeting: To confirm date and arrangements.**
To review and take positive action following feedback from attendees at 2022 meeting, when considering arrangements for this event.
Details contained within Clerk's report.

- 19. Bardwell Litter pick: Saturday 25th March 2023: Arrangements**

- 20. Questions to the Chair**

- 21. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2023**

Attachments/Associated background information and reports

5. Highways Matters: Report from Cllr Spicer

5.2 To note details from meeting of Chairman, Cllr Spicer and the Community Highways Engineer, Andy Moore on Wednesday 25th January 2023

School Lane Sign, Overhanging trees along School Lane to Water Mill turning, Quaker Lane road surface (inner road to rear of grassed utility area); flooding opposite the Green (top of Up Street).

After discussion with David and Andy Moore we agreed the sign should be removed all together and then we can ensure options for safety warning signs are looked at if, and when, any development occurs. The state of the trees along from the sign to the corner (turning to the water mill) is of some concern – they are very close to the road and David advised buses are hitting them – Andy is actioning some serious cutting.

We also looked at Quaker Lane (the inner road) which needs more patching and at flooding opposite the Green – top of Up Street – Andy will investigate if any drain under the road might have been inadvertently blocked when the major works were done

10.3 Planning Application Decisions since December

DC/22/1905/TPO | TPO 302(1973) Tree preservation order - one Ash tree (A1 on plan, G1 on order) - fell | Croft House The Green Bardwell Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 1AW
Approved 20 December 2022

DC/22/1815/HH | Householder planning application - two storey rear extension | Poppies Low Street Bardwell Suffolk IP31 1AR.
Approved 9th December 2022

DC/22/2019/LB | Application for listed building consent - replace window with french doors on rear elevation of existing extension | The Willows Low Street Bardwell Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 1AS
Approved 11 January 2023

AP/22/0045/STAND | Planning application - one dwelling | The Cottage Up Street Bardwell Suffolk IP31 1AA
Appeal Withdrawn
Decision Date 20 January 2023

11. Local Plan – School Lane: Parish Council requested to consider alternative suggestion put forward by xxxxxxxx (Previously circulated)

Fri, 13 Jan, 21:10

In conversation with xxxxxxxx the other evening, over the pros and cons of the possible building of houses on the field opposite the mill, a thought occurred to me that could solve the issue for new housing in Bardwell. It would be radical but could offer additional benefits to the community.

One possible way of preserving the field for the future could be (I emphasise COULD), that the new children's play area and playing field area behind the school, bordered by Skinners Lane, be given over for housing development and the large field given over to a recreation area for the village, swings, football training area, allotments etc which, though it would change the use of the field from agriculture, would ensure the beautiful panoramic views to the Watermill and Bowbeck and beyond, would be preserved for all time.

The height of swings, goal posts etc, would be not much more than the height of a person and not likely to impede the view or impact on the integrity of the village.

Developing the area behind the school would have a much smaller visual impact on the village though of course, access would have to be resolved. I'm not sure if it was ever intended to continue Old Mill Court beyond that particular development.

As you can tell, I am passionate about preserving what the village can boast, is a unique Suffolk view. Development of the field, in my opinion, would be sacrilegious in these times when we should be preserving the beauty of the county for future generations to enjoy.

Just my thoughts.

12. Community Field

12.1 To consider action/response to correspondence, previously circulated, about footballer urinating in public view at the Community Field.

From: xxxxxx Date: Mon, 30 Jan 2023 at 08:57

Subject: football incident

Sorry to bring this up once again; yesterday at 10:30, when we were getting ready to go out, the footballers were having a kick around before the match. One of them (orange shirt) walked over to the edge of the field towards the bench, then proceeded to urinate, facing our houses in full view.

Could the footballers please be reminded that this is not acceptable and that there are facilities in the pavilion.

13. **Financial report and invoices for approval: to follow**
14. **Clerk's report to follow.**

15. Correspondence

- 15.1 Davey's Lane:** Request re potential reduced speed limit/signage to warn re no passing places/high banks, by resident following recent accident (details of accident previously circulated). Note: Davey's Lane has been designated as a Quiet Lane: signs awaited

Pauline Smith <bardwellpc@gmail.com>

Mon, 16 Jan,
19:47

to Ali, Andrew, David, Geoff, John, Peter, Tony

Dear All

Please see below.

I have responded and said I will include this on the Feb agenda.

Seems, as per David's email that the person who overturned their car was xxx from xxxxxx. A subsequent email from xxx has said the lady was very upset by his attitude. She hasn't said who the lady was except that she too is local.

Clerk to Bardwell Parish Council

On Mon, 16 Jan 2023 at 14:07, xxxxxxxx wrote:

Whilst walking Daisy down Davey's Lane this morning I witnessed an accident. A local car was in my opinion, driving extremely fast down the road. I have seen this happen before. Unfortunately, this time, a lady was driving in the opposite direction, who I couldn't see. The fast car just missed her by swinging into the steep slope and the car ended up on its side. I believe a nearby tractor driver must have helped him out, unscathed. The poor lady was not physically hurt, and rung the police, who arrived fairly quickly.

The reason for writing is that it could so easily have been a great deal worse. Apparently there is no speed limit there. So I'm wandering if anything can be done to warn motorists of the dangers of a very narrow high sided road, without any passing places between the houses at the top and bottom of the lane. A speed limit and or a passing place would be ideal, but I imagine that would be very complicated.

Kind regards, Resident's name removed

15.2 Unauthorised use of Havebury Residents car park, School Lane by parents dropping off/picking up children from school.

On 31/01/2023 09:26, xxxxxx wrote:
Morning David

Could I bring your attention to the parking where we park please.

Every day there are cars parked in our residents parking area. I spoke with a lady this morning who drives a 4x4 black volvo who is there every day pointing out to her politely this is residents parking to which she replied "yea so" and im "dropping my child off". I replied to her and said "it doesn't matter this is residents parking only and there is a sign there". Where am I dropping supposed to park she replied to which I said on the road and using the bays near the road and informed her that it is in your newsletter but she wasn't having any of it. I did tell her that I would report it to the Council and she said "report it then".

Could I please ask you to look in to this please as soon as possible and contact the school to inform parents not to park in the residents parking.

Many thanks
Resident's name removed

From: David Ruffles <david.ruffles@btinternet.com>
Sent: 31 January 2023 10:02

Cc: bardwell parish council <bardwellpc@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Parking

This is not the first time this problem has come up, and just to confirm as far as I am aware parents can park in the spaces marked by the road, and are not allowed to park in the residents area a bit further back, please say if I have got that wrong.

I have copied in our parish council clerk Pauline Smith with this reply, as if this is the case parents are parking in the wrong place we will make contact with the school.

On 31/01/2023 10:15, xxxx wrote:

Just to confirm they are parking in our residents car park.

This morning the lady in the black was parked in the bay where I usually park which is the end bay top right looking from the road. She parks in our car park **every day**.

As you said there are plans for the road to be double lined – then we will have the whole school parking in the car park!!.

16.3 Bardwell Charity Trustees – Chairman’s Report (Barry Felton)

Deep Water Sign - following comments to the PC from the owner of Cleveland House, we've taken a look at the sign and can't really see what the issue is. It may be possible to lower the sign but I think a meeting with the owner is probably the best course of action to start with.

Dead Willow - I had some dialogue over Christmas with the Tree Surgeon. He was due to meet with UKPN to organise a date but I've heard nothing since. It's feasible the cold weather may have had some impact.

Stocks Fair - Having checked with your Chair that there is no planned events for The Green in early May, I have agreed with Roberta Stocks that the Fair can visit from Tuesday 2nd May until Sunday 14th May. This should leave two full weeks before COTG. I have invited David to accompany me on our inspection of The Green on Sunday 14th, along with Stocks, to identify any making good.
