

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday
18th July 2024

Present

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

In Attendance

Seventeen members of the public
Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

Bpc23/24 Apologies

Suffolk County Cllr K Oakes, Cllr S Butler and Cllr M Harper

Bpc24/24 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

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

Bpc25/24 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 16th May 2024

The minutes of the meetings on 16th May 2024 were approved by the councillors and signed
by the Chairman as a correct record.

Bpc26/24 Report from County Cllr Kay Oakes

Due to the recent election, there is no report

Bpc27/24 Report from District Cllr Dan Pratt

Cllr Pratt's report was circulated to the Councillors (appendix 2). Cllr Pratt reported that the
Chairman of Mid Suffolk District Council has written to the Secretary of State to object to the
National Grid Pylons and will do again following the election. He will be supporting the off
shore option. The Community Benefit from the scheme is poor. The Bramford to Twinstead
pylon upgrade is complete and the four new transformers at Bramford are for that scheme.

Bpc28/24 Public Forum

The National Grid pylons consultation was discussed. Residents are strongly opposed to the
project. Barking parish council are opposed to the plan as are Suffolk County Council, Mid
Suffolk District Council and Dan Poulter the previous MP and the new MP Patrick Spencer.
All have expressed their views to National Grid. Wattisham is expanding to accommodate
more aircraft which may have impact. The template for objection by Rosie Pearson will be
available on Barking Parish Council's website. If you wish to object, please do so as total
numbers of objection matters. The consultation ends on 26th July 2024. Barking parish
council have sent their objection in.

Bpc29/24 Planning Matters

- a. Mid Suffolk District Council has approved the APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
DC/24/02112 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of detached garden
store/workshop building. Location: 4 Dennis Close, Barking
- b. Mid Suffolk District Council has approved the APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
DC/24/02386 Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension
including removal of existing monopitch roofs over existing extensions and construction
of flat roof to cover both elements to include balcony and balustrading and insertion of
new rear window and replacement of existing; Erection of 3bay cartlodge with storage
over (following demolition of existing garage and conservatory). At The Lodge, Needham
Road, Barking

Bpc30/24 Finance

- a. The councillors approved the RFO Report authorise payments made since the last meeting and to be made; they noted any income received since the last meeting; reviewed the Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statement (appendix 1)
- b. The Councillors agreed to review the new Financial Regulations at the September meeting

Bpc31/24 Path Along the Tye

The councillors agreed to instruct Gill Associates to manage the project at a cost of £5,700. Clerk to check if payments are in instalments. The Councillors also agreed to instruct G.H.Bullard & Associates to design and carry out associated discussions at a cost of up to £4,000.

Bpc32/24 People and Place Plan

It was agreed to advertise in the magazine and social media for volunteers to volunteer for this project.

Bpc33/24 Community Self Help Group

We have four volunteers and will apply to Mid Suffolk District Council to form a group. There is room for more volunteers to join. The group would be able to clean road signs, cut back vegetation adjacent to roads and generally help to tidy the village.

Bpc34/24 Safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters – the Councillors agreed to support the Government Bill – Clerk to write

Bpc35/24 Village Hall Management Committee

The kitchen contractor starts on 22 July at a cost of £11,200. The VHMC have funds of £9460 and the Councillors agreed to underwrite the shortfall but ask that the VHMC apply for further funding from MSDC's Rural Prosperity fund. District Councillor Pratt may also assist if necessary. It is planned to have an opening event when the kitchen is completed. The Councillors thanked Gary Dalby for his work at the hall.

Due to the ongoing water/damp problems in the kitchen and hall it was agreed to ask Tim Edwards to dig out the pond by the telephone kiosk and to ask Andy Strawson to clear the ditches to the rear of the hall to hopefully improve the problem. Three experts have looked at the problem and given three different solutions. The handyman has not been able to start work.

Bpc36/24 Request for Wayleave Agreement at Grove Barn View – The Councillors agreed and signed the document.

Bpc 37/24 Management of the Tye

The grass contractor is cutting the grass well but the rain and warm weather is making the grass grow very quickly this year.

Mike Smith has cut the hay.

The team from Suffolk Wildlife Trust visited the Tye on 15th July and were very impressed. They agreed to recommend that the status of County Wildlife Site be awarded to The Tye. They plan to visit next year with a team of experts.

Bpc38/24 Benches in the Village

The Councillors thanked District Councillor Pratt for his £250 Pride in Place grant for replacement benches. It was agreed to review this at the September meeting when Councillor Butler reports about the benches.

Bpc39/24 Reports from Councillors

Councillor Tabberer reported that one of the SID camera batteries needs to be replaced. It was agreed to purchase this.

The Councillors thanked District Councillor Pratt for the Pride in Place grant

Councillor Bailey reported that the parish council should report on its activities in the Parish magazine. Clerk to organise.

Councillor Fellowes reported that there will be a big celebration on the 8th May 2025 for the VE day anniversary. To add to the September agenda.

Bpc40/24 Date of the Next Meeting

Date of next parish council meeting will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th September 2024

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman Date

Appendix 1 Financial Report

Schedule of Payments & Receipts from 16.5.2024

Income Received since 16.5.24

Interest	<u>463.78</u>
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Expenditure (movement since 16.5.2024) and invoices agreed for payment

BVHMC	Grant for kitchen	1,000.00	102176	LGA 1972,s137
SALC	Training - planning	126.00	102177	LGA 1972,s111
L Rogers	June wages	383.31	102178	LGA 1972
HMRC	June tax	55.00	102179	LGA 1972
L Rogers	May expenses	43.45	102180	LGA 1972
Hartley's Gardening Service	May grass cuts	725.00	102181	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
Purrell Construction	Village hall kitchen	7,200.00	102182	LGA 1972,s133
Hartley's Gardening Service	June grass cuts	725.00	102183	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
L Rogers	July wages	383.31	102184	LGA 1972
HMRC	July tax	55.00	102185	LGA 1972
L Rogers	June expenses	34.40	102186	LGA 1972
		<u>10,730.47</u>		

Unpresented cheques

HMRC	April tax	55.00	102162	LGA 1972
Hartley's Gardening Service	April grass cuts	725.00	102171	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
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Account	Statement date	Balance	Balance less unpaid cheques	
Community a/c	13.6.24	£15,075.62	£11,510.47	£0.00
Base reward a/c	13.6.24	£256,401.27	£256,401.27	£0.00
Parish Paths Partnership a/c	12.4.24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Active saver	12.4.24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		<u>£271,476.89</u>	<u>£267,911.74</u>	

Appendix 2 District Councillor Dan Pratt Report

Resumption of District Council and Cabinet Meetings

Council and Cabinet meetings were rescheduled during the pre-general election period. Items for discussion and approval include the potential adoption of a local listed building consent order and local development order which would enable owners of listed buildings to apply specific energy efficiency measures to their homes without heavy planning requirements.

National Grid Statutory Consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury Overhead Line Project

MSDC Cabinet will debate a response to the consultation. The key points include objections regarding the significant negative landscape and visual impact at both construction and operational stages, a requirement for more use of undergrounding or re-routing, and a substantial funded landscape compensation scheme as opposed to 'community benefits'.

Economic Land Needs Assessment

Mid Suffolk have now published an Economic Land Needs Assessment document. This shows the future employment land requirements in the district to support the identified growth for 2023 to 2037, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance.

Food Waste collections from 2026

Funding to begin food waste collections in Mid Suffolk has been agreed. The service will launch in 2026 as part of a national requirement from central government. The plan will be for every household to receive a new 23-litre food waste bin, as well as a smaller 5-litre caddy for use in the kitchen. The food waste will be collected on a weekly basis.

Gateway 14

Funding of £18.8m has been agreed to create a Skills and Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket to support business, create green-sector jobs, and boost the local economy. The Cabinet will also be discussing a proposal to invest up to £1.5 million of the Gateway 14 dividend in Stowmarket's high street and town centre area.

Student Event

As part of our local Democracy Project, MSDC are hosting an event in July for sixth-formers to discover careers in local government and learn how councils are structured.

Councillor's Locality Budget

Applications for this year's Locality Awards grants are once again open after being paused during the pre-election period. Please get in touch for further information.

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