

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.0pm on Thursday
18th November 2021

Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

Bpc67/21 Election of Chairman

Following Cllr Lillie's resignation as Chairman the councillors unanimously voted Cllr
Tabberer as Chairman. Cllr Lillie was thanked for his work and will be missed as Chairman

Bpc68/21 Apologies

None

Bpc69/21 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Ross declared an interest in planning item on Hascot Hill as a neighbour

Bpc70/21 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 16th September 2021

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

Bpc71/21 Report form County Cllr Kay Oakes

Suffolk county plan to boost Suffolk's bus service

An archaeological dig in the Deben valley is finding Anglo Saxon artifacts

A group of MP's are looking at the impact of pylons and cables in the countryside

Businesses in Suffolk are working towards net zero carbon by 2030

Suffolk still aiming to be a green county planting many trees

Lorry routes are to be reviewed

Bpc72/21 Report form District Cllr Dan Pratt

Extraordinary MSDC Meeting An extraordinary council meeting was held on Monday the 18th
of October to discuss two motions proposed by the Green and Liberal Democrat group carried
over from the previous meeting. Firstly, a motion to reduce light pollution caused by
streetlighting was passed with only one vote against. The motions seeks to reduce the impacts
of light pollution from existing council-owned streetlights and in new developments through
planning. Secondly a motion to object to the Government's proposal to introduce voter photo
ID requirements at polling stations was also passed but only by a very narrow margin. **Joint
Local Plan** The Inspectors have paused the examination for the Joint Local Plan for 6 months.
This is to allow officers to re-consult and further clarify the spatial strategy and review part of
the evidence base. There are some concerns about the housing allocations. **Tree for Life
Scheme** The tree for life scheme for new parents has been launched. Applications for 2021
are now open having been delayed because of Covid-19. Applications can be made on the
council's website before 10th January 2022. **Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Council has made a bi-annual payment of CIL funds to the parish councils – amounting to over £1M across 47 different town and parish councils. **Locality Funding Awards**
There is still funding from the annual locality awards. Amounts of £250 or more are available to local community groups and organisations. Please encourage groups in the village to contact us for an application form or telephone for further information and help in applying. Projects funded this year currently include contributions towards a wildlife pond at Great Bricett's community woodland, a Wildlife Survey for Barking Tye and new noticeboards in Battisford. **Five-Year Housing Land Supply** Mid Suffolk District Councils have published their draft five-year housing land supply statements – outlining the anticipated supply of new homes between now and 2026. The National Planning Policy Framework requires both councils to identify and update annually a supply of specific deliverable sites which are capable of providing a minimum of five years' worth of housing against their housing requirement. The draft Housing Land Supply Position Statement indicates that MSDC can meet the statutory housing requirement with 9.54-years' worth of housing in Mid Suffolk.

Bpc73/21 Public Forum

No members of the public were present

Bpc74/21 Planning Matters

- a. The councillors agreed to object to Planning Application for DC/21/05579—outline planning permission for erection of dwelling at land adjacent to Hascot Hill, Barking for the following reasons: Outside the settlement boundary, inappropriate in open countryside, very poor vehicle access with no visibility, it will cause harm to the grade II listed Home Farm, Mid Suffolk has met its five-year land supply more than adequately
- b. The councillors agreed to send their objections to the appeal for outline planning for erection of 3 detached dwellings with garages on land adjacent to Mulletts Barn, Willisham Road, Barking. Objections are: outside the settlement boundary in an unsustainable location, negative impact on the open countryside and character of the area, harm to grade II listed Mulletts Farm, too close to the poultry farm, incorrect type of housing for the village – too many large houses and smaller affordable houses for lower income households needed. Does not meet the Village Design Statement requirements, outside the 30mph speed limit which is causing a problem for the newly built executive houses at The Acorns near the site. Mid Suffolk has met its five-year land supply more than adequately.

Bpc75/21 Finance

- a. **Finance Report** - The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance at 13th October 2021 was £55,022.33 – see appendix Decision - Payments totalling £3,520.99 were approved and cheques to be signed
- b. **Changes to bank signatories** – Barclays have confirmed Cllr Tabberer as a signatory and removed Cllr Lillie from the mandate.
- b. **Draft Budget for 2022-3** - The councillors reviewed the draft budget of £18,745 and a draft precept of £12,395. To be decided at the January meeting
- c. **DEFRA Income update** - The purchase of entitlements at a cost of £1,677.60 will bring in £14,200 in varying sums until 2028. The Stewardship scheme ends in 2024 and brings in £1,3088 annually. It is not yet known if there will be a replacement scheme for the Stewardship Scheme.
- d. **Asset Register** – the councillors reviewed and agreed the update Asset Register

e. Clerks Salary – It was agreed to raise the Clerks salary to scale point 13 with effect from 1st December in view of her recently gained CiLCA qualification. It was also agreed to review the Clerks salary annually in November.

Bpc76/21 Footway on The Tye

Cllr Oakes has generously paid for a feasibility study for a footway along the Tye. To be carried out by a Highways Engineer. He suggested to do two phases; one from Reynard to the garage and then from the garage to Michaelmas Bungalow. He will explore both sides of the Tye in the study. It was agreed to carry out a survey of the village to ascertain support for the project. Extra funding will be required. The project will need to go to tender.

Bpc77/21 Play Area Annual Report

The councillors reviewed the report and Cllr Tabberer will look at the bench by the play area which requires attention and report back.

Bpc78/21 SID Report

The SID camera continues to show 35,000 vehicles travel through Barking each week.

Key points are:

- Average speeder is on the low 30mph's
- Peak traffic between 7.00-8.00 & 16:30-17:30

It was agreed that a solar charger will not be necessary. Local people have reported a positive effect from SID on traffic entering the village from Needham Market as vehicles approach the nursing home.

Bpc79/21 Lorry Routes

The councillors answered the survey about lorry routes in Suffolk. Clerk to complete.

Bpc80/21 Speed Limit on Willisham Road

The SID camera will be installed in the next few weeks to measure traffic speeds and the number of vehicles to provide a comparison to the other SID locations.

Bpc81/21 Wildlife Survey and Hay on the Tye

The survey by Suffolk Wildlife Trust was reviewed by the councillors and the small increase in flower species noted. Cllr Pratt suggested that the council apply to have the Tye adopted as a County Wildlife Site. The councillors asked to invite Suffolk Wildlife Trust to attend a meeting to explain the status further.

Bpc82/21 Lifting crowns on Trees on the Tye and Additional Work

Three quotes had been obtained to carry out the work:

A £1,200 + vat

B £950 + vat

C £2,650 + vat

It was agreed to employ Gadd Brothers to carry out the work.

Bpc83/21 Dates for 2022 Meetings

The councillors agreed the following dates of the meetings for 2022:

20 January, 17 March, 19 May, 21 July, 15 September, 17 November and 3 March for the Annual Parish Meeting

Bpc84/21 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Bailey reported that the exterior of the hall will be painted during the Christmas holidays. The outside lights have been mended. It was noted that the smoke alarm requires a new battery.

Bpc85/21 Street Lighting at Christmas

It was agreed to leave all the part night lit street lamps on all night on Christmas eve and New Year's Eve.

Bpc86/21 Reports from Councillors

Clerk to chase Anglia Water about the leaking water meter by entrance to village hall.
It was agreed to ask for more information about the request to plant trees in Barking.
Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Lillie confirmed he will continue to help with this but we need to find a new volunteer to help.

Bpc87/21 Date of the Next Meeting

Date of next meeting will be on Thursday 20th January 2022

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman Date

Action Log Appendix

1. Welcome Pack – Cllr Lillie to hand over to Clerk
2. Football Club - Clerk to ask if they are still interested
3. Village Beacon- Will need a permanent socket – clerk to chase Forge
4. Emergency Plan – Mark to hand over to Clerk – Clerk to follow up with Emergency Planning Officer

Finance Report

Income received since 16.9.21

MSDC	CIL	6,439.29
		<u>£6,439.29</u>

Expenditure since 16.9.21 and to be agreed for payment

RM Holder	Flail cutting	126.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
M Smith	Hay cut	462.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
Bates, Wells & Braithwaite	Legal Fees	100.00	LGA 1972 s111
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	538.58	LGA 1972 s111
L Rogers	October wages	342.76	LGA 1972 s111
L Rogers	October expenses	60.24	LGA 1972
CAS	Website hosting	60.00	LGA 1972 s111
R Hedges-Quinn	Litter picking	325.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
Tye Farm Contracting	September grass cut	252.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
R Nash	Grass cut – Jul-Sept	144.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
L Rogers	November wages	342.76	LGA 1972 s111
L Rogers	November expenses	20.00	LGA 1972
MSDC	Annual play inspection	60.65	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
SALC	Training	15.00	LGA 1972 s111
		<u>2,848.99</u>	

Unpresented cheques

Savills	Valuation letter	180.00	LGA 1972 s111
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	240.00	LGA 1972, s111
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		<u>3,520.99</u>	

Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques
Community a/c	13.10.21	£23,171.29	£19,650.30		£3,520.99
Base reward a/c	13.10.21	£35,287.03	£35,287.03	0.00	0.00
Paths Partnership a/c	13.10.21	£83.65	£83.65	0.00	0.00
Active Saver	13.10.21	£1.35	£1.35		
		<u>£58,543.32</u>	<u>£55,022.33</u>		