

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Thursday 22nd November 2012

PRESENT:

Cllr M Smith – Vice-Chair
Cllr M Bailey
Cllr A Smith
Cllr P Hollocks
Cllr A Ross

IN ATTENDANCE:

County Councillor Julia Truelove
District Cllr Stephen Wright
Mr Cliff Matthews – EfW Regional Manager (Suffolk)
PC Tina Fairness
PCSO Vince Whitrow
Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*

APOLOGIES:

Cllr S Butler - prior work commitment
Cllr D Hoyland – no reason given

Cllr Michael Smith chaired the meeting as the Chairman was not present.

BPC116/12 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Steve Butler and Cllr Denys Hoyland.

BPC117/12 PUBIC FORUM

District Cllr Stephen Wright handed out a press release (attached to these minutes) regarding the proposal to erect tomato greenhouses adjacent to the incinerator at Great Blakenham. Cllr Wright declared an interest at this point in the proposed development. It is intended that the incinerator will heat the greenhouses (hot water pumped into greenhouses) and enable up to 7,500 tonnes of tomatoes (10% of UK produced tomatoes) to be produced each year. The planning application will soon be made.

BPC118/12 GREAT BLAKENHAM ININERATOR – Mr Cliff Matthews (Energy from Waste) Regional Manager, Suffolk

Mr Cliff Matthews had been invited to attend the meeting to brief the Council on the facility currently being erected on the former SCC Highways site at Great Blakenham (see attached handouts).

The main points of the presentation included:

- power plant that uses waste as a fuel – purpose is to capture heat from the waste
- capacity 269,000 tonnes per year
- less traffic than former Highways depot – more HCVs but fewer cars
- time lapse camera on twitter/website
- due to come into operation 1/12/2014
- visitors centre - school groups will be encouraged, guided tours
- working with SCC top drive down amount of waste produced and to encourage re-cycling

- will operate 365 days a year, between 6 – 22 hours per day
- plant carefully designed to keep within acceptable noise levels
- will be an iconic building , designed by Grimshaws (designer of the Eden Project)
- needed as landfill capacity being depleted
- landfill needs long-term management
- will reduce tax burden
- heat produced is captured in water
- nitrous and sulphurous oxides are removed
- continually monitored – results can be viewed on internet
- levels of pollution/noise not noticeable

There was some discussion between the Police Officers present at the meeting and Mr Matthews regarding the entrance and whether it could be moved, as it was suggested that there will be grid lock with existing freight who park up and use Lodge Lane and the delivery vehicles/when the refuse lorries when they commence deliveries to the site.

Mr Matthews was thanked by the Chair for attending the meeting.

8.05pm - Mr Matthews left the meeting.

BPC119/12 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (see attached report)

County Cllr Julia Truelove provided a written report which include the following: Preparing for Winter, County Council Budget 2013 – 14, and Electric Blanket Testing funded from the Locality Budget – now an additional date to include Needham Market. (Thursday 10th January 9am – 5pm). Clerk was given posters to promote the event nearer the time. There were no questions for Cllr Truelove.

Clerk

8.10 pm – Cllr Truelove left the meeting.

BPC120 DISTRICT CLLR STEPHEN WRIGHT

Cllr Wright gave his report to the meeting which included the following: Tim Passmore elected as Police & Crime Commissioner; Parliamentary Boundary changes – it is now proposed to keep Barking & Somersham where they are; Cllrs have been attending workshops looking at integration of Babergh and MSDC - a lot of savings still need to be made.

The meeting was re-convened at this point.

BPC121/12 POLCE REPORT – MID SUFFOLK SOUTH SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM - PC Tina Fairness (see attached Report)

PC Tina Fairness reported on the following: No crimes reported, but a van was on the Tye just before Firework night – which was investigated. It was reported that the driver had already tipped the van but hadn't dumped anything as it got bogged down in the mud. The driver became abusive when approached by a Councillor. PC Fairness offered to write to the driver, but the Council declined the offer, as the incident was now considered closed. Operation Drawbridge – people are asked to put things such as valuables and car keys out of the way and not to give burglars an easy ride. B1113 being used by burglars to access villages. Community Speed Watch – it is now a requirement to have at least 3 volunteers on duty. It was suggested that members of the SNT could make up the numbers should there be a shortfall.

8.25pm – PC Fairness and PCSO Whitrow left the meeting at this point.

BPC122/12 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2012 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

BPC123/12 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this point.

BPC124/12 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

No applications had been received.

BPC125/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on actions taken.

- a) Incinerator – Mr Cliff Matthews had been invited to attend this meeting.
- b) Speed management – No response has yet been received from SCC Highways regarding the mobile speed cameras.
- c) Neighbourhood Watch Sign – This has been erected by the Chairman – Cllr Steve Butler.
- d) Easement requests for The Gables – the deed has been received for signature.
- e) Easement request – Willow Tree Cottage - the deed has been received for signature.
- f) Beacon – Clerk still waiting to hear from Barking Forge.
- g) ILS – Clerk still waiting to hear from SCC regarding the street lights

BPC126/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None had been received.

BPC127/12 FINANCE

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

The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance @ 22nd November 2012 was £35,964.45

b) AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Payments totalling £4,826.99 were authorised.

BPC128/12 DONATION REQUESTS

RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN - A letter had been received from the Rural Coffee Caravan requesting a donation. **Decision** – It was resolved not to grant a donation, as the Council has a policy to only grant donations to local groups and organisations, and the Coffee Caravan does not currently call at Barking. Clerk to respond accordingly.

Clerk

BPC129/12 DRAFT BUDGET 2013 – 14

The draft budget was presented for consideration. All to pass comments to the Clerk well ahead of the next meeting, when the Final Budget and Precept must be set. It was proposed that the Clerk's salary should be reviewed. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was also proposed to consider adding Libel & Slander to the insurance policy. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Clerk to check with MSDC if the cost of emptying dog and litter bins is due to be increased. Clerk to obtain a quote from Dominic Hart to cut the hedge at Tye Green in February. It was proposed to look again at the footpath issue. Item to be placed on the agenda.

All

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BPC130/12 SOAKAWAYS ON THE TYE

It was reported that there is a regular flooding issue on the road adjacent to Endways, Barking Tye. SCC Highways have looked at the site and has proposed to improve the soakaways at this

<p>location to solve/help to alleviate the problem. Permission is needed to carry out this work on the Tye. Decision – It was proposed and agreed to grant permission for the work to be undertaken, though there was some doubt as to whether this would actually solve the problem. Clerk to inform SCC Highways accordingly.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC131/12 TREE CANOPIES ON THE TYE It was reported that several trees on the Tye near the road need to have their canopies raised, and some branches need pollarding. A quote of £140 has been obtained from Hart Tree Surgery, which would be for a whole day’s work, so other work could be undertaken if time permitted. Decision – It was proposed and agreed to appoint Hart Tree Surgery to undertake the necessary work. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC132/12 THEOBALD’S FOUNDATION It was reported that Mrs Carole Wright’s 4 year term is soon due to end and it is further understood that she does not wish to continue. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in the Four Parishes Newsletter with a view to making a decision at the January 2013 meeting. Clerk to action.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC133/13 BONFIRE NIGHT REVIEW It was reported that an email had been received from Mrs Lesley Austin of Walnut Tree House, complaining that their access track surfacing had been damaged by vehicles being driven onto the Tye to leave materials on the bonfire. She has asked for a contribution towards shingle to repair the track. The Clerk had re-directed this request to the Community Council as the event had been organised by them, not the Parish Council. It is understood the Community Council is considering its position. Clerk to send a reply to Mrs Austin stating that it is not the view of the Parish Council that bonfire traffic caused significant damage.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC134/12 PERMISSION FOR USE OF BARKING TYE IN 2013 FOR THE BARKING FAIR It was reported that the Barking Fair Committee has requested if the Parish Council would, in principle, grant permission for the Tye to be used for a Fair in 2013, including car parking facilities. The decision has not yet been made whether or not to hold a Fair, but if one were to be held, permission would be needed to use the Tye. Decision – It was proposed and resolved that permission would be granted IF a fair was held, subject to the usual terms and conditions. Clerk to respond accordingly.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC135/12 BEND AT BARKING HALL NURSING HOME Cllr Bailey raised concerns that the bend at the location of the Nursing Home is not marked adequately enough to warn drivers. There are only 2 chevrons, which are not visible until the last minute. It is thought that speed is the reason for cars ending up in the ditch. Decision – It was proposed and agreed to ask SCC Highways to attend a site meeting as soon as possible to see what, if anything, can be done. Clerk to arrange.</p>	Clerk
<p>BPC136/12 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE UPDATE – CLLR M BAILEY Cllr Bailey reported that the container may now be secured. Also, quotes are being obtained for the building work. Two members of the Village Hall Committee are attending a funding seminar in the near future.</p>	
<p>BPC137/12 CLERK’S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING None to report.</p>	

BPC138/12 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Correspondence pack was presented for circulation.

BPC139/12 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

i) **MACMILLAN CANCER CARE COFFEE MORNING** – It was reported that the Parish Council raised £120 for the charity. All those Councillors who turned up to help were thanked.

BPC140/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting was agreed as 17th January 2013 start time 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman Date