

# BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*  
Mr Sebastian Blemings (*Agent*)  
Mr David Bates (*Applicant*)

### **BPC018/14 PUBLIC FORUM**

There were two members of the public present – Mr Sebastian Blemings of SJB Designs and Mr David Bates of the DAB Group. It was explained that this planning application is in respect of a change of use from a former agricultural building (poultry shed) to a new office facility to serve DAB Group's business. Asbestos will need to be removed and more traditional materials used. It is not proposed to increase vehicle movements. Periodic visits from construction staff are anticipated, but no movements during the day between other sites. Heavy plant will always be out on site. Only office staff (5/6) will be on site all day. It was reported that the applicant is keen to preserve the existing footpath, and is happy to allocate an area beside the track for pedestrians. It was reported that Highways have asked for improved visibility at the junction of the access track and the Battsford Road, and improvements to the track surface at that point. There was concern expressed that there will be heavy plant movements along the Battsford Road. The applicant stated that there would be no more vehicle movements than if the site was a working farm and that he had no plans for expansion .

### **BPC019/14 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been received.

### **BPC020/14 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

### **BPC021/14 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no applications for dispensation.

### **BPC022/14 PLANNING**

#### **i) 0300/14 Bungeons Farm**

Concern was expressed about access. The Chair read the comments from the Highways Authority (attached to these minutes) to the meeting regarding the requirement for the existing surface to be properly surfaced to secure appropriate improvements in the interests of highway safety, with a minimum width of 4.5 metres. Passing places along the length of the track would be beneficial. There was also concern expressed about the increased volume and type of traffic using the Battsford Road/B1078 junction and the

possible increased danger to the public at that junction, but it was accepted that this would be outside the scope of this planning application. **Decision** - It was proposed and agreed that all were in favour of supporting the application. Clerk to respond accordingly with relevant comment to MSDC within the deadline.

Clerk

**BPC023/14 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

- 1) **Hedge adjacent to Hillside** – It was reported that the hedge adjacent to the footway is causing a partial obstruction. Clerk to inspect site and report to SCC Highways if this is the case.
- 2) **Road sweeper request** – it was requested that the road sweeper be requested to deal with the result of the two winter flooding incidents. Also the footway needs sweeping. Clerk to action.
- 3) **Blocked drain adjacent to Claremont, Battsford Road.** Clerk to report to SCC Highways.
- 4) **BT Public Telephone** – It was reported that the telephone may be out of order. Clerk to check and report to BT if necessary.
- 5) **Community Purchase Order** – Cllr Eagles requested this item be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.
- 6) **Verge adjacent to Maybush Cottage** – It was reported that the verge has been damaged by a heavy vehicle. As this is Tye land, Cllr Michal Smith offered to make the verge good.
- 7) **Pruning of trees on the Tye** – It was reported that approx. 4 trees on a Stewardship area of the Tye need to have their canopies raised. Also, a large branch of a tree on the Tye has been left hanging as a result of the winter gales. A quote has been obtained by the Clerk from Hart Tree Surgery for all of the work @£160 which was felt to be very competitive. As this work needs to be undertaken sooner rather than later, it was agreed the Clerk could instruct Hart Tree Surgery immediately due to a risk to the public.
- 8) **Ditch silted up** – It was reported that the ditch between the Barking Forge and Ashburnham Farm is severely silted up following the heavy winter rains. Clerk to report to SCC Highways to request the ditch to be unblocked and possibly piped due to frequent flooding at this location. Item also to be on the agenda for the next meeting, by which time it is hoped to have a response form SCC Highways.

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Cllr Michael Smith

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*Meeting closed at 8.15pm*

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