

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Thursday 21st November 2013

PRESENT:

Cllr S Butler (Chair)
Cllr M Smith
Cllr M Bailey
Cllr A Smith
Cllr P Hollocks

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*
Cllr Julia Truelove
Cllr Stephen Wright

APOLOGIES:

Cllr A Ross – *family commitment*
Cllr Eagles – *work commitment*
PC Tina Fairness
PCSO Matt Brown

BPC137/13 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

BPC138/13 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received by the Clerk from Cllr Ross, Cllr Eagles, PC Tina Fairness & PCSO Matt Brown.

BPC139/13 POLICE REPORT (see attached report)

No representative for the Safer Neighbourhood Team could be present, but a written report had been submitted in advance, but due to an oversight was not presented at the meeting.

BPC140/13 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WRIGHT (see attached report)

Cllr Wright's report included proposed tomato greenhouses at Great Blakenham, postponement of Bramford/Twinstead Pylons, Anglia One Windfarm route, housing development at Great Blakenham, solar farm development at Baylham, and the reorganisation of Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils.

BPC141/13 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR JULIA TRUELOVE'S REPORT (see attached report)

Cllr Truelove's report included Suffolk Spending Priorities, A14, Children in Care, Home Care Future, Shared Norfolk and Suffolk Services, Wattisham Base, and Children's & Young People's Services. There was a short discussion on the shortage of Foster Carers & the provision of care outside the local area for 'older' children. Cllr Truelove also reported that she had been contacted by Mr & Mrs Donaldson regarding the hedge at Tye Green but emphasised the fact that she is not in a position to intervene.

BPC142/13 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th AUGUST 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2013 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

BPC143/13 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2013 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

BPC144/13 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest declared.

BPC145/13 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no applications for dispensation.

BPC146/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on actions taken.

- i) **Hay Crop** – The invoice for £500 was sent to Mr Holder, but no payment has yet been received. Cllr Smith to follow this up.
- ii) **Grit Bin for Darmsden** – The Grit Bin located in Darmsden has been transferred to the ownership Darmsden Parish Meeting and removed from the Council's insurance policy and Asset Register.
- iii) **Spare Road Planings** – Cllr Smith has not yet taken any of the planings. He undertook to do this very soon and to ensure services to the Village Hall are uncovered.
- iv) **Hedge at Tye Green** – A further letter has been received from Mrs Donaldson – **Decision** – It was resolved to continue to cut the hedge as previously agreed – on the Tye side only and the top, to respond accordingly to Mrs Donaldson and to give them the opportunity to attend the next meeting. Clerk to action.
- v) **Replacement Street Light** – It was reported that the Clerk is unable to source the street light any cheaper, so the order has been placed with Suffolk County Council.
- vi) **Boot Camp Request** – Darren Rivers had been invited to the meeting and had indicated that he would come, but he is not in attendance.
- vii) **Land Adjacent to 27 Fox Meadow** – Cllr Hollocks reported that the plot of land owned by MSDC is being let to the new occupants of 27 Fox Meadow for garden use.

Cllr M Smith

Clerk

BPC147//13 PLANNING

- i) **2865/13 – The Piggery, Moat Farm Barns, Barking** – It was reported that although the Clerk had requested an extension, this had not been approved and the decision to grant planning permission has already been given by MSDC.
- ii) **Debtrac Centre, Needham Market** – It was resolved that as this application was not thought to directly impact on Barking residents, no comment on the application was considered necessary.

.BP148/13 FINANCE

i) **To receive Clerk's Finance Report (attached to these minutes)** -The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance @ 21st November 2013 was £37,253.12.

ii) **Authorisation of Payments - Decision** - Payments totalling £1,077.57 were approved. Clerk to action.

<p>iii) Budget 2014 – 15 It was reported that the Budget for 2014-15 will be considered at the next full meeting.</p>	
<p>BPC149/13 BOOT CAMP REQUEST It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting to give Darren Rivers the opportunity to come to the January 2014 meeting. Decision - It was proposed and agreed that if he doesn't come to the meeting in January, to shelve the request. Clerk to send a reminder to Mr Rivers.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC150/13 DRAINAGE PIPE REQUEST It was reported that Suffolk County Council is seeking permission to lay a pipe across the Tye from the road (B1078) to the ditch adjacent to Rivendell, in a bid to drain surface water away from the road. This stretch of road repeatedly floods after significant rain fall, and previous attempts to remove surface water by other means have failed. Decision – It was agreed to grant permission for SCC to run a pipe across the Tye provided it is placed next to the access track and that the Tye is made good afterwards. Clerk to respond accordingly.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC151/13 FOOTWAY It was reported that SCC Highways has now responded to the Council's request to continue with the project to provide a footway through the Village. The letter from Philip Wright indicates that there are no funds to continue with the project and quoted John Goodyear's original caveat (October 2006) that the continuation of the project was "subject to continued funding of rural pavements in future LTP's and assuming the current budgets are maintained", which has not happened, so the funding for rural paths no longer exists. SCC is no longer in a position where it can afford to lay 1000m of footway due to the economic climate which currently exists, even if the project is spread over many years as was originally intended. Decision – It was proposed and resolved to ask SCC how much such a phased footway would cost. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC152/13 CLEANING OF WAR MEMORIAL It was agreed that the War Memorial on the Tye does need cleaning. Cllr Truelove was invited to speak, and reported that she had just learnt that the Community Covenant will now receive smaller grant applications, and if the Council were to apply for one to have the War Memorial cleaned, she would support the application. Decision - It was proposed and resolved to ask the Clerk to seek an alternative quote from a local firm and also the War Memorials Trust, and to liaise with Cllr Truelove regarding the grant.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC153/13 PLAY AREA AND FOOTBALL GOAL REPAIRS It was reported that both play areas received their annual ROSPA Inspection in the summer and several minor repairs need to be carried out. Decision – The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the necessary repairs. It was also reported that one of the goal nets needs to be replaced. Decision – It was agreed to purchase a replacement net @ approx. £37.50 plus vat. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>BPC154/13 BARKING CALENDAR 2013 & 2014 The Council was asked to decide which charity should be the beneficiary of the profits from the 2013 Calendar sales @ £44, and also the profits from the 2014 Calendar Sales - to be advised. Decision - It was proposed and resolved to donate the £44 to the Needham Market Community First Responders. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC155/13 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE Cllr Bailey reported that full planning permission at last been received, and so David Bishop now needs to complete the specification so tenders can be sought. The container is to be</p>	

painted green – willing volunteers are needed.

BPC156/13 CLERK’S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

- i) **St Jude’s Storm** - As a result of the St Jude’s Storm, a large tree branch had fallen onto the footway. This had not been removed some 3 weeks later, the Clerk requested Suffolk County Council to remove it, which was done the next day.

Clerk

BPC157/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Correspondence pack to be circulated.

BPC158/13 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- i) **Wattisham Fireworks & Bonfire 5th November 2013**
Cllr Eagles was thanked for arranging for tickets to be available to Barking residents to attend the Wattisham Fireworks and Bonfire on 5th November, which was reported to be an excellent, well organised and safe event.
- ii) **Moles on the Tye** – These are reportedly continuing to be a problem on the Tye. The Chairman undertook to continue to lay traps including nr to Fox Meadow.

Cllr Butler

BPC159/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting 16th January 2014.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman Date