

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Thursday 24th April 2014

PRESENT:

Cllr Stephen Butler - Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R J Cochrane - Clerk

District Cllr Stephen Wright

Guest Speaker - Mr Cliff Matthews, Regional Manager, Sita, Energy from Waste, Great Blakenham
20 members of the public signed the Attendance Register (*attached to these minutes*)

BPM 01//14 APOLOGIES

Richard Cage (Barking Tree Warden), PC Sarah George, Pastor Graham Steward, Sandra Reynolds (Choir & WI), Philip Wilkinson (Barking Pre-School), Kate Griffin (Art Group), John Dickerson (Barking Footpath Group)

BPM 02/14 MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 26th April 2013 were handed out. It was proposed by Michael Smith, seconded by Shaun Cochrane and agreed by those present that they should be signed by the Chair as a true record. The Minutes were duly signed.

BPM 03/14 MATTERS ARISING

i) **Improved road signage adjacent to Barking Nursing Home** – it was reported that improved and additional signage at the site appears to have significantly improved road safety, as no further accidents have occurred at that site.

BPM04/14 – BARKING PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Cllr Stephen Butler.

Full Report attached.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Stephen Butler gave the Parish Council Chairman's Report. A copy of the Chairman's Report is attached to these Minutes.

Main points: 9 meetings held. Consulted on 6 planning applications. Improved signage at the bend near Barking Nursing Home. One of the dog bins re-sited to the Fox Meadow end of the Tye. Donations to Royal British Legion, Headway & Four Parishes Magazine and Needham Market Community First Responders. Two lanterns replaced with LED lanterns. Budget set at £28,553. Precept increased to remains at £8,488. The Council adopted policies for Communication, Equal Opportunities and Social Media, and a Social Networking and Blogging Protocol was adopted.

BPM 05/14 INVITED REPRESENTATIVES:

Representatives of the following organisations were invited to speak and, where received, their reports are attached to these Minutes.

a) **Suffolk County Council** – *County Cllr Julia Truelove.*

Cllr Truelove was not in attendance and no report had been received.

b) **Mid Suffolk District Council** – *District Cllr Stephen Wright. Full Report attached.*

Main points: Energy from Waste site at Great Blakenham on track for being in operation August 2014. Proposed glasshouses to grow tomatoes. Baylam Solar Farm proposal. SnoAsis. East Anglia Off Shore Wind Farm. Somersham shop.

c) **Suffolk Police (Mid Suffolk South Team)** *Full Report attached.*

No representative was in attendance, but a written report had been received.

d) Barking Neighbourhood Watch – *Peter Wright - Barking Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Full Report attached.*

Main points: Rave at Village Hall. Warnings are regularly posted on notice board and via deputies.

e) St Mary's Church, Barking - *Barry Gascoyne. Full Report attached.*

Main points – 5 baptisms, 4 funerals and 1 wedding. Installation of a lightening conductor being considered. Burial plots running out. Active fund-raising taking place. Congregations between 3 – 13.

f) Barking Chapel – *Pastor Graham Steward. Full Report attached.*

Graham Steward was not able to be present, but a written report had been received in advance.

g) Barking Tree Warden – *Richard Cage (Full report attached)*

Richard Cage was unable to be present, but had sent his report in advance.

h) Barking Community Council – *Claire Tabberer (Community Council Chair). Full Report attached.*

Main points: New committee formed May 2013. Regular events First Friday and Film Nights, plus 2 successful Quiz Nights, the Big Lunch, Barking Fair (separate organising committee), Summer Supper, Breakfast Walk, Christmas 'Boogie Night', and Burns Night. Scarecrow Week, Big Lunch and Summer Supper planned. Donations to Community Choir for electric piano and to Village Hall for audio system.

i) Barking Village Hall Management Committee – *Jeremy Reynolds Village Hall Management Committee Chairman). Full Report attached.*

Main points: Maintenance, cleaning, extension plans, audio visual system planned, new door locking system, new chairs with arms and picnic table for the Pre-School. David Bishop pointed out that if work is started (and making good headway) on the extension, MSDC may agree to extend deadline for the removal of the container, currently lapses June 2015.

j) Barking Entertainment Group – *Brian Smith*

Brian Smith had requested the opportunity to speak which was granted by the Chair. New group has been formed to put on a pantomime production in February 2015. To be entitled 'Wind up in the Willows'. There is need for more actors, back stage staff and of course and audience.

k) GUEST SPEAKER – Mr Cliff Matthews, Regional Manager, SITA, Energy from Waste, Great Blakenham

The Chair introduced Mr Cliff Matthews, who spoke about the new Energy from Waste plant currently being built at Great Blakenham. Afterwards, Mr Matthews then took a range of questions from the audience. A copy of the powerpoint slides is attached to these minutes. The Chair thanked Mr Matthews for attending the meeting and for giving such an interesting talk.

The meeting was adjourned at this point for 20 minutes for a refreshment break.

l) Ringshall & Barking WI – *Sandra Reynolds, President. Full Report attached*

Sandra was unable to be present to the Report was delivered by Sue Bailey. Main points: Hosted Spring and Autumn Group meetings. Outings to Anglia Wildfowl and Poultry in Barking, Suffolk Farmhouse Cheeses at Creting St Mary and Layer Marney Tower. Institute's 80th Birthday in October 2013.

m) Barking Tye Community Choir – *Sandra Reynolds. Full report attached.*

Sandra was unable to be present, so Jeremy Reynolds read the report.

Main points: 25 members from Barking, and surrounding villages. Purchase of electric piano – thanks to Community Council and Wattsham Base. Concerts at Great Bricett, Ringshall, Wattisham and Barking.

n) Barking Carpet Bowls

No representative was in attendance, no apologies had been received and no report had been received.

o) Ringshall Primary School

No representative attended, no apologies had been received, and no report had been received.

p) Barking Art Group – Mike Griffin. Full Report attached.

Kate Griffin was unable to be present, so her report was delivered by Mike Griffin. Main points: One member died suddenly and will be missed. Significant improvement to the heating was noted and much appreciated. Exhibition of work at Barking Fair in August.

q) Barking Pre-School – Philip Wilkinson - Chair. Full Report attached.

Philip was unable to be present, but a full report had been received.

r) Parish Paths Partnership – Shaun Cochrane. Full Report attached.

John was unable to be present, so the report was delivered by Shaun Cochrane. Main Points: Shaun Cochrane, Roy Banyard and John Dickerson are the members of the group. A handful to jobs outstanding due to the wet winter. Bridge at Clipper Jimmys unsafe, despite it being reported to Suffolk County Council in January. SCC has worked on 2 other bridges behind Bungeons Farm and Footpath no 6 behind Lower Farm.

s) Needham Market and Barking Welfare Charities – David Bishop. Full Report attached.

Q – A question was asked regarding grant applications. Sue Marsh responded that grant application must be received before any work is commenced and 2/3 estimates will be required.

t) Theobald’s Foundation – Michael Smith. Full Report attached.

18 young people received grants totalling £3,630 to assist with their further education. 3 applicants from Barking, 15 from Needham Market.

u) Barking Parish Plan Implementation Action Group – Sue Marsh. Full report attached.

Sue Marsh reported still no response from National grid re the possibly of a gas connection in Barking. Next actions identified relate to Energy Cost Savings. An anonymous person said they would be willing to run a youth group, but that person has never come forward.

BPM07/14 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair invited questions from the public. There were no questions, but it was suggested that an A-Board, or a similar form of advertisement be placed outside the Hall to inform people of events taking place.

The Chair thanked all for attending especially those who had put together and delivered presentations to the meeting. The Chair closed the meeting at 10.15pm.

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