

# LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Wally Binder, Stephen Wright, John Latham, Barry Palmer.

County and Councillor Field John Field (arrived at 8.00pm)

One member of the public

Clerk to the Council – Janet Gobey

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None.

2. Declarations of any pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

a. Councillors declaration of interest appropriate to any item on the Agenda.

None.

b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest (if any)

None

c. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

None.

3. Open Forum.

a. To receive reports from District and County Councillors, if present.

Councillor Field was not present for this part of the meeting.

b. 15 minute Open Forum during which parishioners may ask questions and raise issues on matters that are not Agenda items. Councillors and parishioners will be able to ask questions and raise issues with District and County Councillors, if present.

Cllr. Latham responded to a previous query about the buildings next to the bus stop. The member of the public present felt that these were a health and safety risk, especially for children. Cllr. Latham agreed to put up safety tape and security fencing.

Problems for people without access to cars resulting from the cuts/withdrawal of bus services were discussed.

The member of the public present questioned the value for money of District and County Councillors and felt that the money spent on them would be better used in subsidising bus services.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th July 2019.

Councillors unanimously approved the Draft Minutes and the Chairman signed these as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

5. To receive the update on Action Points.

Councillors noted this.

6. Planning

a. To consider any planning applications.

None

b. To note any planning determinations.

**Application no:** DC/19/02252

**Address:** Broomvale Farm Bramford Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4JU.

**Proposal:** Use of land for the storage of caravans and the erection of fencing.

Status: Granted

**Application No:** DC/19/02469

**Address:** Broomvale Lodge Bramford Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4JT.

**Proposal:** Planning Application - Erection of 1no. dwelling and cartlodge including creation of vehicular access to serve existing dwelling

Status: Granted

Councillors noted these determinations.

c. Any other planning matters.

i. To consider a response to SCC's Green Access Strategy - Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

Councillors agreed that they did not wish to respond to this.

ii. To consider a response to the BMSDC Draft Joint Local Plan.

Councillors agreed that they did not wish to respond to this.

d. To note any update on SnOasis Reserved Matters.

The Chairman summarised the current situation with YourShout, who have been appointed by the new owners to oversee the next stage of the project. Councillors noted this.

e. To note any update regarding the EA Windfarm construction work.

The work being carried out in the Common appears to be completed and the contractors have moved away from the area.

f. To note any update regarding the Sterling Suffolk greenhouses project.

A planning application will be required by BMSDC for some modifications to the original application. These involve changes to the location of the southern greenhouse within the site, which have been caused by the route of the EAW cable.

## 7. Village Hall

a. To note the Village Hall Usage and Financial Report.

Councillors noted this. Use of the Hall remains very low.

b. To receive an update on progress with the lease.

The lease has not yet been returned from the Diocese.

## 8. Governance

a. To note the NALC Briefing Note LO9-18 The Public Sector Bodies (websites and mobile applications)(no.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Councillors noted this.

b. To approve the Council's revised Financial Regulations.

Councillors unanimously approved these.

## 9. Finance

a. To note the Internal Audit Report Action Plan for 2018/2019.

Councillors noted this. It was agreed that the Clerk would draw up an Action Plan for the November meeting.

b. To receive the Clerk's Financial Report.

Councillors noted this.

c. To receive the Budget Monitoring Report,

Councillors noted this.

d. To approve the list of payments to be approved and cheques to be signed.

### SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD 1/7/2019 to 30/8/2019

#### CHEQUES SIGNED SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 16/7/2019

Anglian Water Business	Village Hall water	£13.21	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
BMSDC	Uncontested Parish Council election costs	£104.78	LGA 1972, s.111

#### PAYMENTS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT PERIOD 1/7/2019 to 30/8/2019

29/7/2019	EON Village Hall electricity	£31.40	LGA 1972, s.133
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27/8/2019	EON Village Hall electricity	£14.70	LGA 1972, s.133
<b>SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING - PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED &amp; CHEQUES TO BE SIGNED</b>			
Janet Gobey	Clerk's expenses -printer paper and toner cartridges.	£68.89	LGA 1972, s.111

### **BANK BALANCES (at end of August 2019)**

#### **Treasurers Account**

Receipts – £57.00 Village Hall electricity meter and bookings

Payments - £2021.45

**27/8/2019 - £8050.87**

#### **Deposit Account**

**9/5/2019 - £2933.87**

### **RESERVES**

#### **GENERAL RESERVE**

50% of the Annual Precept, plus one month's running costs.

18/19 Annual Precept 50% = £2900.

One month's average running costs (17/18) = £500.

**TOTAL - £3400**

#### **EARMARKED RESERVES**

Replacement of electricity poles and replacement of light fittings with LED lights.

Approximate total cost of project = £9574.01

**£2000** is set aside as an Earmarked Reserve towards these costs.

Glebeland lease legal costs - **£2500**.

Contribution towards Village Hall upgrade costs - **£1725**

**TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES - £6225**

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Councillors noted the Financial Report and unanimously approved the payment of the cheques to be signed. Cllr. Latham signed the paper bank balances to confirm the balance figures given on the Financial Report.

### **10. Correspondence**

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence.

By email 17/7/2019 Suffolk Preservation Society launches a 10-year Manifesto

By email 13/8/2019 BMSDC Forthcoming CIL Bid round (no 4) 1st October -31st October and New CIL Regulations coming into force on the 1st September 2019 and the abolition of the CIL Regulation 123 Lists

By email 13/8/2019 - Update on Joint Local Plan Drop In Events

By email 11/9/2019 - Draft ICO Data Sharing of Practice - The Information Commissioner's Office.

By email 11/9/2019 - Publication of Mid Suffolk Five Year Housing Land Supply Position Statement and Joint Annual Monitoring Report.

Councillors noted the above correspondence.

Cllr. Field gave his report. There have been big changes and cuts to bus routes in the area. These are causing major issues for residents in rural villages and Cllr. Field has received many emails of complaint.

The new home to school transport policy has been causing lots of problems for parents and children and is also attracting complaints.

The first stage of the Boundary Commission Review is underway and there are proposals to cut the number of County Councillors in Suffolk.

### **11. To note the date of the next meeting and any items for the Agenda.**

The next meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019. No items were put forward for the Agenda.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.15 pm with thanks to all attending

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

Wally Binder – Chairman Little Blakenham Parish Council

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019