

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall Annexe at 7.00pm on Thursday 15th November 2018

Present: Cllr R Fellowes (Chair), Cllr A Smith (Vice-Chair), Cllr A Ross, Cllr M Smith, Cllr S Butler, Cllr M Bailey and County Cllr K Oakes

Attending: Lucinda Rogers (Clerk) and five members of the public

Bpc133/18 Apologies for Absence

District Cllr A Killett

Bpc134/18 Declaration of Interest and Requests for dispensation

No declaration of interests declared or requests for dispensation had been received.

Bpc135/18 County Cllr Kay Oakes

Mid Suffolk Home First – rated as outstanding by the Care Quality Commission

Survey of family carers to share their experiences of support

Provisional GCSE results illustrate that 1% more students are achieving the expected standards in Maths and English compared with last year

Bpc136/18 District Cllr Anne Killett Report see Appendix A

A recent planning appeal to allow 49 homes to be built in Woolpit. Part of the developer's argument was that Mid Suffolk did not have the Government requirement of a Five-Year Housing Land Supply

There is a new draft joint homes strategy and homelessness reduction strategy that are now open for consultation until 7th December 2018.

Plastic Recycling in Suffolk – Response to recent concerns at changes in economics of recycling

Bpc137/18 Public Forum

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would pollard the trees on the Tye outside their house. Cllrs agreed to visit to assess the situation on Monday 19 November at 10am

Bpc138/18 Correspondence

Request for a grant from St Mary's Barking to assist with maintenance of the churchyard – clerk to reply that this will be considered at the January meeting.

An email about lighting the beacon in Barking was considered and it is not safe to light it in the present position outside the village hall. Cllrs would like to move it close to the war memorial. Clerk to find out if it can be placed on the Tye.

Quotes for work to trees outside pub and ash tree near Little Waylands – The lower quote was accepted. Clerk to instruct James Firmin

Bpc139/18 War Memorial

The Council thanked Cllr Ross for her work cleaning the war memorial. Thanks also to David Clarke who replaced the wooden corner posts and John Dickerson who helped to make it look so good for Remembrance Sunday

Bpc140/18 Annual Play Inspection

The report highlighted that some of the wooden play equipment on the Tye has been damaged by strimming which could lead to rot. This needs to be monitored. Clerk to report to grass contractors. Ground beneath the swings is compacted and the plastic matting has gaps. Clerk to ask for quotes to re-instate the matting.

Bpc141/18 Grass Cutting Contract

The Cllrs considered the cost of cutting the grass and asked the clerk to ask for quotes to renew the contract next year and also from other companies. Also to ask for quotes to reduce the number of cuts by three.

Bpc142/18 Trees at Sunset Cottage

The trees have been felled and the structures have been removed from the Tye. The scrub in front of the ditch needs to be cleared later in the year.

Bpc143/18 Trees at Willow Cottage

Cllrs to visit to assess the problem and report back – see correspondence

Bpc144/18 Planning Matters

Application DC/18/01749 Erection of 4 dwellings at land west of Barking Road has been refused by Mid Suffolk District Council

Bpc145/18 Easements and Boundaries of The Tye

Proposed Development North of The Tye – Cllrs agreed to consult the village to see if they support a footway. The working party meeting is on Wednesday 28 November 7.30pm to organise the questionnaire

Bpc146/18 Finance

All cheques signed and due for signing, as itemised in Appendix B were authorised by the councillors. The councillors also noted the income received since the last meeting and agreed the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Accounts as at 14th November 2018.

Cllrs considered the draft budget

Insurance renewal – Cllrs asked the Clerk to ask the insurers if they could reduce the price of renewal

Bpc147/18 Traffic VAS Signs

One post has been installed opposite Parsons Lane but the one in Willisham Road is not in the correct place. Cllr Fellowes to meet Dan Burke to discuss. Another post is opposite the village hall. There is a tree obscuring the sign at the Nursing Home bend.

Bpc148/18 Defibrillator

Cllr Fellowes offered to clean the kiosk

Bpc149/18 Model Standing Orders

It was agreed that the minor changes be adopted.

Bpc150/18 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Bailey reported that they now have a shed for extra storage space thanks to Cllr Killett’s grant. BT have donated some lockable filing cabinets. Clerk to check contents of Parish Council cupboard in the hall and either file in a filing cabinet or take to the Records Office.

A working party is needed to tidy the weeds outside the hall

Cllr Smith is able to provide some storage space for the Parish footpath group equipment.

The village hall cleaner has resigned and they have found a new cleaner.

The fire alarm system needs a push glass box in the annexe.

The door to the annexe would not open when people were in the hall – to be checked.

BP132/18 Date of the Next Meeting

Date of next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

ChairmanDate

MSDC Councillor Report to Barking Parish Council, Thursday 15th November 2018

Planning: There has been a recent planning appeal to allow 49 homes to be built in Woolpit. Part of the developer's argument was that Mid Suffolk did not have the Government requirement of a Five-Year Housing Land Supply – despite the Council saying it had six and a half years. This decision means that the Council must do a lot more work to provide evidence that they have a plan for how to ensure a certain number of homes are built each year in our district. While a lot of planning permissions have been granted, Mid Suffolk needs to work with developers to show when these will be built for them to qualify as part of the housing supply. Without this there is the potential for speculative development that is not necessarily where our communities want it nor the type that we need.

Housing

There is a new draft joint homes strategy and homelessness reduction strategy that are now open for consultation until 7th December 2018. The housing strategy is aligned to the timescales in the new Joint Local Plan (which is now due to come before full council at the January council meeting followed by public consultation in early spring – this is a slip in the time scale of some months).

Mid Suffolk: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/homes-strategy/>



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Plastic Recycling in Suffolk – Response to recent concerns at changes in economics of recycling

We collect a range of mixed plastics all of which are sorted at our Materials Recycling Facility in Great Blakenham. This facility is run by Viridor, a large waste management company. They are amongst the UK's biggest recyclers and make use of sophisticated sorting and reprocessing technology.

Viridor has invested in a plastic recycling facility in Rochester where Suffolk plastics are sent for further sorting and processing. Many plastic bottle lids are now made from the same plastic as the bottles and the technology at the plant can sort and separate many sorts of plastic, which means that they do not export any mixed plastics.

Around two-thirds of the output from Viridor's recycling sites stays within the United Kingdom where it is used in the manufacture of new plastic products. They also work closely with their international partners to ensure that recycling exports are handled responsibly. They make sure that full compliance checks are carried out and licenses are in place and observe processes overseas first hand.

The effect of Blue Planet II has made us all aware of the amount of plastic we are using and of course the very best way to stop plastic getting into the environment, even ahead of recycling as much as possible in the right place, is by reducing the amount of plastic we use.

There are many ways to do this including:

- Not using plastic bag
- Buying unpackaged goods
- Using refillable bottles and cups
- Saying no to plastic straws, stirrers etc
- Avoiding disposable cups and plates
- Picking up litter (and not dropping it)

By putting the right items in the right place, we can make sure we recycle as much as possible. This useful guide should help you to get your recycling right. Rest assured – wherever possible these items will be recycled!



If you want to know more, you can:
See our website
www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk
Use our handy [A-Z of recycling](#) to find out how to reduce reuse and recycle most things
Follow us [@suffolkrecycle](#)
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Appendix B Finance Report

Schedule of payments &

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Finance Report

receipts from 20 September 2018

Income received since 20.9.18

HMRC VAT refund	1081.05
Total	<u>1081.05</u>

Expenditure since 20.9.18

Community Action Suffolk	website hosting	60.00	LGA 1972 S142
SALC	training	17.40	s111 LGA 1972
L Rogers	September wages	267.80	LGA 1972s112
L Rogers	September expenses	31.81	LGA 1972
Vertas	September grass cut	671.32	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
Vertas	October grass cut	671.32	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
Dick Nash	Aug/Sept grass cut	125.28	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
Jake Smith	Litter pick Jul-Sept	143.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10

Unpresented cheque: £671.32

Schedule of verified invoices agreed for payment

SALC	Clerk - training	17.40	s111 LGA 1972
L Rogers	Wages October	267.80	LGA 1972 s112
L Rogers	Expenses October	36.20	LGA 1972
Vertas	November grass cut	335.66	Open Spaces Act 1906 s9&10
SALC	Chairman - training	123.60	s111 LGA 1972
Barking village	hall hire	12.00	LGA 1972 s 133
SALC	Clerk - training	18.60	s111 LGA 1972
Total		<u>849.66</u>	

Account	Statement Date	Statement balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques	difference
Community a/c	14.11.18	£11,833.31	£11,161.99	£0.00	£671.32	£0.00
Base reward a/c	14.11.18	£27,999.60	£27,999.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Active Saver a/c	14.11.18	£1599.23	£1599.23	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Parish Paths partnership a/c	14.11.18	£83.65	£83.65	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Total £41,515.79 £408844.47

