

## BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st July 2022

### Present

Cllr M Tabberer (*Chair*), Cllr R Fellowes, Cllr S Butler, and Cllr M Bailey

### In Attendance

Ten members of the public

Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

### Bpc27/22 Apologies

Cllr A Ross, County District Cllr D Pratt and Cllr K Oakes

### Bpc28/22 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

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

### Bpc29/22 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 19th May and 9th June 2022

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

### Bpc30/22 Report from County Cllr Kay Oakes

The July report from Cllr Oakes was circulated to the councillors

**Council objects to Norwich to Tilbury pylon proposals** On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Suffolk County Council confirmed its intention to object to the proposals for National Grid's East Anglia GREEN pylon run. A new network is needed to deliver electricity between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury, to cope with the increasing amounts of renewable and low carbon electricity being generated around East Anglia. This is National Grid's East Anglia GREEN proposal, which would see many pylons installed across the county, affecting the Suffolk countryside and its communities. But the council does not support this proposal as it stands. It believes that there are better ways to manage the project, for example involving an undersea network which has not been fully investigated. The council has been campaigning for government ministers and officials to introduce a more co-ordinated offshore approach to meet the demands of all the energy projects in the region. **Successful communities awarded £6.4m to 'Reclaim the Rain' and tackle flooding.** The Norfolk and Suffolk County Council's joint Reclaim the Rain project, which aims to implement innovative and sustainable water management projects progresses as six communities are selected across both counties. The project team received 37 formal applications from communities keen to be involved in Reclaim the Rain. These applications were carefully considered and whittled down to three communities in Suffolk and three in Norfolk. The three chosen communities in Suffolk are:

- Boxford – this community displayed a strong interest in sustainable water management and ways in which the community could be more involved with water management.
- Friston – who are exploring innovative ways of resolving long-standing hard-to-resolve flood issues.
- Little Blakenham – they identified some excellent opportunities to work with upstream landowners, allowing them to have a more proactive approach in managing flood water running off their land.

The selection process was based on various factors, including each community's vulnerability to surface water flooding, water resource needs, rurality and the likelihood of attracting funding outside of our project. In the coming months, Reclaim the Rain will be working closely with these communities to develop projects which maximise the opportunities to manage risks from both flooding and droughts. The overall project objective is to identify new ways of working that can be learnt from and evidenced to inform and influence future policy, approaches to, and investments in how flood risk is managed nationally in the coming years. **Suffolk leading the way in UK's water conservation** Since its launch in February 2021 a unique scheme to the UK, based in Felixstowe, has saved over 800,000 tonnes of water being lost to the North Sea - and reused it to grow Suffolk crops. Drainage water has traditionally been pumped away to the River Deben and North Sea, damaging saltmarsh along the way. Instead, it is now pumped back inland, conserving the saltmarsh and refilling 14 reservoirs, which six local farms are using to irrigate their crops. Last week (9-10 June 2022) local landowners and national organisations were invited to visit the site, to hear first-hand from the scheme's operators, Felixstowe Hydrocycle, and from farmers who are benefitting from the scheme. Organised by Suffolk County Council, working with the Environment Agency and University of East Anglia as key partners of the project, the event aimed to inspire more schemes to be trialled around Suffolk, the UK and Europe. **Extra funding agreed by Cabinet to fund new SEND place** Suffolk County Council's Cabinet has today agreed an additional £15.9million to complete the funding for the creation of at least 879 specialist places for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities This money marks the second phase of a £45million five-year project to deliver specialist provision for SEND students in Suffolk. These places include units attached to mainstream schools and three new special schools. So far, 500 new places have opened across the county, with another 325 due to open between September 2022 and September 2024 under phase 1. The additional money will enable the completion of phase 2 of the project, and the creation of between 54 to 72 new places, depending on design and planning. The new SEND places support the growing number of children and young people in Suffolk who need specialist help at school. Between September 2021 and May 2022 there have been 1,333 referrals for specialist placements for children currently in mainstream schools

#### **Bpc31/22 Report form District Cllr Dan Pratt**

Cllr Pratt's report was read to the Councillors

**Great Bricett Red Lion Appeal Decisions** Two appeal decisions were made concurrently on the refusal to allow the change of use of the Red Lion pub to a residential dwelling. Appeal A (Ref: APP/W3520/W/21/3273897) This first part of the appeal is with regards to the Change of use of Public House to 1no dwelling. This appeal has been dismissed, and permission is not granted to change the building into a domestic dwelling. Appeal B (Ref: APP/W3520/Y/21/3273896) This appeal is regarding the internal and external alterations that would be required to change the building from a Pub into a domestic dwelling. This appeal has been granted and permission given for the changes, as it has been determined that these alterations would not significantly alter the historic significance of the building. These decisions appear to be contradictory, and it is now up to the applicants to decide how to go ahead.

**Residents Survey** Babergh and Mid Suffolk are carrying out their annual survey of residents. Hopefully this will enable the Councils to understand more about residents' and communities' resilience and to help improve the Councils' service. Up to 8,000 households from districts have been randomly selected and invited to take part.

**Grants for carbon-reduction** A new fund for community-based carbon-reduction projects is now open. Projects could include promoting cycling/walking, improving energy efficiency and raising awareness of climate change. Applications can be made via the Green Suffolk website.

#### **Locality Funding**

We would welcome applications from any local club or organisation in need of funding towards the cost of a local project.

#### **Gateway 14**

The Range has announced a £200 million investment to base a major distribution centre at Gateway 14 creating 1,650 jobs (across three shifts). Once a reserved matters planning application has been approved, work is expected to start in January 2023 and occupation of the new distribution centre in Autumn 2023.

#### **Housing Revenue Account business plan**

At last month's Council meeting the HRA business plan was agreed. It sets out the long-term priorities and plans for the future of council housing in the district. The main priorities include tackling climate change, developing new council housing, involving tenants and improving the neighbourhoods.

#### **Bpc32/22 Public Forum**

Grass cutting of verges on Ringshall Road area of the Tye – this does not appear to have been cut – Clerk to follow up with contractor

Tye Green hedge – no response to letter sent to the council. Looking for a long term solution  
Website – not been updated. Difficult to find the agenda and minutes not in chronological order

#### **Bpc33/22 Planning Matters**

- a) The Councillors noted the Larger Householder– DC/22/02209 – Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Larger Home Extension – erection of a single storey rear extension at The Olde Shop, The Tye does not require prior approval form Mid Suffolk District Council
- b) Planning Appeal – Land Adjacent Hascot Hill – Erection of one dwelling - Appeal ref: APP/W3520/W/22/3296665 – agreed there is no further information to submit
- c) The Councillors noted the planning approval for – DC/21/00193 - Non-Material Amendment – Land North of 1 Tye Green
- d) The Councillors noted that planning permission has been granted at 3 Ladyfield DC/22/02465 – Erection of two storey side extension

#### **Bpc34/22 Finance**

**a. Finance Report** - The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance at 13th June 2022 was £57,268.42– see appendix  
Decision - Payments totalling £3,512.83 were approved and the cheques were signed

#### **Bpc35/22 National Grid East Anglia Green**

Following the public meeting Dan Poulter MP held a meeting with the councillors. He is working on it and is talking with other parish councils and MPs along the route. The MPs are forming a group to push against the proposals. He will visit Barking on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to look at how the proposals would affect the village. It will be a long process with the next public consultation in 2023. It was agreed to create a dedicated page on the website for this issue.

### **Bpc36/22 Resignation and Appointment of New Litter Picker**

Ryan Hedges-Quinn is finishing in September to go to university. The Councillors thanked him for his good work keeping the village tidy. It was agreed to appoint Josh Eaton from September

### **Bpc37/22 Priestly Wood Parking**

There has been no reply from the letter sent to the Woodland Trust to explain that parking is becoming a problem. Clerk to send the letter to Mark Preston CEO of The Woodland Trust. Cllr Fellowes to check if the church would consider allowing walkers to use their car park now the lock down effect has calmed.

### **Bpc38/21 Management of The Tye**

- a. Mike Smith has cut the hay. He has found someone to take some of the hay. It was agreed that the ragwort deters people from taking the hay and it was agreed to hold a working party to pull the ragwort next June. Richard Cage offered to organise a team of volunteers for this.
- b. It was agreed that the clerk obtain two more quotes for an inspection of the trees on the Tye from an arboriculturalist following the first quote for an updated tree survey

### **Bpc39/22 Hedge at Tye Green**

Following discussion, it was agreed to ask Tim Edwards for a quote to cut the hedge using his tractor following an initial cut to establish if it can be cut at a lower cost using this method on an ongoing basis. Clerk to write to the residents to inform them of this decision and to let them know how to tell the council if they are unhappy. The letter will outline the process and timeline. The frequency of any cuts will depend upon the available budget for the work so there is no guarantee of frequency of cuts.

### **Bpc40/22 SID Report**

The SID has been on Willisham Road and the Ringshall end of the Tye and shows 17,000 vehicles passing in one direction each week. The top speeds are lower. Cllr Tabberer will move it to the position outside The Fox and near the church over the next months. Most of the speeding happens by The Fox and by the church as people enter the village and less speeding on Willisham Road and the Ringshall end of the village.

### **Bpc41/22 Village Hall Management Committee**

The guttering near the rear door doesn't have enough fall and the wall gets damp in wet weather. Cllr Tabberer to ask David Bates if he can fix it.

### **Bpc42/22 Action Log**

The action log was reviewed – see appendix

### **Bpc43/22 Reports from Councillors**

It has been reported that a road sign to Wattisham is missing from Willisham corner and cars are having to turn around on people's driveways on a regular basis – to be added to the September agenda

Battisford Hill – the overgrown slip road at the back of the houses has been reported to Highways

### **Bpc44/22 Date of the Next Meeting**

Date of next parish council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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### **Action Log Appendix**

Easement court case is set for November

Footway – no progress

Bench on Tye near play area – Cllr Butler to look and report back to the Clerk

Emergency Plan – Clerk to follow up

Assets in village – to all check when Dan Poulter visits in September

### **Finance Report**

#### **Income received since 19.5.22**

Nil 0.00  
£0.00

#### **Expenditure since 19.5.22 and to be agreed for payment**

L Rogers	April/May expenses	68.56	LGA 1972
MSDC	Bin emptying 2022-23	446.80	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
Tye Farm Contracting	May grass cut	504.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
L Rogers	June wages	345.69	LGA 1972 s111
HMRC	June tax	17.60	LGA 1972
L Rogers	June expenses	78.19	LGA 1972
Four Parishes Magazine	Donation	80.00	LGA, s137
Dick Nash	March – May grass cut	240.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
Brown & co	Stewardship application	540.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
SLCC	Training	102.00	LGA 1972 s111
Ryan Hedges-Quinn	Litter picking	195.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9-10
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#### **Unpresented cheques**

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		<u>£3,020.59</u>	

#### **Bank Reconciliation**

Account	Statement Date	Statement Balance	Actual Balance	Credit/transfers not shown	Unpresented cheques
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Community a/c	13.6.22	£24,914.63	£21,894.04		£3,020.59
Base reward a/c	13.6.22	£35,289.38	£35,289.38	0.00	0.00
Paths Partnership a/c	13.4.22	£83.65	£83.65	0.00	0.00
Active Saver	13.4.22	£1.35	£1.35		
		<u>£60,289.01</u>	<u>£57,268.42</u>		

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