

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday
16th July 2026

Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

Bpc22/26 Apologies – Cllr Anderson

Bpc23/26 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

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

Bpc24/26 Resignation of Cllr Harper

The Cllrs noted that Cllr Harper has resigned and are looking for a replacement Councillor. It was noted that a volunteer to manage the traffic speed cameras is urgently needed. Clerk to advertise.

Bpc25/26 Appointment of representative to Theobalds Trust –to agree an extension of four years for Shaun Cochrane

Bpc26/26 To Approve Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th May and 26th June 2026

The minutes of the meetings on 14th May and 26th June 2026 were approved by the councillors as true and accurate records and signed by the Chairman.

Bpc27/26 Report form County Cllr Gary Keogh

County Cllr Keogh did not send a report

Bpc28/26 Report form District Cllr Dan Pratt

District Cllr Pratt's report is Appendix b. He reported that the National Grid grant fund is looking at finding parity for those parishes most affected by the new pylons.

Bpc29/26 Public Forum

No matters raised

Bpc30/26 Planning Matters

- a. Mid Suffolk District Council has granted planning permission for DC/26/00978
Application for Listed Building Consent - Remove pebble dashed render and replace with lime render on timber lath, repairing the timber frame as required. Replace windows and doors with timber double glazed units as required. Open up the existing fireplaces to reinstate historic arrangement and install wood burners at Lower Farm, The Tye, Barking
- b. APPLICATION FOR PRIOR APPROVAL - AGRICULTURAL TO DWELLING - DC/26/02336,
Proposal: Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of two modern barns at Overhall Farm to 6No. Dwellings. Location: Overhall Farm, The Tye, Barking
The Councillors have no comments about this application. However, the Councillors note that the application includes part of the registered Common owned by the Parish Council which adjoins the public highway. Therefore, if the application is successful, it would involve intensification of any existing historical claimed use so that a formal easement would be required from Barking Parish Council to enable you to implement any approved planning consent as a means of access to the proposed dwelling

houses. Including any improvements or alterations to the surface of the access way, the laying of any services over or under the land and its use for storage for the weekly bin collection. The Parish Council broadly have no issue with the proposal other than the access.

- c. Mid Suffolk District Council have granted LISTED BUILDING CONSENT (SECTION 19) - DC/26/02345 Proposal: Application under Section 19 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of Listed Building Consent DC/21/06510 dated 27/01/2022 (Conversion and extension of outbuilding to form annexe.) - To allow addition of PV Panels and a Log Burner as per submitted Plans/Documents Location: Ashburnham Farm, Needham Road, Barking
- d. The Councillors have no comments about DC/26/01632 Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of front sole plate and removal of cement render and re-render with lime render on front elevation Browns Farmhouse, Willisham Road, Barking
- e. The Councillors have no comments about DC/26/01327 - Householder Application - Erection of two-storey rear extension at Dragons Lair, Willisham Road, Barking
- f. Mid Suffolk District Council have granted DC/26/01929 Householder Application - Installation of an air source heat pump to provide hot water and heating. At Timberleys, Needham Road, Barking

Bpc31/26 Finance

- a. The Councillors approved authorised payments made since the last meeting and to be made and noted any income received since last meeting
- b. The Councillors reviewed and agreed the Financial Risk Assessment
- c. The Councillors agreed to appoint Heelis & Lodge as Internal Auditors for 2026-2027 audit

Bpc32/26 Path Along the Tye

The Ecological survey of the route of the footway as required by Planning has taken place and the Council awaits the report. When this has been received it will be possible to make a planning application.

Bpc33/26 Barking Village Hall – Rest Centre – The Councillors agreed for the village hall to be considered for Rest Centre use by Mid Suffolk District Council.

Bpc34/26 Management of the Tye – The hay has been cut this year and will be removed. The Council are no longer able to apply for DEFRA funding so need to consider how to manage the Tye for 2027. It was agreed to ask various people for advice – Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Mike Smith and Brown's. Clerk to ask contractor to remove dead tree opposite Overhall Farm driveway and to cut back tree adjacent to bench near the play area

Bpc35/26 Village Hall Management Committee – Councillor Fellowes circulated the Village Hall Committee minutes to the Councillors

Bpc36/26 Benches in the Village

The Councillors agreed to cut back the tree shading the bench. Clerk to buy a new bench and store at Cllr Tabberer's house. Clerk to send examples of sturdy wooden and recycled plastic benches. It was agreed to ask the Forge to make 4 pairs of brackets to hold benches -Cllr Bailey to organise. The bench near the Mill Yard needs to be restored.

Bpc37/26 Reports from Councillors

Cllr Fellowes to complete Mid Suffolk District Council's Planning Scoping survey

Neighbourhood Plan – agreed to ask Gt Bricett, Ringshall and Battisford if they would be interested in creating a joint Neighbourhood Plan

Chalkpit Conservation – William Barnes thanked the parish council for their donation to the project

Traffic Speed Camera – Clerk to advertise for a volunteer to manage the camera

Bpc38/26 Date of the Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting Thursday 17th September 2026 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman Date

Appendix a: Finance Report

Financial Report 16th July 2026

Income Received since 19.3.2026

MSDC	Precept	8,750.00
UK Powernetworks	Wayleave	23.36
		<u>8,773.36</u>

Expenditure (movement since 19.3.2026) and invoices agreed for payment

CANCELLED CHEQUE		0.00	200025	
HMRC	April tax/NI	10.61	200026	LGA 1972
L Rogers	March expenses	31.96	200027	LGA 1972
L Rogers	April wages	420.56	200028	LGA 1972
Cancelled cheque		0.00	200029	
Information Commissioner fee	Subs	52.00	200030	LGA 1972
SALC	Subs 2026/27	240.77	200031	LGA 1972
Environment Agency	General drainage charge to 2027	43.51	200032	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
DJ Moyes Surfacing Ltd	Resurfacing path by nursing home	850.00	200033	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
CANCELLED CHEQUE		0.00	200034	
L Rogers	May wages	382.96	200035	LGA 1972
Cancelled cheque		0.00	200036	
Cancelled cheque		0.00	200037	
L Rogers	April expenses	38.40	200038	LGA 1972
HMRC	May tax & NI	182.61	200039	LGA 1972
GH Bullard	Plans for footway	792.00	200040	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
CANCELLED CHEQUE		0.00	200041	
L Rogers	June wages	401.56	200042	LGA 1972
HMRC	June tax & NI	96.81	200043	LGA 1972
L Rogers	May expenses	49.58	200044	LGA 1972
CANCELLED CHEQUE		0.00	200045	
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Barking Village Hall	Sand village hall floor	2,000.00	200047	LGA 1972
Heelis & Lodge	Internal Audit 2025-26	285.00	200048	LGA 1972

Blackthorn Landscapes	1829 March	595.00	200049	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
Blackthorn Landscapes	1844 April	790.00	200050	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
Blackthorn Landscapes	1853 May	790.00	200051	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
Chalkeith Conservation	Donation for land purchase	2,000.00	200052	LGA 1972
L Rogers	July wages	401.76	200053	LGA 1972
HMRC	July tax & NI	96.61	200054	LGA 1972
L Rogers	June expenses	58.10	200055	LGA 1972
L Rogers	Storage x 3 years	300.00	200056	LGA 1972
		<u>10,909.80</u>		

Unpresented cheques

HMRC	April tax & NI	140.37	200029	LGA 1972
GH Bullard	Plans for footway	792.00	200040	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
L Rogers	June wages	401.56	200042	LGA 1972
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L Rogers	June expenses	58.10	200055	LGA 1972
L Rogers	Storage x 3 years	300.00	200056	LGA 1972
		<u>8,796.79</u>		

Account	Statement date	Balance	Balance less unpaid cheques
Community a/c	12.6.26	£16,875.53	£8,078.74
Base reward a/c	12.6.26	£16,647.66	£0.00
		<u>£33,523.19</u>	<u>£25,444.45</u>
CCLA Account	2.6.26	£827.48	
	2.7.26	£810.84	
		<u>£1,638.32</u>	<u>£267,439.14</u>

Appendix b: District Councillor Dan Pratt Report June/July 2026

Better Recycling - The new recycling regime came into effect in June 2026 for the whole of Suffolk. The changes are described here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/future-changes-to-bin-collections>. If a resident has not yet received their new bins and caddy, please direct them to contact Waste Services by email - recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk providing

their address. Residents awaiting the new bins can continue to place all recycling in the current recycling bin and food waste in the black refuse bin.

Suffolk's Armed Forces Day to be Hosted in Stowmarket - On Saturday 27th June, Stowmarket is hosting the 2026 Suffolk's Armed Forces Day to celebrate the contribution of the Armed Forces community. The event starts at 11 am and will feature military presence and displays, live entertainment and performances and a wide mix of stalls and children's activities. The free event organised by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocation- Developers building homes within the districts are charged a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which the councils then reinvest in neighbourhoods. Battisford Village Hall received nearly £14,000 in addition to a £5,000 community grant towards the installation of a solar PV panel and battery storage scheme.

Funding for Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Service - Citizens Advice has received £129,265 through the council's Community Development Fund. The CAB is a strategic partner of the council, providing residents with free and essential guidance on issues ranging from housing to debt management and wellbeing support.

Environment Agency Tackle Pollution Incident - The source of a persistent sewage incident in Great Bricett was identified and stopped by the Environment Agency. This followed months of parish council and community action. Remedial works have been agreed and the EA will recuperate the costs of their investigation from the polluter. Water testing undertaken by the community was facilitated by the Woodbridge-based Deben Climate Centre.

Takeaway Fined for Food Hygiene Breaches - The Mandarin, a Chinese takeaway on Stowmarket Road in Old Newton has been fined more than £7,500 for a long list of food hygiene failures, including a lack of adequate handwashing facilities, storing food at room temperature in buckets on the floor and defrosting chicken in a sink.

Community Consultation on Joint Local Plan Scoping - Mid Suffolk District Council launched the scoping consultation for their new Joint Local Plan, inviting residents and businesses to shape future development, housing, and infrastructure policies. This initial stage focuses on key issues and opportunities rather than specific development sites. Background information and consultation is hosted on the council website and will run until 31st July 2026.

Cost of Living Help - MSDC has been contacting low-income residents who use heating oil to help them access a share of £50 million in government funding. Support is available locally through Suffolk County Council's Crisis and Resilience Fund webpage (or call 0345 606 6067) to help households struggling with rising fuel costs. Residents can check eligibility and apply via the Suffolk County Council website. Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice can provide help with the application (01449 676060). Further information on community oil buying schemes, interest-free loans, and energy advice is also available on the energy, fuel, and utilities pages of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council websites.

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