

# **BARKING PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm  
on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**PRESENT:**

Cllr A Smith  
Cllr Eagles  
Cllr P Hollocks  
Cllr M Bailey  
Cllr A Ross

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr S Butler (Chair)  
Cllr M Smith  
Cllr Julia Truelove

**BPC077/14 PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

**BPC078/14 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from the Chair - Cllr Butler, Cllr M Smith and County Cllr Julia Truelove.

**BPC079/14 POLICE REPORT (see attached report)**

No representative from the Safer Neighbourhood Team was present, but a written report had been received in advance of the meeting. 1 crime reported since the previous meeting – possession of cannabis, SNT priorities for the next quarter and purse thefts. It was also reported that PCSO 3183 Vincent Whitrow has now left the Constabulary to pursue another career. It was proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to Vince via PCSO Matt Brown. Clerk to action.

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**BPC080/14 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WRIGHT'S REPORT'S**

Cllr Wright was not present and had not sent a report.

**BPC081/14 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR JULIA TRUELOVE'S REPORT (see attached report)**

Cllr Truelove's report included Cabinet Meeting items, the future of the Suffolk Record Office, Assistant Director for Education appointment, Unauthorised absences from school, Trading Standards and Public Health (Child Safety), and New Safeguarding Team for Adults and Children.

**BPC082/14 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

**BPC083/14 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no applications for dispensation.

**BPC084/14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved as a true record and were duly signed by the Chair.

**BPC085/14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported on actions taken.

- i) **Hay Crop** – This has now been cut by Mr Holder. Clerk to invoice Mr Holder as in previous years.
- ii) **Entrance to Fox Meadow** – The grass is now on the MSDC cutting schedule and has received at least one cut.

**BPC086//14 PLANNING**

**2181/14 – SUNNYSIDE, THE TYE, BARKING**

**Decision-** Support. Clerk to relay decision to MSDC Planning within deadline.

**BPC087/14 FINANCE**

- i) **TO RECEIVE CLERK'S FINANCE REPORT** (*attached to these minutes*) -The Clerk reported on the financial movements since the previous meeting. Balance @ 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 was £36,192.10.
- ii) **AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS - Decision** - Payments totalling £720.05 were approved. Clerk to action.

**BPC088/14 DEED OF GRANT OF EASEMENT – THE FIRS, THE TYE, BARKING**

It was reported that the Deed is ready and was presented for signature. **Decision** – It was resolved to sign the Deed of Grant of Easement in respect of The Firs. Cllr Alex Smith and Cllr Michael Bailey duly signed the document. Clerk to action.

**BPC089/14 ADOPTION OF REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was reported that a revised Suffolk Code of Conduct has been produced which has improved the process surrounding the issue of Dispensations. A draft Code of Conduct was produced for the Council to consider. **Decision** – It was resolved to adopt the revised Suffolk Code of Conduct with immediate effect.

**BPC090/14 ST HELENA HOSPICE CYCLE RIDE**

It was reported that the St Helena Hospice has organised a charity cycle ride to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014, and which will pass through Barking. The Council has been approached with a request for permission to set up a refreshments and mechanic stop on the Tye during the event. **Decision** - It was proposed and agreed that the most suitable location would be o/s the Barking Fox Pub, opposite the Village Hall, subject to the Police giving their approval to the location. Clerk to action.

**BPC091/14 ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE – THE BARKING FOX**

Cllr Eagles proposed that the Parish Council consider applying to add the Barking Fox Pub to the List of Assets of Community Value. If approved, if and when the property is put on the market within a 5 year period, the Parish Council would be asked if it wished to bid for the property, and if it decided that it wanted to, a period of 6 months would be granted to allow the Council to put together a bid. **Decision** - It was resolved that it would be desirable to retain the building as a village pub, with potential for meeting rooms and also a village shop. Clerk to look into the process and report back to the next meeting.

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**BPC092/14 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Cllr Bailey reported that the acoustic equipment has now been installed. The Committee is still trying to locate a supplier from whom to purchase the arm chairs. The electrical cabling work is now done, so the external decoration can now take place. Advertising Sign– it would be desirable to place an advertising sign outside to Hall to promote its use. Clerk will receive a letter from the Committee in due course. Digital Locks – not yet actioned. Pot holes – due to be filled soon. The Chair of the VHMC witnessed a large truck damaging the surface of the car park while emptying the bottle banks. It also pulled down (yet again) a BT cable. Risk Assessment action has been referred to Maria Dalby. The large pot hole outside the perimeter of the car park also needs attention. Clerk to obtain a quote from SCC Highways. Regarding the proposed extension – Building Regs have been applied for but not yet received. Clerk to chase MSDC. Clerk to forward details of funding from Cllr Truelove to Cllr Bailey.

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**BPC093/14 CLERK’S REPORT ON URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

- i) **NEWSLETTER ENTRY** - An item was placed in the Four Parishes Newsletter regarding the mis-use of the Tye. **Decision** - Action approved.

**BPC094/14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

In circulation.

**BPC095/14 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

- i) **FOX MEADOW ROAD SUBSIDENCE** – It was reported that the road o/s no 25 Fox Meadow appears to be subsiding. Clerk to report to SCC Highways.
- ii) **FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO FOX MEADOW** – It was reported that the footway adjacent to Fox Meadow is in poor condition. Clerk to report to MSDC/SCC Highways depending upon responsibility.

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**BPC096/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting, which will be 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014

*Meeting closed at 9.12pm*

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