

## BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th June 2022

### **Present**

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

### **In Attendance**

Seventy five members of the public  
Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

### **Bpc23/22 Apologies**

Cllr S Butler

### **Bpc24/22 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation**

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

### **Bpc25/22 Public Forum**

National Grid East Anglia GREEN Project - It was unanimously agreed that Barking Parish Council would strongly object to the pylons. This decision follows similar objections by other Parish Councils, District Councils and County Councils affected by the proposed route of pylons.

It was also unanimously agreed that National Grid should have the cables routed either via the sea route or underground. The countryside is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and should be protected for future generations; concerns about loss of endangered species including grass snakes, skylarks, yellowhammers and bee orchids; request for a transparent analysis of options; concerns about health risks from living near cables were expressed— just because there is no firm evidence ‘why does nobody want to live near a pylon’?

Other concerns include: Loss of high quality arable farm land, maintenance of pylons and amount of high winds causing damage; disruption to roads and farmland caused by access to pylons for both their construction and repairs; the hazards to helicopters flying from RAF Wattisham(Army Air Corps base); that the costings and rationale behind the choice of route suggested in the interactive map are specious and that the real cost (when amortised over 40 or 60 years)of the undersea option has nothing like as serious an impact on electricity bills as suggested by National Grid.

### **Bpc26/22 Planning Matters**

The councillors agreed to make a strong objection to the National Grid East Anglia GREEN Project on the grounds of environmental and historic grounds. It was agreed to raise with the meeting with Dan Poulter MP next week. Clerk to ask if the parish council can meet with the Fisher German surveyors when they visit Barking in August. Objection needs to be in by 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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