

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Barking village hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 26th March 2026

Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs L Rogers *Clerk*

Bpc92/25 Apologies Cllr Bailey, Harper, County Cllr Oakes and District Cllr Pratt

Bpc93/25 Declaration of Interests and Applications for Dispensation

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

Bpc94/25 To Approve Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2026 were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Bpc95/25 Report from County Cllr Kay Oakes

Due to family reasons Cllr Oake's report was unable to send a report

Bpc96/25 Report from District Cllr Dan Pratt

Cllr Pratt was unable to provide a report this month

Bpc97/25 Public Forum

No matters raised

Bpc98/25 Planning Matters

The Cllrs agreed to support the planning application DC/26/00978 - Application for Listed Building Consent - remove the pebble dashed render from the entire exterior of the building and to repair the decayed elements of the timber frame. install fibre board and apply a lime render. replaster as required on a like for like basis and to expose as many beams as possible during the process, several windows and window ledges, replace these with timber double glazed units install new, more secure external doors to the front and rear. To open up the existing fireplaces back to original at Lower Farm, The Tye, Barking

No applications to consider

Bpc99/25 Finance

- a. The Councillors approved the RFO Report (appendix 1) authorising payments made since the last meeting and to be made; noted income received since the last meeting; reviewed the Reconciliation of Accounts against Bank Statement and to approve the payments to be made.
- b. The Councillors approved the Annual CIL Statement and the was signed by the Chairman.
- c. The Councillors approved the Internal Control Statement
- d. The Councillors reviewed the price increase for Dog and Litter Bin Emptying Costs and agreed to make no changes
- e. The Councillors reviewed the arrangements for the deposit account for funds and agreed to make no changes

Bpc100/25 Path Along the Tye

The Councillors agreed to carry out an Ecological survey of the route of the footway as required by Planning. Clerk to instruct whichever of the two contractors can carry it out within a reasonable timescale, up to a cost of £3,750.

The Councillors agreed to give permission to Suffolk County Council to install bus stops on the Tye owned by the parish council on the northern side of the Tye opposite the war memorial near the tree stump and on the south side opposite there. It is hoped that the footway will reach the new bust stop depending on funding

Bpc101/25 Lower Church Path – The councillors agreed to resurface the path at a cost of £850.00

Bpc102/25 Consent Certificate in relation to Willow Tree Cottage – The Councillors agreed to Gudgeons solicitors acting on behalf of the parish council in transferring the easement to new owners

Bpc103/25 Chalkeith Meadow Nature Reserve –The councillors agreed to write a letter of support for the proposed reserve.

Bpc104/25 Village Hall Management Committee – Cllr Fellowes circulated the minutes of the last village hall management committee to the Councillors.

Bpc105/25 Benches in the Village

It was agreed that Cllr Bailey will assess if the bench by the play area can be renovated. A new bench will be purchased when the old bench has been removed.

Bpc106/25 Reports from Councillors

The Councillors thanked Cllr Anderson for checking the defibrillator for the past few years. Cllr Tabberer agreed to take the task on of checking it on a monthly basis.

Cllr Tabberer is unable to recharge and move the SID between the posts. The parish council is looking for someone to take this task on.

The Councillors noted that Cllr Harper is unhappy with the road closure to fix the flooding at Needham Market surgery and understand it affects his business but noted that the road is open each day after 4pm and at weekends.

Bpc107/25 Date of the Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7pm

Parish Council AGM Thursday 21st May at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman Date

Appendix 1 Finance Report

Financial Report 26th March 2026

Income Received since 15.1.2026

MSDC	Solar panels grant	15,562.40
BVHMC	Solar panels grant	2,000.00
		<u>17,562.40</u>

Expenditure (movement since 15.1.2026) and invoices agreed for payment

L Rogers	December expenses	52.16	200009	LGA 1972
Greenscape Energy	Village hall Solar panels	21,074.88	200010	LGA 1972, s133 Open Spaces Act 1906,
Blackthorn Landscapes	January grass	595.00	200011	ss9&10
L Rogers	February wages	410.36	200012	LGA 1972
HMRC	February Tax & NI	88.01	200013	LGA 1972
L Rogers	Janaury expenses	41.02	200014	LGA 1972
IT services at CAS	Website & email	54.50	200015	LGA 1972 Open Spaces Act 1906,
Blackthorn Landscapes	February grass	595.00	200016	ss9&10

GH Bullard	Footway plans	998.64	200017	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
L Rogers	SCC Footpath plans	168.00	200018	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
L Rogers	March wages	410.36	200019	LGA 1972
HMRC	March NI & tax	88.01	200020	LGA 1972
L Rogers	February expenses	33.01	200021	LGA 1972
Suffolk County Council	Streetlight costs	437.74	200022	Highways Act 1980, s301
Barking village hall	hall hire	16.50	200023	LGA 1972
J Eaton	Litter picking Dec - March	208.00	200024	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss9&10
		<u>25,271.19</u>		

Unpresented cheques

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		<u>3,549.15</u>		

Account	Statement date	Balance	Balance less unpaid cheques
Community a/c	13.3.26	£13,310.81	£3,549.15
Base reward a/c	13.3.26	£16,600.36	£0.00
		<u>£29,911.17</u>	<u>£26,362.02</u>
CCLA Account	5.3.26	£818.02	
	25.3.26	<u>£254,463.98</u>	£280,826.00