

## BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely at 7.0pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 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

### **In Attendance**

Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

**Absent** Cllr A Horsham

### **Bpc170/20 Apologies**

District Cllr D Pratt

### **Bpc171/20 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation**

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

### **Bpc172/20 Report from County Cllr Kay Oakes**

More than one third of Suffolk's total confirmed **coronavirus cases** were recorded in the last two weeks, government data has shown. A total of 15,643 people have tested positive for the virus in the county as of January 2 – with 5,321 people testing positive from December 20 to January 2, making up 34% of all cases recorded in Suffolk by that point.

While the figures show cases are significantly on the rise, testing has vastly increased in recent months when compared to the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

As of the 24th December, **more residents on low incomes or benefits can now get financial help** if they are told to self-isolate due to COVID-19. Previously Test and Trace Support payments could only be given to people meeting certain criteria, including on benefits. Now Councils across Suffolk have extended this, using their discretion, to help those on low incomes but not on benefits. **Suffolk 2020 fund** projects to deliver over £2.5 million in new community-focused initiatives across the county. Suffolk County Council launched the **Suffolk Design: Streets Guide**, and is asking members of public for feedback in shaping new residential developments. Suffolk County Council to build houses on their own land. Speed limit on Willisham Road – a Traffic Road Order is prohibitively expensive. Cllr Oakes will try to find other ways to reduce speed on this road. Other ways include a deactivation zone, 40mph limit with a buffer zone and more signage.

### **Bpc173/20 Report form District Cllr Dan Pratt**

**2021/2022 Budget** Council Members have received an initial briefing on the draft budget for 2021/22. Once again, the Council is planning for a surplus at the end of next year following a likely underspend during the current year. It is proposed that Council Tax be increased by 1.66%, which is equivalent to 23p per month for a Band D property. The budget will be debated by Council on 23 February. **Refuse Fleet Vehicles Switch to Biofuel** It is proposed that the Council's vehicle fleet will be transferred from fossil fuel diesel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) diesel. It is estimated that the council's fleet of vehicles currently emits nearly 900 tonnes of carbon dioxide, this step could cut these emissions by 90%. **Green Homes Scheme** The Green Homes scheme, which is designed to help make homes more energy efficient, offers vouchers to households for energy savings projects, and also invites councils to bid for funding towards the cost. The council will also benefit, using funds to help insulate and install renewable heating in 48 socially rented properties in Babergh and Mid

Suffolk. **Covid-19 Support for Businesses and Individuals- Self-Isolation Support Payment**  
Mid Suffolk is administering the Self-Isolation Support Payment. This is a £500 compensation payment for those who have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace and meet the eligibility criteria. The government has provided limited funding for discretionary awards to be made if you have been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace but do not meet the criteria for the Self-Isolation Support Payment. **National Lockdown Support Grants for Businesses** With the announcement of a National Lockdown commencing on the 5th January, MSDC is awaiting detailed government guidance on the operation of business grant schemes for the National Lockdown. The LRSB for the period Suffolk was in Tier 2 (from 2nd December to 25th December) is still open. **Suffolk Support and Advice Service.** This helpline provides information and support relating to debt, benefits, housing and employment. The service is open between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday: 0800 068 3131  
**Home, But Not Alone Helpline** The helpline is in place to support clinically extremely vulnerable people who may need additional information or support. The service will be staffed from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday: 0800 876 6926

#### **Bpc174/20 Public Forum**

No members of the public were present

#### **Bpc175/20 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 22nd October 2020 and 19th November 2020**

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

#### **Bpc176/20 Planning Matters**

- a. Approved Conditions - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/03645 & DC17/03564 Condition 8 – Condition 10 (Archaeological works) at **Land on the South side of Needham Road, Barking**
- b. The councillors reviewed Planning application DC/20/95778 for Erection of storage building (B8 use class) at **Highfields Farm, Hascot Hill, Battisford** and resolved to make no comment
- c. The councillors reviewed application for Reserved Matters - DC/21/00193 Proposal: Submission of details for reserved matters following Outline Approval 4933/16 - Erection of 9 No dwellings with garages. Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Location: **Land to The North Of, 1 Tye Green** and resolved to make the following comments: Any new hedge and trees to be planted must be on the developers land not the common land known as The Tye. There will be no constraints on the parish council for removing the existing hedge and trees.

#### **Bpc177/20 Village Beacon**

The councillors agreed to move this item to later in the year

#### **Bpc178/20 Finance**

- a. **Finance Report** - The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance @ 13th January 2021 was £48,8,771.80  
Decision - Payments totalling £860.05 were approved and cheques to be signed
- b. **Budget 2016-17** The Budget for 2021 – 22 was presented for consideration: Decision – It was proposed and resolved to set the budget at £17,320.

c. **Precept 2021 -21** Decision - It was proposed and resolved to set the Precept for 2021 – 22 at £11,000 (an increase of 7.38% or £4.36 for a band D house). The ‘Precept Upon Charging Authority’ was duly completed and signed. Clerk to action within the deadline.

d. Clerk to follow up the change to internet banking with Barclays.

e. **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. The clerk to collate ready for a decision to be made at the March meeting.

**Bpc179/20 Traffic SID Sign**

Highways have approved the sites at Tye Farm, Needham Road and Willisham Road. It was resolved to purchase a Westcotec speed camera. Cllr Oakes has made a grant of £2,500 towards the cost. Clerk to action

**Bpc180/20 Footway along B1078**

The Footway Committee met. An option for substitute land has been agreed in principle. It was agreed for the clerk to ask the solicitor to proceed. The structure of the proposed path is of tarmac between wooden edges in the middle of the grass. Quotes for paths 2m and 3m wide from Ashcroft to Michaelmas Bungalow to be obtained. Clerk to send details to Cllr Oakes for support from Highways

**Bpc181/20 Football Club**

The Village Hall Committee have approved storage for the football club at the hall. It was agreed that the portaloos be sited near the Mill Yard on the Tye and methods of screening it to be considered to minimise the impact. It will be there for the whole football season and sole use of the football club.

**Bpc182/20 Grass Cutting Contract**

The councillors resolved to accept the 3 year contract quote from Tye Green Contracting for £10,584. Clerk to request a quote to provide 14 cuts per year for paths in the churchyard and two strims each year.

**Bpc183/20 Notice Board**

It was agreed to delay a decision about the notice board to later in the year.

**Bpc184/20 Date of the Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman ..... Date .....

## Finance Report

### Income received since 19.11.20

HMRC	Vat reclaim	1,138.90
MSDC	Cleansing grant	340.08
NMBWC	Defibrillator costs	335.00
Environment agency	Wayleave	57.62
DEFRA	Stewardship	1,388.09
MSDC	Locality grant	1,750.00
		<u>£5,009.69</u>

### Expenditure since 19.11.20 and to be agreed for payment

L Rogers	December wages	342.76	LGA 1972 s112
L Rogers	December expenses	27.80	20.00 LGA 1972
SALC	CiLCA module 2	30.00	LGA 1972, s111
L Rogers	January wages	342.76	LGA 1972 s112
L Rogers	January expenses	56.74	LGA 1972
LexisNexis	Parish council book	59.99	LGA 1972, s111
		<u>860.05</u>	

### Unpresented cheques

SALC	CiLCA module 2	30.00	LGA 1972, s111
LexisNexis	Parish council book	59.99	LGA 1972, s111
		<u>89.99</u>	

## Bank Reconciliation

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques
Community a/c	13.1.21	£13,492.37	£13,402.38		£89.99
Base reward a/c	13.1.21	£35,284.42	£35,284.42	0.00	0.00
Paths Partnership a/c	13.1.21	£83.65	£83.65	0.00	0.00
Active Saver	13.1.21	£1.35	£1.35		
		<u>£48,861.79</u>	<u>£48,771.80</u>		