

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.40pm
on Thursday 19th July 2012

PRESENT:

Cllr M Smith (Vice-Chair of the Council, and Chair of this meeting)
Cllr M Bailey
Cllr D Hoyland
Cllr A Ross

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor Julia Truelove
Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*

2 members of the public: Lynne Bailey, Michael Devaux

APOLOGIES:

Cllr S Butler (Chair)
Cllr A Smith
Cllr P Hollocks
PCSO Matt Brown
District Cllr Stephen Wright

NB. The meeting started late due to a serious road traffic accident on the Barking Road.

BPC070/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Butler, Cllr Alex Smith & Cllr Hollocks. Also from Cllr Stephen Wright. PCSO Matt Brown was not present as he was in attendance at the RTA.

BPC071/12 PUBIC FORUM

2 members of the public were present. There were no questions at this point.

BPC072/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (see attached report)

County Cllr Julia Truelove reported on the Cabinet meeting, proposed pylons between Bramford and Twinstead, the new Textile Bag collection service, the Broadband Bid, and the monitoring of vehicle speeds in Barking. It was suggested that the Officer from SCC Highways be invited to attend the next meeting to report on the findings of the 5-day measurement of traffic speeding. It was agreed that this should be arranged. Cllr Truelove/Clerk to invite Phil Wright to the next meeting.

Cllr Truelove
& Clerk

BPC073/12 POLICE REPORT (see attached report)

There was no Police representative present, but a report had been sent in advance. There was one reported crime since the previous meeting – a burglary in Barking on 11th June.

BPC074/12 – DISTRICT CLLR STEPHEN WRIGHT (see attached report)

District Cllr Stephen Wright was not present but had reported on the old cement works housing site, East Anglian One offshore wind farm, the SITA incinerator at Great Blakenham, the Localism Bill and the opening of the Somersham Community Shop.

BPC075/12 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th MAY 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2012 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

BPC076/12 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this point.

BPC077/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on actions taken.

- i) **Beacon** – Cllr Smith and the Clerk had met with Sue Bailey to determine the position of the beacon on the Tye. The event went off very well, the beacon removed and the hole filled in.
- ii) **Hay Crop** – Mr Holder has confirmed that he is willing to cut and remove the hay crop.
- iii) **Spring Rocker** – Cllr Ross & the Clerk identified a blue horse/foal rocker. This is now in situ.
- iv) **Easement Request – Land adjacent to The Coppins** – See Item BPC081/12
- v) **Village Hall Extension** – Planning permission has now been granted.

BPC078/12 FINANCE

i) CLERK'S REPORT (*attached to these minutes*)

The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance @ 19th July 2012 was £22,904.47

ii) AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Payments totalling £1,622.73 were authorised.

BPC079/12 ADOPTION OFF NEW SUFFOLK CODE OF CONDUCT

It was reported that as the 2007 Code of Conduct no longer exists from 1st July, a new Suffolk Code has been developed which may be adopted by the Council. Cllr Truelove requested that she speak in support of the new Code.

The meeting was adjourned to allow Cllr Truelove to do so.

County Cllr Truelove outlined the reason for the new Suffolk Code of Conduct, which has also been adopted by MSDC and other parish councils in Suffolk – the same Code for all. A member of the public - Lynne Baily, asked if the pecuniary interests of other members of the family residing with the Councillor also had to be declared. The answer is no – only partners or spouses.

Meeting re-convened.

It was suggested that there appears to be much concern among Cllrs that partners/spouses also now must declare their pecuniary interests. The Council wished its concern to be noted. However, it was agreed that the new Code should be adopted with immediate effect.

Decision - It was agreed to adopt the new Suffolk Code of Conduct with immediate effect.

All Cllrs to complete the new Register of Interests and return to the Clerk with 28 days.

All

BPC080/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

BPC081/12 EASEMENT REQUEST – LAND ADJACENT TO THE COPPINS

The meeting was adjourned to enable Mr Michael Devaux to speak.

Mr Devaux spoke of his shock that a payment was necessary to gain an easement for the proposed new property.

Meeting re-convened

It was reported that Mr Chris Storey had been appointed by the Council to meet with Mr & Mrs Devaux to determine a valuation for the Deed of Easement for the proposed new dwelling adjacent to the Coppins. Mr Storey has now proposed a valuation figure of £11,000 to include a contribution towards the Parish Council's costs. **Decision** – It was agreed that this figure was reasonable and should be accepted. Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Devaux explaining the next step and to Mr Chris Storey accepting this valuation.

Clerk

BPC082/12 DONATIONS

i) **ST MARYS CHURCH, BARKING**

Decision – it was proposed and agreed to donate £80 towards the grass cutting of the churchyard. Clerk to action.

Clerk

ii) **FOUR PARISHES MAGAZINE**

Decision - It was proposed and agreed to donate £80 towards the printing of the magazine. Clerk to action.

Clerk

iii) **WATTISHAM & DISTRICT FIRST RESPONDERS**

Decision – It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council would prefer to support the Needham Market Group as it is nearer. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Clerk

BPC083/12 ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was reported that the Clerk has now passed Module 7 - General Power of Competence of the CiLCA. If the Parish Council considers it is eligible, it can use the General Power of Competence from now on, when making decisions. **Decision** - It was agreed that the Council meets both Criteria: 1. At least 2/3rds of the number of councillors must have been elected at the last ordinary election, and 2. The Clerk must hold at least one of the recognised sector-specific qualifications and have passed Section 7 of the CiLCA 2012.

BPC084/12 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was reported that the CGRWG of MSDC is now minded to support the proposal to create a separate parish of Darmsden, with a Parish Meeting being the most appropriate form of governance for the area, and is now seeking responses to this draft proposal, and to a proposed boundary between Barking and Darmsden, with 99% of the boundary using existing and defined footpaths.

Cllr Hoyland reported that Mr & Mrs Watkins have contacted MSDC suggesting that more land owned by them should be included within Darmsden should Darmsden become a separate parish, and their alternative proposed boundary was shared with the meeting. The proposal from Mr & Mrs Watkins, although brought to the attention of the council, was not a formal proposal via MSDC – CGRWG, so could only be noted.

Proposal 1 – That a separate parish of Darmsden be formed. **Decision** – Agreed

Proposal 2 – To consider the draft boundary as proposed by MSDC - CGRWG.

Cllr Denys Hoyland declared a pecuniary interest at this point as the proposed boundary follows the curtilage of the grounds of Priestly Cottage to enable it to be incorporated with the new parish of Darmsden. Cllr Hoyland left the meeting at this point.

Decision –Due to the Parish Council's own fruitless research into any previous boundaries between Barking and Darmsden, and there being no other formal proposals for consideration at the time of the meeting, there were no objections raised to the proposed boundary as outlined by MSDC in 5.6 – 5.6.3 of its proposal document. Furthermore, the CGRWGs proposal to define the new boundary using field boundaries and historic footpaths is supported and it accepts that Priestly Cottage was originally in Darmsden and should remain so. Clerk to respond accordingly to MSDC. Clerk to respond to MSDC accordingly.

Clerk

Cllr Hoyland re-joined the meeting at this point.

BPC085/12 BEACON

It was proposed and agreed to defer this item to the next meeting when more councillors would be present and therefore more ideas/suggestions forthcoming as to the future use of the beacon. It was proposed that as the beacon was purchased by the Parish Council, it should be added to the Asset Register and also added to the Councils insurance schedule asap. Clerk to action.

Clerk

BPC086/12 BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS – 5TH NOVEMBER 2012

It was reported that the Community Council has requested permission to once again use the Tye for the annual bonfire and fireworks display on 5th November. **Decision** – Agreed. Usual rules to apply – safe combustible materials only no more than 2 clear weekends before the event. Material to be monitored and area to be used by the bonfire no more than 10 square metres. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Clerk

BPC087/12 BARKING VILLAGE HALL PROPOSED EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS

It was reported that the Planning Permission has been granted. It was also reported that the Community Council is trying to locate a container in which to store the contents of the existing storeroom.

BPC088/12 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE – CLLR BAILEY

Cllr Bailey reported no further matters to brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

BPC089/12 CLERK’S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

There were none to report.

BPC090/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Correspondence pack was presented for circulation.

BPC091/12 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

i) FLU CLINICS

The date for the forthcoming Flu Clinic was advised. Notice to be put on notice board and by email to Cllr Hoyland to promote within Darmsden.

Clerk

ii) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGN

It was reported that the Neighbourhood Watch sign is now not visible due to overgrown vegetation. Clerk to contact Neighbourhood Watch and SCC to see what action can be taken to make the sign more visible.

Clerk

iii) FLOODING ON B1078 ADJACENT TO ENDWAYS – It was reported that SCC is to take action to reduce/eliminate the frequent flooding at this site.

iv) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING – Clerk to attend forthcoming Neighbourhood Planning session at MSDC if possible.

Clerk

BPC092/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting 20th September 2012.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Chairman Date