

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.00pm
on Thursday 24th September 2015

PRESENT:

Cllr A Smith *Vice-Chair*
Cllr M Bailey
Cllr A Ross
Cllr C Eagles

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*

ABSENT:

Cllr S Butler (*Chair*)
Cllr M Smith

BPC130/15 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

BPC131/15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

BPC132/15 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

BPC133/15 APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

BPC134/15 PLANNING

i) 3140/15 - Plots 5 & 6 Moat Farm Barns – Decision - It was resolved unanimously to oppose this application for the following reasons:

1. Barking is regarded as 'Countryside' and therefore this application is contrary to the Local Plan to provide new housing unless a good argument can be made for Affordable Low Cost Housing. This application does not relate to Affordable Low Cost Housing.
2. Barking Parish Council is concerned that this development is situated within a national speed limit zone of 60mph. A recent speed survey was undertaken in February 2015 (at the request of a resident) which recorded in excess of 1,000 vehicles exceeding the 60 mph speed limit within the survey period. A previous speed survey undertaken in June 2010 at the request of the Parish Council recorded a similar number.
3. Barking Parish Council is on record as having lobbied Suffolk County Council Highways to extend the 30mph limit to beyond the Moat Farm Barns development. The speed panel met in August 2010 and refused this request due to the fact the amount of roadside development is below the level set out in the DfT guidelines for either a 30mph or a 40 mph. More recently a request to Suffolk County Council Highways was rejected again as the guidelines have not changed. The Parish Council considers that intensification of use of the access onto the highway from the Moat Farm Barns development would be totally unacceptable for the reasons set out above. The Parish Council has been lobbied by both residents of Moat Farm Barns and the local farmer regarding the speeding along this stretch of road. The Parish Council brought its concerns regarding the speed limit at the time the planning application to

develop the barns was made in 2004 (1480/04).

3. Since the barns at Moat Farm were developed for residential accommodation in 2005, it is understood that the change of occupancy/ownership of all the properties has been high. There is no footpath connecting the development to the amenities within the village, there is no bus stop in the near vicinity, so the use of the car is the only viable means of transport for residents of this development. In addition, this development is fairly isolated from the remainder of the village. The development could therefore be considered to be unsustainable. Clerk to respond to MSDC Planning Dept. accordingly within the deadline.

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BPC135/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

- i) **Permitted Development** – Clerk to check with MSDC that development currently being undertaken to the rear of Rectory Farm is permitted development.
- ii) **Village Hall Phase 2** – It was reported that the plans are being revised. Clerk to check new tendering/contract process for Local Authorities.

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Meeting closed at 8pm

Chairman Date