

# **BARKING PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm  
on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## **PRESENT:**

Cllr S Butler (Chair)  
Cllr M Smith  
Cllr A Ross  
Cllr C Eagles

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*  
County Councillor Julia Truelove  
Mr Dan Finbow – Project Manager, Anglian Water  
Mr Darren Cordy – Network Services Manager, Anglian Water  
Mr Paul Garrod – Barking Chapel  
3 members of the public

## **APOLOGIES:**

Cllr A Smith - holiday  
Cllr M Bailey – family commitment  
District Councillor David Card - holiday

### **BPC086/15 PUBLIC FORUM**

4 members of the public were present to raise questions/listen to proposals made by Anglian Water to lay a new water main in Barking. Mr Cordy and Mr Finbow (Anglian Water representatives) revealed the proposals and had plans available for inspection. It was suggested this was an opportunity for members of the public to raise any concerns they had about the scheme. It was reported that consultation had taken place with all the statutory consultees and the next stage was to apply to the Planning Inspectorate. Suffolk County Council Highways Engineers have insisted that a full road closure be in force while the water main is laid in the carriageway. There have been good results from trial and bore holes in the Tye, so it is considered there is potential to access the common land. If the directional drilling method is used, there will be a phase of road closures – potentially 4 weeks of road closure, access to the Tye to complete the work (2 way traffic lights), followed by a 2 week road closure to connect up the properties. An area needs to be set aside as a compound to store facilities (toilets etc) during the works. It was suggested that the Barking Fox car park or the Village Hall car park may be available. Clerk to speak with the Barking Village Hall Committee re the possible use of the car park. If this were to be acceptable, Anglian Water would undertake to make good the surface if any damage was caused.

*Mr Dan Finbow and Mr Darren Cordy left the meeting at this point.*

### **BPC087/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr A Smith, Cllr M Bailey, District Cllr David Card and the Mid Suffolk South Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### **BPC088/15 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT – (see attached report)**

No member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team was present but a report had been received in advance of the meeting. Main points: 1 possession of Class B drug (cannabis), 1 theft, 1 burglary, 1 dangerous dog causing injury. Priorities - anti-social behaviour and vehicle

Clerk

security. It was reported that the dog incident referred to during the previous meeting was where a victim had been bitten by a dog that had escaped from a neighbouring property. The matter was dealt with by way of community resolution with the dog owner agreeing to have the dog muzzled and on a lead in a public place.

**BPC089/15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR JULIA TRUELOVE'S REPORT's (see attached report)**

Cllr Truelove presented her Report. Main points: New SCC website, Suffolk Trading Standards, Ofsted Report, Raising the Bar Awards, Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service, SCC campaign to keep younger drivers safe, a new look for Ipswich Railway Station and Stowhealth Services. Also mentioned was the disruption to local services due to the extensive roadworks to provide services to Wattisham Base. It was reported that Wattisham Base is keen to maintain good relations with the community and there had been an apology for any disruption and inconvenience caused.

**BPC090/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DAVID CARD'S REPORT (see attached report)**

Councillor Card was not able to be present, but had sent a written report in advance of the meeting. Main points: District Council current topics, Parish and Resident meetings, Joint Strategic Plan 2014 – 2019, CIL.

**BPC091/15 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**BPC092/15 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

**BPC093/15 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015**

**Decision** - The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Eagles, seconded by Cllr Ross.

**BPC094/15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported on actions taken.

**i) Defibrillator** – It was reported that contact had been made with the Community Heartbeat Trust, who have sent details of defibrillators. These will be circulated. Clerk to invite Mr Martin Render, Chair of the Community Heartbeat Trust to speak at a future meeting. County Councillor Julia Truelove reported that she may be able to support the purchase of the kit – £500 – 700 may be available from her Locality Budget.

**ii) Hay crop** – It was reported that Mr Holder is not able to cut and remove the hay crop. The Clerk had placed an advert in the EADT for it to be cut and taken away at no charge. Cost of advert £20 (2 placements). Efforts are being made to find someone who will to take the crop this year.

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**BPC095/15 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

It was reported that no applications had been received. Clerk to continue to advertise the vacancy.

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**BPC096/15 – PARKING ON THE TYE**

A representative from Barking Chapel had been invited to attend the meeting. Mr Paul Garrod was present. It had been proposed to lay some form of 'grasscrete' to provide a harder surface for cars to park on the Tye outside the Chapel. This idea was considered some time ago, but the Chapel has no funds to be able to fund it themselves. It was reported that in the summertime it is ideal to park on the grass, but part of the area nearest to Barking Garage

floods readily in the wintertime. Water comes off the road onto the Tye in front of the Chapel. It is assumed that some form of base will be needed, so this would not be an insignificant project. It was proposed that plans need to be drawn up and costs obtained. The viability of such a project needs to be looked at. It was also suggested that there should be a time limit for people parking cars there, so as not to impact of Chapel users. It was suggested the Parish Council does have some funds allocated to provide parking. The land needs to be raised up and drainage improved (french drains installed?) **Decision** – Clerk to obtain a couple of quotes and to keep the Chapel involved.

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8.45pm – Mr Paul Garrod left the meeting at this point.

#### **BPC097/15 RENEWAL OF WATER MAIN**

It was reported that, following a meeting with representatives from Anglian Water on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Anglian Water has now made a formal request for the Parish Council's support to lay the new water main in the Tye. This would enable the works to be progressed much more quickly without the need for a very lengthy road closure, as the main will otherwise have to be laid in the carriageway all the way from Parsons Lane to the Water Tower. It was suggested that the plans have been very well thought out and that Anglian Water had taken a lot of time and effort to involve everyone in the proposals. **Decision** – It was proposed and resolved to support the request to lay the new water main in the Tye. Clerk to relay the decision to Anglian Water.

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#### **BPC098/15 PLANNING**

No new applications had been received

#### **BPC099/15 NEW FOUNDATION AWARD**

There was a brief debate about the new Award. However, it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting when hopefully a full council will be present.

#### **BPC100/15 TRAINING POLICY**

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting when hopefully a full council will be present.

#### **BPC101/15 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Cllr Bailey was not present, but had sent a report ahead of the meeting. Main points: Phase 1 building works now nearly complete. Oil tank still to be delivered. There is a possible proposal to demolish the wall between the two 'old' store rooms to provide more space. There was concern expressed at this possibility - structural issues and it was felt the need to retain a 'secure' area is important. The Pre-School parasol may remain where it is. The Parish Council was asked if Dick can weed the car park. Various electrical works soon to be undertaken 'in house' followed by a complete electrical equipment inspection certification.

#### **BPC102/15 FINANCE**

i. **Clerk's Finance Report** (*attached to these minutes*)

The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance @ 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 was £43,729.43. **Decision** - It was proposed that an additional £5,000 be transferred from the Active Saver Account to the Village Hall Extension Project Account as a loan if required to enable the builder's final invoice to be settled. **Decision** - It was resolved to take this action if necessary.

ii. **Authorisation of Payments** **Decision** - Payments totalling £574.82 were approved and cheques signed.

**BPC103/15 CLERK'S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

- i) **EADT Advert** – It was reported that the Clerk had placed an advert in the EADT relating to the hay crop at a cost of £20. This decision was approved.

**BPC104/15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

The 'correspondence for information' folder was circulated.

**BPC105/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

No matters were brought to the attention of the Council.

**PC106/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting will be 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm.

*Meeting closed at 9.10pm*

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



**iv) Parish Paths Partnership (50502480) Balance at 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 £83.65**

Payments: £9.60 J Dickerson Repair to wheel barrow tyre Receipts: n/a

**v) Village Hall Extension Project (23784843) Balance @ 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 £3,279.37**

Receipts: £675.60 t/f from Community Account (VAT recovery)  
£2,271.38 t/f from Community Account (S.106 contribution) **Total receipts:**  
**£2,946.98**

Payments: 100002 £3,000.00 David Parker Builder Interim Payment  
100003 £2,311.26 Jewson Ltd Building materials  
100004 £542.35 Jewson Ltd Building materials  
**Total payments: £5,853.61**

***Payments for authorisation***

***100005 J Coe 548.40 Shelving***  
***100006 J Coe 36.00 Painting***

**Total funds held @ 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015 £43,729.43**

**R Cochrane 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

## PARISH REPORT JULY 2015 BOSMERE DIVISION

### County Councillor Julia Truelove

#### NEW S.C.C. WEBSITE

This can be reached by accessing <http://beta.suffolk.gov.uk>

It is anticipated that the website will provide quicker and easier access to council information and services.

#### SUFFOLK TRADING STANDARDS – SCAMNEST CAMPAIGN

From Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, bins will be located across the County in libraries, C.A.B.s council buildings and local businesses to receive suspected scam mail which will be investigated by Trading Standards.

As well as direct mail, scammers use email, phone calls, texts and face to face methods to try and trick people handing over money and personal details. Trading Standards ask that scams be reported by calling them on 0345 404 0506.

#### OFSTED REPORT – S.C.C.'S SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The latest Ofsted Report acknowledged a range of strengths whilst setting out areas for improvement: e.g.

- Improve achievement for disadvantaged pupils
- Raising the number of children reaching average attainments
- Increasing school to school support

S.C.C. reports that it is already working to address the above.

#### RAISING THE BAR AWARDS – CELEBRATING SUCCESS

S.C.C. have celebrated the achievements from 60 shortlisted finalists across 20 categories who have, by their actions, contributed to 'Raising the Bar' standards. Hundreds of nominations were received from across the County. Two award winners came from Claydon High School.

#### SUFFOLK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – FURTHER CUTS

The service has to cut a further £1million from its annual budget by 2017/18. Whilst no proposals for cuts have yet been drawn up and a pre-consultation is in place, the County Fire Officer said one option could be to identify 'key' retained fire stations to allow them to recruit more 'on call' fire fighters to ensure they always have enough fire fighters and appliances when needed.

## **S.C.C. CAMPAIGN TO KEEP YOUNGER DRIVERS SAFE**

In the last five years 14 young people aged between 17 – 19 were killed on Suffolk roads and 179 suffered serious injuries.

### **Campaign messagers**

- Distractions –if you are distracted you are dangerous
- Drink – consequences last longer than your hangover
- Drugs – drugs will get you smashed
- Speed - better five minutes late than dead on time
- Seatbelts - 1 in five young people don't wear seatbelts
- Mobile phones – The only way is off
- Showing off – It it worth your car or your licence

Approved Driving Instructors are encouraged to join the campaign and help young drivers be aware of the dangers.

## **NEW LOOK FOR IPSWICH RAILWAY STATION**

A £2 million refurbishment plan will soon be underway at the station. This will include catering and retail facilities. Improvements will also be undertaken in association with S.C.C to improve the traffic flow, appearance and accessibility of the station entrance.

## **STOWHEALTH SERVICES – RATED OUTSTANDING**

Stowhealth Services, Stowmarket has been rated outstanding by the C.Q.C. The facilities include a fully equipped and staffed gym which helps patients' recovery. Patients can get advice by phone and on the website. ' We found that the practice displayed an excellent understanding of the different needs of their patients and staff demonstrated a commitment to help and support them.'  
C.Q.C.

## **District Council Current Topics**

During June the key topics that I believe will be of interest to you that I have identified from the many meetings and briefings I have attended were:

- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Joint Strategic Plan to 2019
- Scrutiny Committee choosing and setting the project work programme
- Economy Steering Board project monitoring progress on deliverables
- Identifying and highlighting where section 106 monies are still being held for community based projects
- Options for MSDC/BDC accommodation and service delivery models

## **Parish and Resident Meetings**

I attended a special meeting called by Baylham to discuss a Planning application.

### **Feedback on your previous concerns/questions :**

- **Broadband** – Peter Ingram from SCC has given us a brief on the next phase in the Better Broadband for Suffolk programme to get Broadband to the most remote locations
- **Road Closures** – around Barking & Somersham have been very disruptive
- **Blakenham Energy from Waste** (they discouraged my previous term that described it as the Incinerator!!!) –a visit for Councillors was made on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June to see the operations and the opportunity to ask questions about such things as their emission monitoring and the financial support they offer for community projects
- **Planning Information** on applications received and determined is available online on the MSDC website. To find a planning application in your parish hit

MSDC Home Page

View planning Application

To view or comment on Application

Weekly / Mouth Lists

Hit Barking & Somersham ward

## **Joint Strategic Plan 2014 to 2019**

The hope of the previous Council was (quote) *“the plan acts as an inspiration for all our communities ....to work with us to deliver the best ways of achieving the plan’s outcomes”*. It was suggested that I pick out a single topic for each monthly report to encourage a debate and feedback from you. Last month the topic was *“Explore innovative approaches to housing delivery”*... especially for the First Time Buyer”.

This month the topic *“We will adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy (whereby developers contribute to new facilities with some of the monies retained by town and parish councils) and work with communities to ensure that local infrastructure is invested in, to support new developments”*

The debate on the new **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** is currently gaining momentum toward DECISION. MSDC officials have proposed a scheme which has now been reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate and a decision on adopting a scheme is expected to be taken in September this year.

Some basic CIL facts :-

- over the last 5 years MSDC have received on average £750,000 per year from section 106 contributions (some still not spent)

- under the replacement CIL scheme they forecast this increasing to £1 million per year
- a new house of 100 square meters may expect to pay £12,500 per plot
- own self build, affordable and social housing (ie for rental) are exempt
- parishes may seek up to 15% if there is no neighbourhood BUT with a neighbourhood plan the cap increase to 25%
- the District Council's task of distribution of this Levy is expected to be problematic given the diversity of the infrastructure that needs to be provided

Much is being made of what the new "tax" may be spent on but I have seen little comment on the impact it will have on those who will finish up paying the levy. The price asked for a New Home is fundamentally driven by "second hand" housing sales market. Who would pay more for a new house if there is a similar second hand one being offered for resale at a lower price?

Nevertheless the £1million pa Levy forecast by MSDC would be paid by just 400 new plots. That cost being either absorbed by the land owner/developer or passed on to the final buyer. Someone finishes up paying for the fund – but who? Or if the numbers do not add up will it result in less new homes being built and less CIL being paid?

If the "market price" is below the cost of building (including CIL) will this act as a disincentive for building new homes? Is that market price still out of reach of our young people making it difficult for them to get onto the housing ladder to buy their own home and forcing them to look to rented accommodation further increasing the pressure on Social Housing (ie rented "Council Housing). So what the "Law of Unintended Consequences" will deliver remains unclear!

In the meantime if you wish to make any observation please let me know.



# SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

Mid Suffolk South Safer Neighbourhood Team,

Suffolk Constabulary, Elmswell Fire Station, School Road, Elmswell, IP30 9EE

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Your Local Community Officers is:

**PC 287 Sarah George and PCSO 3225 Ryan Brunning**

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## Crimes

There have been 5 crime recorded in the Barking area since your last meeting. One of these has had publicity objected however the others were:

Possession class 'b' drug – cannabis – suspect identified and charged  
Theft – other - Finalised as no suspect identified  
Burglary - other building - Finalised as no suspect identified  
Dangerous dog causing injury – Investigation ongoing

We have received 11 telephone calls during the same period. Other than to report the above these were:

3 x – concern for safety  
A complaint of cyclists using the B1078  
Found property  
A domestic incident  
A report of a suspicious vehicle  
A Highway obstruction

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## Priorities

The current SNT priorities were set at a meeting held at Elmswell Police Office on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015. They are presently;

- 1) Anti – Social Behaviour
- 2) Vehicle Security

As a result, we will be taking the following action:

- 1)
    - Target patrols in areas of reported ASB
    - Respond to reports of ASB as a priority
    - Long term problem solving with partners to address persistent issues
  - 2)
    - Offer crime prevention advice / equipment where necessary or requested
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- Offer property marking sessions including catalytic converters
- Target patrols in areas affected



The next Area Forum and Priority Setting Meeting will be held at **Elmswell Police Office– Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7pm**. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Thank you for your on-going support, PCSO Brunning & PC George

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## **Ph1 Building Works report**

Phase 1 building works are now complete including peripheral works to replace stolen Flashing.

Pre-school managers have chosen shelving at an estimated cost of £500.

In order to minimise their storage requirements VHMC asked PSM to rationalise its equipment and removing anything surplus from the VH. The PSM have said that they will do what they can but generally most is required to comply with Education regulations. In particular they are concerned that after installing shelving the remaining floor area will be insufficient for their external equipment trolleys. The VHMC has indicated to them that it may be willing to allow trolleys to be stored in the central area. In order to increase flexibility, demolition of the dividing wall between central area and the northern section may be considered at the next VHMC meeting.

In order to facilitate removal of the oil tank in the northern room, the VHMC asked the PSM if they would clear the northern room by 18<sup>th</sup> July but now agreed that the northern room will be empty or at least sufficient space cleared for removal of the oil tank by 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The PSM have discovered that moving the parasol would be a not insignificant civil engineering undertaking. The VHMC is unlikely to raise any objection to it remaining where it is.

## **VHMC Update**

Please see copy of draft minutes attached to email, which covers most things relating to the extension.

Worth specific mention:

Please could PC ask Dick to do the weeding around the car park.

Note that most of the electrical/telecommunications work will be done in house followed by a complete electrical equipment inspection certification.