

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 19th September 2024

Present

Cllr M Tabberer (*Chair*), Cllr A Ross, Cllr M Bailey and Cllr M Anderson
Suffolk County Cllr K Oakes and District Cllr D Pratt

In Attendance

Three members of the public
Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

Bpc41/24 Apologies

Cllr R Fellowes, Cllr S Butler and Cllr M Harper

Bpc42/24 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

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

Bpc43/24 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 18th July 2024

The minutes of the meetings on 18th July 2024 were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Bpc44/24 Report from County Cllr Kay Oakes

Cllr Oake's report was circulated to the Councillors (appendix 2). The ditches in Barking need to be cleared in preparation for rain through the autumn and winter. Cllr Oakes is waiting for feedback from the Flood Team

Bpc45/24 Report from District Cllr Dan Pratt

Cllr Pratt's report was circulated to the Councillors (appendix 3). Cllr Pratt to support the parish council in making an application for CIL funding towards the footway.

Bpc46/24 Public Forum

A member of the public has offered his services as caretaker at the village hall. Clerk to pass details to the village hall committee. A member of the public was attending to hear the about cutting Tye Green hedge. He does not want the hedge cut to 2 meters.

Bpc47/24 Planning Matters

- a) Mid Suffolk District Council has approved DC/24/02402: Application under Section 73a of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for DC/21/00193 for the Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) to change Plot 9 dwelling from house to bungalow with car port at Land to The North Of, 1 Tye Green, Barking
- b) Mid Suffolk District Council has approved DC/23/05883 Application for Full Planning Application - Erection of 2No dwellings including change of use of agricultural land to residential amenity land (following demolition of Tye Barn Cottage and Michaelmas) at Tye Barn Cottage and Michaelmas, The Tye, Barking

Bpc48/24 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 November meeting
- c. The councillors agreed to appoint Heelis & Lodge as Internal Auditors
- d. It was agreed to consider local donations at the November meeting
- e. The councillors approved the Asset Register. Cllr Tabberer and Clerk to carry out a check on the items on the Asset Register
- f. The councillors agreed the annual insurance renewal at £569.69

Bpc49/24 Path Along the Tye

G.H.Bullard & Associates have carried out a survey of the proposed path and will send plan proposals when ready. Clerk to send the plans to The Open Spaces Society to ask their advice.

Bpc50/24 People and Place Plan

Clerk to send a sample survey and template to the councillors. Cllr Tabberer and Clerk to advertise in the magazine and social media for volunteers to volunteer for this project.

Bpc51/24 Needham Market & Barking Welfare Trust – currently there are no volunteers to nominate as trustees to the trust

Bpc52/24 Community Self Help Group

The courses get booked up quickly but we will find spaces for the volunteers; Dan Pratt, Ross Piper and Richard Cage

Bpc53/24 Village Hall Management Committee

The new kitchen has been installed and is a great improvement. The Village Hall thanked the parish council for their support.

Drainage – It is planned to dredge the pond by the village hall and clear the ditches to the rear of the hall. Pre-school are now using the hall 30 hours a week. Some fundraising events before Christmas are planned. Looking for quotes to remove the leylandii to the left of the hall.

Bpc 54/24 National Grid Pylons -the public consultation has closed and we await the next stage

Bpc55/24 VE Day Celebrations 8th May 2025

It was agreed to hold celebrations and to put money in the budget towards the event

Bpc56/24 Management of the Tye

- a. Grass cutting the Tye – This is going well
- b. Annual Play Area Inspection – the councillors agreed for Mid Suffolk District Council to arrange an annual inspection
- c. Clearance of pond and ditch adjacent to village hall to reduce flooding problems Clerk to contact Mike Smith
- d. Tye Green Hedge – It was agreed to obtain quotes to cut the hedge to consider at the next meeting

Bpc57/24 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 November meeting when Councillor Butler reports about the benches.

Bpc58/24 Reports from Councillors

Councillor Bailey reported that the boundary of the Tye may have been encroached by a fence at

It was agreed to create a Community Flood Plan – add to November meeting

Bpc59/24 Date of the Next Meeting

Date of next parish council meeting will be at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st November 2024

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Chairman Date

Appendix 1 Financial Report

Schedule of Payments & Receipts from 18.7.2024

Income Received since 18.7.24

HMRC	VAT refund	2,055.70
Rural Payment Agency	Delinked payments	452.99
MSDC	Cleansing Grant	1,784.64
Interest	Barclays	0.00
UK Power networks	Wayleave	90.00
		<u>4,383.33</u>

Expenditure (movement since 18.7.2024) and invoices agreed for payment

Brown & co	Stewardship management	240.00	102187	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
J Eaton	Litter picking	130.00	102188	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
Westcotec	Ne SID battery	109.80	102189	Highways Act 1980, s274A
MSDC	Playground inspection	63.78	102190	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
Hartley's Gardening Service	July grass cuts	725.00	102191	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
L Rogers	August pay	383.31	102192	LGA 1972
HMRC	August tax	55.00	102193	LGA 1972
L Rogers	July expenses	41.60	102194	LGA 1972
Monks Eleigh PPC	Share of mobile phone	145.41	102195	LGA 1972
Purrell Construction	Final payment kitchen	6,576.00	102196	LGA 1972, s133
RM Holder	Flail cut Tye after hay	189.00	102197	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
MJ Smith	Hay cut on Tye	504.00	102198	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
BVHMC	Hall hire	16.50	102199	LGA 1972
Hartley's Gardening Service	August grass cut	375.00	102200	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
L Rogers	September wages	383.31	102201	LGA 1972
HMRC	September tax	55.00	102202	LGA 1972
L Rogers	August expenses	34.00	102203	LGA 1972
		<u>10,026.71</u>		

Unpresented cheques

BVHMC	Grant for kitchen	0.00	102176	CANCELLED CHEQUE
J Eaton	Litter picking	130.00	102188	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
MSDC	Playground inspection	63.78	102190	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
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L Rogers	August expenses	34.00	102203	LGA 1972
		<u>9,051.59</u>		

Account	Statement date	Balance	Balance less unpaid cheques	
Community a/c	13.8.24	£12,883.36	£3,831.77	£0.00
Base reward a/c	13.8.24	£256,401.27	£256,401.27	£0.00
Parish Paths Partnership a/c	13.8.24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Active saver	13.8.24	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
		<u>£269,284.63</u>	<u>£260,233.04</u>	

Appendix 2 County Councillor Kay Oakes Report

New Europa Way link road in Ipswich gets start date - Works to build a new link road at Europa Way, connecting Sproughton Road with Bramford Road in Ipswich will begin on 9 September. This scheme will include extending the existing Europa Way Road to create the link road. This new section of road will include an off-road footpath and cycle path, with a new mini roundabout being built to connect the new extension of Europa Way to Bramford Road. The scheme brings many benefits for residents and aims to: Improve the transport network's reliability and safety, Improve connectivity for sustainable transport modes such as pedestrians, cyclists and bus services, Support Suffolk's economy by unlocking employment creation opportunities and planned growth, Achieve a balanced development by installing green features to help avoid putting additional pressure on the surrounding environment, such as installing Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) to manage surface water runoff The construction work is programmed to commence on 9 September 2024 with the aim to complete the works and open the new link road by the end of April 2025. The work will be carried out in phases and will use various traffic management methods for each phase. This is essential for the safety of road users, residents and our team. To facilitate construction, temporary parking restrictions will be placed along part of Bramford Road. Suffolk Highways requests that vehicles are relocated from the marked area whilst the works are carried out. Temporary traffic lights and pedestrian crossing points will be the main method of traffic management used during works on Bramford Road. Towards the end of the work, it may be necessary for part of Bramford Road to be closed. Full details will be confirmed later. Solar Together launches in Suffolk- Residents of Suffolk can come together to invest in renewable energy sources through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Solar Together Suffolk helps homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from qualified installers. Suffolk residents can join the group-buying scheme, which offers solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points, as well as retrofit battery storage for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate. The scheme allows homeowners to increase their independence from the national grid. It's free to register here, and there is no obligation to go ahead with an installation. Suffolk's councils are working in partnership with iChoosr, experts in sustainable energy transition, to make the transition to clean energy as cost-effective and hassle-free as possible. Judicial review proceedings from four local councils against the Sunnica solar farm project will not be pursued after West Suffolk Council and Cambridgeshire County Council chose to withdraw from the process. Suffolk County Council had written to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, the Rt Hon. Ed Miliband MP, regarding his decision to approve the Sunnica solar farm. Storm Babet The investigations into the flooding which occurred in Needham Market and Wickham Market during October 2023 have analysed

what caused these events and recommend what could be done to alleviate flooding there in the future. In Needham Market, over 45 residential and commercial properties were internally flooded. In Wickham Market, it was 40 properties. In both communities, infrastructure and services were disrupted. The investigations found that the areas were severely impacted by flooding due to the intensity of rainfall that overwhelmed the natural flow routes and the capacity of watercourses and drainage infrastructure. This situation was compounded when overland flow paths converged with the water from rivers that had burst their banks. Key recommendations for both areas, which include short-, medium- and long-term proposals aimed at individual homeowners, community groups, landowners and Risk Management Authorities, include: Implementing community flood plans, Maximising use of grants available to make properties more resilient to flooding, Removing blockages in watercourses and drains (private and publicly owned), Investigating potential improvements to drainage infrastructure (private and publicly owned), Creating new natural flood management features (e.g.: storage ponds and planting that 'slows the flow' of flood water, Further modelling to better understand flooding within the location (Wickham Market only). These actions could help mitigate local flood risk.

Appendix 3 District Councillor Dan Pratt Report

New curb-side recycling proposals

MSDC are considering new proposals that will enable residents to recycle more items from home by 2026, including glass bottles and tetra-paks which currently need to be taken to bottle banks or recycling centres. Plastic film will also be recyclable from 2027. New proposals build on already approved plans for food waste collections which will begin in 2026 to meet new government legislation.

MSDC reinstates objections to Norwich to Tilbury Overhead Line Project

The Chair of the District Council has reiterated the council's concerns with the new Secretary of State since the election in July. The letter sent to the Energy Security and Net Zero Minister highlights the economic benefits of an offshore coordinated-grid scheme and the harms to the local environment, heritage and economy that would be caused by the overland transmission scheme.

Solar Together launches in Suffolk

A group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage enables residents to invest in renewable energy and reduce their reliance on the grid. The scheme makes solar more accessible by reducing both cost and effort involved in establishing solar in homes. Residents can register for the scheme free of charge here - <https://solartogether.co.uk/suffolk/landing> EV scheme for MSDC residents

A trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk. Plug In Suffolk Car Clubs will be placing sixteen electric vehicles across eight locations in Suffolk, including two locations within Mid Suffolk. Residents can book cars by the minute, hour or day from Needham Market and Stowmarket.

Resident survey

The council are carrying out a survey to find out how our residents want us to invest to improve facilities in our communities. This is an informal survey so if you have any ideas, please complete the survey here: <https://baberghandmidsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/tell-us-mid-suffolk>

Development of Chilton Fields Sports Facilities

Work has begun on developing new sports facilities at Chilton Fields in Stowmarket. It will continue over the coming weeks as part of a larger project aimed at addressing the health inequalities in Stowmarket.

Charles Tye planning appeal

A planning appeal for a single dwelling in Charles Tye was dismissed by the Planning Inspector on the basis that the plan was located outside the settlement boundary and in an unsustainable location.

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