

Barking Parish Council Action Plan 2015 - 16

Category	Issue	Action	Partners	Resources	Priority	Progress
Environment	Parking	An area for off road parking to be considered by the Barking Parish Council.	MSDC SCC	Funds would be set aside with additional funding sought from partners	Low	Issue being considered by Parish Council
	Keeping Barking tidy - litter	Parish Council to continue to pay for a litter picker, provided the funding continues from MSDC, and funding the emptying of litter bins @ £24 each bin pa.	MSDC Community Volunteers	Funding set aside in 2015 – 16 budget £25 per bin x 3 pa. 2 x Litter Pickers employed - Funding support for litter pickers (Cleansing Grant) continued for 2015 @ 3 hours a week	High	On-going actions
	Keeping Barking tidy – dog fouling	Parish Council to encourage dogs to keep away from the play area on the Tye, using whatever reasonable action they are able to take bearing in mind the restrictions of the Commons Act 2006, and the ability to enforce fines where necessary. Ongoing actions include funding the emptying of Dog Waste bins @ £30 each bin pa	Dog Owners MSDC	Funding set aside in 2015 – 16 budget £30 per bin x 5 pa.	High	On-going actions
	Maintaining Parish Assets	Barking Parish Council to continue to fund the maintenance of all the Parish Assets/features.		Funding @ £1,000 set aside in Budget 2015-16	High	On-going actions
	Protection of Parish Environment	Barking Parish Council to continue to maintain and protect the Tye Grass cutting Cut and removal of hay crop	MSDC – Management of the Tye EFMS Ltd – Grass Cutting Local farmers – Removal of hay crop	Grass cutting @ £3,954.80 for 15 cuts for 2015 season. Annual income from Natural England - ELS/HLS @ £2,419.50. Balance from Precept and hay crop sale	High	On-going actions Grass cutting March – Oct Hay crop cut July/August Bye Laws to protect the Tye

	Protection of Parish Environment	Work with MSDC to promote more recycling	MSDC	n/a	Low	Christmas Tree recycling promoted at Village Hall Recycling Centre at Barking Village Hall
Natural Environment	Footpaths	Promote the use of the footpaths throughout the Parish. Barking Footpath Group to continue its' good work of maintaining the footpaths.	Barking Footpath Group SCC Public Rights of Way	Funds set aside for the purchase of equipment, gloves etc.	Medium	On-going support of Footpath Group Printing of Footpath Guide – available free
	Improving countryside and wildlife	Maintain footpaths, maintain existing hedges/ trees, clean out any silted ponds, plant more trees, plant more hedges Appointment of Barking Tree Warden	Suffolk Wildlife Trust Barking Tree Warden MSDC Countryside Team	£1,000 allocated in Budget 2015-16	Medium	1 diseased horse chestnut tree to be removed in 2015. On-going hedge cutting @ Tye Green.
Traffic	Concerns regarding traffic	Consider concerns expressed regarding volume and speed of traffic, and lack of footways. Parish Council to liaise with Police and Suffolk County Council Highways.	SCC Cllr SCC Highways Police	n/a	High	On-going Targeted road safety schemes completed/ongoing following discussion with SCC Highways. Solar Speed reduction signs - Parish Council currently lobbying SCC for semi-permanent signs. Action to reduce RTAs at site of Barking Hall Nursing Home works implemented 2013 following lobbying by Parish Council.
	Footway in Barking	Barking Parish Council to continue efforts to press for a footway through Barking.	SCC	Funds set aside for footway @ £7,000 in Budget 2015-16	High	Ongoing discussion with SCC. SCC declared no budget for this item - Nov 2013. Costings awaited from SCC – Dec 2013. Still no costings received @ 2015.
Emergency & Other Services	Standards of services and utilities	Better Broadband	SCC BT	n/a	Medium	Parish Council continues to lobby SCC re the rollout of Better Broadband. Some of Barking has been connected, some is being considered for connection between 2015 – 2018.
	Concerns about crimes and anti-social behaviour	Continue to support Barking Neighbourhood Watch and liaise with Police - Mid Suffolk South SNT	Neighbourhood Watch Group Mid Suffolk South SNT	£36	Medium	Purchase and erection of 2 new NW signs 2015

	Street Lighting	Improvement to the existing street lighting. Installation of Intelligent Lighting System to reduce costs. Replacement of all lamps with LED	MSDC SCC	£6,000 in Budget 2015-16	High	ILS installed 3/13 Funds set aside in budget to replace bulbs. 2 new bulbs replaced 2014 – 15. Remaining 8 o/s, but authorised.
	Barking Fox	Pub to be registered as a Community Asset	MSDC	n/a	Medium	Pub registered as a Community Asset April 2015
Community	Local groups and organisations	Support local groups and organisations	All local groups and organisations	£300	Medium	£300 allocated in 2015-16 Budget – General Power of Competence
Barking Village Hall	Provision and maintenance of facilities	As Custodian Trustee, support Barking Village Hall Management Committee	Barking Village Hall Management Committee	£1,000 plus Clerk's time	High	Extension to store room (phase 1) underway. Parish Council applied for the planning permission, allocated funds @ £1,000 and manages the project finances, including application for funding. Decision to do the same for Phase 2 (meeting room) agreed.
Parish Council	Communication	Promote Parish Council to the community and to provide 2-way dialogue. Parish Website, Twitter and Facebook page set up and maintained to enable Parish Council to alert Parishioners of important information/announcements.	OneSuffolk Twitter Facebook	n/a	High	On-going actions
	Training	Provide on- going training and support for Clerk and Councillors.	SALC MSDC	£250 allocated in Budget 2015 -16.	High	Adoption of Training Policy being considered.

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Priority Key:

High – 3 monthly follow-up

Medium – 6 monthly follow-up

Low – 12 monthly follow-up