

## Barking Parish Council Action Plan 2017 - 18

Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Resources	Priority	Progress
Environment	Parking	An area for off road parking to be considered by the Barking Parish Council.	MSDC SCC	Funds would be set aside with additional funding sought from partners	Low	Issue being considered by Parish Council.
	Keeping Barking tidy - litter	Parish Council to continue to pay for a litter picker, provided the funding continues from MSDC, and funding the emptying of litter bins @ £30 each bin pa.	MSDC Community Volunteers	Funding set aside in 2017 – 18 budget £35 per bin x 3 pa. 2 x Litter Pickers employed - Funding support for litter pickers (Cleansing Grant) continued for 2017 @ 3 hours a week	High	On-going actions
	Keeping Barking tidy – dog fouling	Parish Council to encourage dogs to keep away from the play area on the Tye, using whatever reasonable action they are able to take bearing in mind the restrictions of the Commons Act 2006, and the ability to enforce fines where necessary. Ongoing actions include funding the emptying of Dog Waste bins @ £40 each bin pa (now 6 bins)	Dog Owners MSDC	Funding set aside in 2017 – 18 budget £40 per bin x 6 pa.	High	On-going actions
	Maintaining Parish Assets	Barking Parish Council to continue to fund the maintenance of all the Parish Assets/features.		Funding @ £1,000 set aside in Budget 2017-18	High	On-going actions. Swing seat replaced April 2016. Decision to remove play equipment at the Village Hall as not being used. Improvements to play are on the Tye being considered.
	Protection of Parish Environment	Barking Parish Council to continue to maintain and protect the Tye Grass cutting Cut and removal of hay crop	MSDC – Management of the Tye EFMS Ltd – Grass Cutting Local farmers –	Grass cutting @ £4,073.57 + vat. for 15 cuts for 2017 season. Annual income from Natural England - ELS/HLS @ £2,419.50.	High	On-going actions Grass cutting March – Oct Hay crop cut July/August Bye Laws to protect the Tye Haymaking supplement secured @ £1,040.97 to July 2018

			Removal of hay crop	Balance from Precept and hay crop sale?		On-going mole control
	Protection of Parish Environment	Work with MSDC to promote more recycling	MSDC	n/a	Low	Christmas Tree recycling promoted at Village Hall Recycling Centre at Barking Village Hall – under threat due to damage to car park by heavy lorries.
<b>Natural Environment</b>	Footpaths	Promote the use of the footpaths throughout the Parish. Barking Footpath Group to continue its' good work of maintaining the footpaths.	Barking Footpath Group SCC Public Rights of Way	Funds set aside for the purchase of equipment, gloves etc.	Medium	On-going support of Footpath Group Printing of Footpath Guide – available free
	Improving countryside and wildlife	Maintain footpaths, maintain existing hedges/ trees, clean out any silted ponds, plant more trees, plant more hedges Appointment of Barking Tree Warden	Suffolk Wildlife Trust Barking Tree Warden MSDC Countryside Team	£1,000 allocated in Budget 2017-18	Medium	1 diseased horse chestnut tree to be removed in 2015. On-going hedge cutting @ Tye Green.
<b>Traffic</b>	Concerns regarding traffic	Consider concerns expressed regarding volume and speed of traffic, and lack of footways. Parish Council to liaise with Police and Suffolk County Council Highways.	SCC Cllr SCC Highways Police	£25 allocated to Community Speed Watch Scheme	High	On-going Community Speed Watch scheme currently mothballed due to lack of volunteers. Targeted road safety schemes completed/ongoing following discussion with SCC Highways. Solar Speed reduction signs - Parish Council now in temporary VAS signs scheme. Action to reduce RTAs at site of Barking Hall Nursing Home works implemented 2013 following lobbying by Parish Council. Permanent 'bend warning' VAS sign funded by SCC approved. Awaiting installation – March 2017.

	Footway in Barking	Barking Parish Council to continue efforts to press for a footway through Barking.	SCC	Funds set aside for footway @ £12,000 in Budget 2017-18	High	Ongoing discussion with SCC. SCC declared no budget for this item - Nov 2013. Costings awaited from SCC – Dec 2013. Still no costings received @ 2017.
<b>Emergency &amp; Other Services</b>	Standards of services and utilities	Better Broadband	SCC BT	n/a	Medium COMPLETED	Parish Council continues to lobby SCC re the rollout of Better Broadband. Some of Barking has been connected, some is being considered for connection between 2015 – 2018. COMPLETED. Superfast Broadband available to Barking 2016.
	Concerns about crimes and anti-social behaviour	Continue to support Barking Neighbourhood Watch and liaise with Police - Mid Suffolk South SNT	Neighbourhood Watch Group Mid Suffolk South SNT	£36	Medium	Purchase and erection of 2 new NW signs 2015.
	Street Lighting	Improvement to the existing street lighting. Installation of Intelligent Lighting System to reduce costs. Replacement of all lamps with LED	MSDC SCC	£6,000 in Budget 2015-16	High COMPLETED	ILS installed 3/13 Funds set aside in budget to replace all 10 bulbs with new LED lanterns. 2 replaced 2014 – 15. All remaining 8 bulbs replaced 2015. COMPLETED.
	Barking Fox	Pub to be registered as a Community Asset	MSDC	n/a	Medium COMPLETED	Pub registered as a Community Asset April 2015. COMPLETED.
	Defibrillator	Purchase and installation of defibrillator and Village Hall for community use.	SCC	£2,000 + installation costs £277.99 £300 allocated in budget for on-going maintenance/replacement of batteries etc	High COMPLETED Ongoing	Defibrillator purchased – funding of £2,000 from SCC Locality Budget. BT Telephone Kiosk adopted Oct 2016. Defibrillator installed Nov 2016. Training for residents Jan & Feb 2017. COMPLETED. Total cost £2,277.99 On-going actions required - monitoring and maintenance
<b>Community</b>	Local groups and organisations	Support local groups and organisations	All local groups and organisations	£680	Medium	£680 allocated in 2017-18 Budget – General Power of Competence

<b>Barking Village Hall</b>	Provision and maintenance of facilities	As Custodian Trustee, support Barking Village Hall Management Committee	Barking Village Hall Management Committee	£1,000 for Phase 1 plus Clerk's time £4,000 & £5,000 loan for Phase 2 plus Clerk's time	High - COMPLETED	Parish Council applied for the planning permission, allocated funds @ £1,000 for Phase 1 and manages the project finances, including application for funding. Phase 1 - Extension to store room COMPLETED August 2015. Decision to do the same for Phase 2 (meeting room) agreed. Funding @ £64,814.10 secured incl £4,000 grant, & £5,000 loan from Parish Council Funds (not required). COMPLETED March 2017.
<b>Parish Council</b>	Communication	Promote Parish Council to the community and to provide 2-way dialogue. Parish Website, Twitter and Facebook page set up and maintained to enable Parish Council to alert Parishioners of important information/announcements.	OneSuffolk Twitter Facebook	n/a	High	On-going actions Compliance with Transparency Code – 3 hours Clerks time a month allocated. Secured funding for laptop/time/Broadband provision, and application for funding for software/website maintenance etc (£893.98) secured May 2017.
	Training	Provide on- going training and support for Clerk and Councillors.	SALC MSDC	£250 allocated in Budget 2016 -17.	High	Adoption of Training Policy September 2015.

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Priority Key:

High – 3 monthly follow-up

Medium – 6 monthly follow-up

Low – 12 monthly follow-up