

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 20th January 2022

Present

Cllr M Tabberer (*Chair*), Cllr R Fellowes, Cllr A Ross and Cllr M Bailey
District Cllr D Pratt

In Attendance

Four members of the public
Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

Bpc88/21 Apologies

Cllr S Butler

Bpc89/21 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

None declared

Bpc90/21 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 18th November 2021

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

Bpc91/21 Report form District Cllr Dan Pratt

Waste collections Due to the numerous bank holidays over the Christmas and New Year period, waste and recycling bin collection days will not resume to their normal days until 24th January. Brown bin collection will return to normal from 10th January. **Christmas tree recycling** During January, you can leave your real Christmas tree, with all decorations removed, beside your brown bin on collection day. Trees will be collected from Barking on 27th January, at the grass rear of the village hall, and from Ringshall village hall car park on the week commencing 10th January, and again on Thursday 27th January. **Free bus/taxi travel for vaccinations** There is a Suffolk wide scheme for people who need to travel to get a COVID vaccination to get free transport either by bus or taxi. Details can be found here <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations-in-suffolk/>
Solar car port Works to install 70 solar carports at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre in Stowmarket have now begun. The scheme form part of a £2.8m investment in solar at the councils leisure centres; with £1.4m in funding for the solar carports pilot, and a further £1.4m in funding to install solar panels and other energy saving measures on the leisure centre buildings. **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. **Copdock A14/A12 Interchange** Babergh and Mid Suffolk have sent a joint response to National Highways' consultation on improvements to the Copdock Interchange. Both councils are supporting the idea of a new link road connecting southbound traffic from the east (Felixstowe) towards London on A12 to bypass the roundabout. This is despite the fact the proposal will cause a great amount of environmental damage around Belstead brook and will be less of an improvement for traffic heading from A12

toward Bury on A14. **New Council homes in Needham Market** Part of the housing development on the former MSDC Council Office site in Needham Market has been completed. 8 new affordable homes were ready for families to move in at the beginning of December. This development of housing is being built by MSDC in partnership with Norse Group.

Bpc92/21 Public Forum

Members of the public raised their concerns about the planning application for 279 houses in Needham Market. Other sites locally are providing many houses and the volume is too great to be sustainable. It will also damage wildlife, ancient woodland, cause drainage problems and increase traffic. The amount of housing being built is overwhelming the countryside

Bpc93/21 Planning Matters

- a. The councillors agreed to object to Planning Application for DC/21/06882 Application for Outline Planning Permission (Access points to be considered, Appearance, Landscape, Layout and Scale to be reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Erection of up to 279No dwellings (including 100 affordable) (re-submission of DC/20/05046) - Agricultural Land North Of, Barking Road, Needham Market—citing the same reasons as in the previous applications for this proposal including: Outside the settlement boundary for Barking, inappropriate in open countryside, increase in traffic volume, , Mid Suffolk has met its five-year land supply more than adequately, poor access and geography leading to congestion at the railway bridge in Needham Market- the most hit bridge in England.
- b. The councillors agreed to object to DC/21/06556 – Full planning application for Erection of 2no single storey dwellings and garages (re-submission of DC/20/05167) Land East of Willisham Road, Barking - Objections are: outside the settlement boundary in an unsustainable location, It would create ribbon development and join Barking and Willisham, removing the buffer between the two separate villages. The access is obscured as the site is on a bend in the road, negative impact on the open countryside and character of the area. It is outside the 30mph speed limit which is causing a problem for the newly built executive houses at The Acorns close to the site. Mid Suffolk has met its five-year land supply more than adequately and it has increased since the original application.

Bpc94/21 Underground Electricity Service Cable at Barking Tye

The councillors agreed to allow an overhead electricity cable to be replaced by an underground cable over the Tye at Endways where the overhead cable cannot be replaced. Clerk to request the ground is reinstated as before and ensure access to nearby houses is maintained during the work without damage to the Tye.

Bpc95/21 Easement Adjacent to The Fox on The Tye

The councillors considered the notice to register an easement at land to the north west side of the road leading from Offton to Needham Market, Barking. The Clerk to inform the solicitor of the following objections: it is an agricultural track not a road and only been used as an agricultural access. Costs were agreed but clerk to ask if costs can be recovered from the applicant.

Bpc96/21 Finance

- a. **Finance Report** - The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance at 13th December 2021 was £54,327.66 – see appendix

Decision - Payments totalling £2,944.83 were approved and cheques to be signed.

b. Budget for 2022-3 - The councillors agreed the budget of £18,745

c. Precept for 2022-23 The councillors agreed the of £12,395 and signed the precept demand. It is an increase of 7.5% - £4.76 on a band D house to £68.19

d. Donations – It was agreed to raise budget for donations to £750 for 2022-23. Recipients were identified as St Mary's church, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Headway and the Parish magazine. Councillors to inform clerk of how to divide the money between these. To be agreed at the March meeting.

Bpc97/21 Footway on The Tye

We await the feasibility study kindly arranged by Cllr Oakes. It was agreed to carry out a survey of the village to ascertain support for the project by way of leaflet in the March newsletter. Replies can be delivered to councillor's houses or emailed to the clerk. Clerk to collate the responses.

Bpc98/21 Management of The Tye

The County Wildlife Site Advisor recommended pulling the ragwort on the Tye in May/June in order to make the hay edible. Agreed to hold a working party to achieve this. Cllr Bailey to liaise with the Community Council for assistance.

There are no updates for the football club.

Bpc99/21 Parish Collaboration on Climate Action

Cllr Pratt held a meeting with Willisham and Offton to ascertain any collaboration for climate change with parish councils. Cllr Pratt to hold a meeting with parish councils to discuss options for community energy projects to connect interested residents in the neighbouring villages.

Bpc100/21 Trees on The Tye

The councillors agreed to allow a former resident to plant one tree on the Tye opposite Rose Cottage for her 100th birthday.

Bpc101/21 Neighbourhood Plan

The councillors agreed to consider this at a later stage

Bpc102/21 Play Area

It was agreed to restore the bench in the summer.

Bpc103/21 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

Local people have reported a positive effect from SID on traffic within the village. Results in Willisham Road show the same effect on the traffic with about 20% of the main traffic taking that route. Speeds are not high during the day and some speeders at night. The SID appears to make drivers more cautious at this junction.

Bpc104/21 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Bailey reported that the painting of the exterior of the hall is in progress. The inside and outside lights have been replaced. It was noted that the village gates are permanently close. The councillors wish the gates to be kept open to allow access to the carpark for visitors to

the village. It was noted that cars are parking on the Tye near Endways rather than using the car park as before. Cllr Bailey to investigate.

Bpc105/21 Grass Verge by Tye Farm

The councillors agreed to take no action over the small area of damage on the Tye next to the driveway to Tye Farm.

Bpc106/21 Queens Jubilee Celebrations

The parish council will make arrangements to move the beacon onto the Tye and to light it on 2nd June with a gathering from 8.30pm. The beacon will be moved there on a permanent basis.

Bpc107/21 Date of the Next Meeting

Date of next parish council meeting will be on Thursday 17th March 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd March

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman Date

Action Log Appendix

1. Welcome Pack – Cllr Tabberer
2. Football Club – wait to hear from them
3. Village Beacon- move to Tye – Cllr bailey to ask Forge
4. Emergency Plan – Clerk to follow up with Emergency Planning Officer
5. Check assets in village – Cllr Tabberer to check

Finance Report

Income received since 18.11.21

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|------|-----|------------------|
| MSDC | CIL | 6,439.29 |
| | | <u>£6,439.29</u> |

Expenditure since 18.11.21 and to be agreed for payment

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|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| SALC | Training | 30.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust | Survey | 1,026.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |
| Tye Farm Contracting | October grass cut | 504.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |
| Community Action Suffolk | Website hosting | 60.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Tye Farm Contracting | August grass cut | 252.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |
| L Rogers | December wages | 356.72 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| L Rogers | December expenses | 33.40 | LGA 1972 |
| R Fellowes | Wreath & gift | 92.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| P&S Smith | Hedge cutting | 210.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |
| L Rogers | January wages | 356.72 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| L Rogers | January expenses | 22.99 | LGA 1972 |
| | | <u>2,944.83</u> | |

Unpresented cheques

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| R Hedges-Quinn | Litter picking | 325.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |
| Suffolk Wildlife Trust | Survey | 1,026.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |
| Tye Farm Contracting | October grass cut | 504.00 | Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10 |

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| L Rogers | January expenses | 22.99 | LGA 1972 |
| | | <u>3,239.83</u> | |

Bank Reconciliation

| Account | Statement Date | Statement Balance | Actual Balance | Credit/transfers not shown | Unpresented cheques |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Community a/c | 13.12.21 | £22,194.87 | £18,955.04 | | £3,239.83 |
| Base reward a/c | 13.12.21 | £35,287.62 | £35,287.62 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Paths Partnership a/c | 13.12.21 | £83.65 | £83.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Active Saver | 13.12.21 | £1.35 | £1.35 | | |
| | | <u>£57,567.49</u> | <u>£54,327.66</u> | | |