

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely at 7.0pm on Thursday 18th March 2021

Present

Cllr M Lillie (*Chair*), Cllr M Tabberer, Cllr R Fellowes, Cllr A Ross, Cllr M Bailey and Cllr S Butler
County Cllr K Oakes, District Cllr D Pratt

In Attendance

Mrs L Rogers *Clerk* and two members of the public

Bpc185/20 Apologies

None

Bpc186/20 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

Bpc187/20 Co-option of Councillor – no applications have been received.

Bpc188/20 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st January 2021

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Bpc189/20 Report from County Cllr Kay Oakes

Reported that she can recommend a Suffolk County Council Highway Designer to carry out a feasibility study about installing a footway along the Tye. It will include a site visit, topographical survey, collection of data, measurements and a plan of what needs to be done. The approximate cost is £1,000. Cllr Oakes will ask the officer to contact the Clerk to find out more details.

The parish council thanked Cllr Oakes for her grant of £2,500 towards the cost of the SID camera

Bpc190/20 Report form District Cllr Dan Pratt

Covid-19 Support for Businesses grant application deadline is 31st March. Mid Suffolk are setting up a fund of £600,000 to construct solar car ports in the district. Solar car ports will be installed at the leisure centres in Stowmarket and Stradbroke at a cost of £300,000. The power generated will be used to power the leisure centres and electric car charging points and any extra power to feed into the national grid.

Mid Suffolk have reviewed CIL funding and it now is allowed for green infrastructure which includes footway and cycle paths as it contributes towards active travel, health and well-being. Mid Suffolk are to employ sustainable travel officers to identify routes and apply for government funding. They will use a mapping scheme called Common Place to identify routes across Suffolk. There will be an online consultation in May for eight weeks.

Bpc191/20 Planning Matters

a. The councillors reviewed Planning Application for DC/21/00914– Householder planning application for construction of a natural swimming pond at **Bonnywood Farm, Willisham Road** and resolved to make no comment

- b. The councillors reviewed Planning application DC/21/01056 for Erection of a rear open canopy porch, external and internal alterations as per schedule of works at **Rectory Farm, The Tye** and resolved to make no comment
- c. The councillors reviewed Application for Listed Building Consent - DC/21/01056 for Erection of a rear open canopy porch, external and internal alterations as per schedule of works at **Rectory Farm, The Tye** and resolved to make no comment.

Bpc192/20 Barking Footpath Guide

The councillors reviewed the suggested alterations to the footpath guide and agreed to make the alterations on a temporary basis. Cllr Tabberer to update the website. Cllr Lillie to attend the Parochial Church Council meeting on 20th March.

Bpc193/20 Management of The Tye

The councillors agreed that the Suffolk Wildlife Trust survey in May will provide a management plan for The Tye which will probably include cutting and removing the hay crop annually. This will encourage the wildflowers. The grass adjacent to the road is cut to enable pedestrians to walk avoiding the road. It was agreed to ask the village for feedback on the grass management of the Tye when the wildflower survey has been conducted. Cllr Pratt has arranged to carry out additional wildflower surveys in April and July to obtain a picture of what is growing at different times of the year. The hay removal to be delayed until after 19th July to accommodate this.

Bpc194/20 Finance

- a. **Finance Report** - The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance at 12th February 2021 was £48,649.39 – see appendix
Decision - Payments totalling £5,439.51 were approved and cheques to be signed
- b. **Risk Assessment** - The Risk Assessment for 2021 – 22 was presented for consideration:
Decision – It was proposed and resolved to approve the Risk Assessment.
- c. **Internet Banking** - The Clerk reported internet banking requires more consideration and will investigate further
- d. **DEFRA Application** – It was agreed to use Browns as advisors for this year’s application. They will pursue the basic payment and Countryside Stewardship payment. Their cost will be in the region of £400 - £500 plus VAT

Bpc195/20 Street Lights

The councillors reviewed the street lighting times in the village and resolved that all lights will operate on a part night lighting basis.

Bpc196/20 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Bailey reported that Pre-school are back and operating. The car park gate has broken away from its supporting pillar. The side hedge to be cut

Bpc197/20 Action Log Review

Traffic SID Sign – The Sid has been made and is undergoing testing before delivery. The posts for the camera have been ordered.

Grants to local organisations It was agreed that councillors suggest the total amount to be donated and the way this figure is to be divided together with which organisations they wish to make donations to. A meeting will be held soon to discuss this.

Trees on The Tye – The priority 2 items have been completed from the tree survey. The item 3 actions need to be actioned. Mainly this is crown lifting to allow access under the trees to

facilitate mowing. It was agreed to hold a working party to carry out this work when Covid restrictions allow.

Grass Cutting Contract - The councillors resolved to accept the three year contract quote from Tye Green Contracting for £10,584.

Easement – The developer had requested access to commence work and has been advised that access will not be permitted until the easement has been completed. He was also advised that no signs may be placed on the Tye due to the Bye-laws and must comply with planning laws.

Bpc198/20 Reports from Councillors

It was agreed to add the Great Blakenham incinerators operation to the next agenda for consideration

Bpc199/20 Date of the Next Meeting

Date of next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 20th May 2021

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman Date

Finance Report

Income received since 21.1.21

MSDC	Cleansing grant	340.08
		<u>£340.08</u>

Expenditure since 21.1.21 and to be agreed for payment

Westcotec	SID Camera	4,410.00	Highways Act 1980, s274A
L Rogers	February wages	342.76	LGA 1972 s112
L Rogers	February expenses	120.00	LGA 1972
SALC	CiLCA module 3	30.00	LGA 1972, s111
Bates, Wells & Braithwaite	Legal fees	144.00	LGA 1972, ss 124,127
L Rogers	March wages	342.76	LGA 1972 s112
L Rogers	March expenses	49.99	LGA 1972
		<u>5,439.51</u>	

Unpresented cheques

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		<u>4,976.75</u>	

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques
Community a/c	12.2.21	£13,279.70	£8,302.95		£4,976.75
Base reward a/c	12.2.21	£35,284.69	£35,284.69	0.00	0.00
Paths Partnership a/c	12.2.21	£83.65	£83.65	0.00	0.00
Active Saver	13.1.21	£1.35	£1.35		
		<u>£48,649.39</u>	<u>£43,672.64</u>		

