

LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Blakenham Parish Council on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Wally Binder (Chairman), Stephen Wright, John Latham, Barry Palmer, Linda Keen.
Clerk to the Council – Janet Gobey

County and District Councillor John Field.
Three members of the public.

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.
Cllr. Field gave his report.
a. To receive reports from District and County Councillors, if present.
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.
A resident queried why all three planning applications for Elm Farm had been withdrawn. It appears to be that further bat survey is required and the applications have been withdrawn while that is undertaken.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th November 2019 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 26th November 2019.
Councillors unanimously approved both sets of draft Minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true and correct record of the Meetings.

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.
None.
c. Any other planning matters to note.

DC/19/0468: Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) - Conversion of 2no. agricultural units to 5no. dwellinghouses. Elm Farm Somersham Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4NF
Withdrawn.

DC/19/04537: Application for Listed Building Consent - Works to facilitate conversion of curtilage listed barn to residential use. Barn Adjacent to Elm Farmhouse Somersham Road Little Blakenham IP8 4NF.

Withdrawn.

DC/19/04536: Planning Application - Change of use and conversion of curtilage listed barn to form 1 No residential unit. Barn Adjacent to Elm Farmhouse Somersham Road Little Blakenham IP8 4NF.

Withdrawn.

Councillors noted the above.

d. To note any update on SnOasis Reserved Matters.

The Chairman reported that the meeting with YourShout that had been arranged for 22nd January had been cancelled because the S106 agreement had not been signed and it was felt that there was nothing to talk about.

e. To note any update regarding the EA Windfarm construction work. There are problems with both the cables that have been installed and this is causing delays to the project. Scottish Power will be fined as a result.

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

A meeting of the Liaison Group has been held. No decision has been received yet on the planning application for the next greenhouse.

7. Village Hall

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

Councillors noted this. Usage of the Hall remains low.

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

Councillors noted that the person at Suffolk Legal who had been dealing with this had left and the file did not appear to have been allocated to another officer. The Clerk said that she was chasing this up.

c. To consider responsibility for the football equipment by the Village Hall.

Councillors agreed that the equipment needed to be replaced for health and safety reasons, although ownership of it is unclear. ACTION: Clerk to put the replacement costs forward to Cllr. Field in April for his Locality Budget and get some quotes for posts and nets (five a side size).

9. Governance

a. To approve the appointment of SALC as the Councillor's internal auditor for the financial year 2019/2020.

Councillors unanimously approved this appointment.

10. Finance

a. To receive the Clerk's Financial Report.

Councillors noted this. Cllr. Keen signed the Financial Report to confirm that the bank balances stated on it were the same as those in the paper bank statement.

b. To review the General and Earmarked Reserves.

Councillors considered the Draft General and Earmarked Reserves and unanimously approved them.

c. To approve the Running Costs budget for 2020/2021.

Councillors unanimously approved this.

d. To determine the Precept for 2020/2021

Councillors unanimously approved the Council's Precept Upon the Charging Authority of £6,200.00 for 2020/2021.

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

Councillors unanimously approved this.

11. Correspondence

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence:

BMSDC- 2020/21 Parish/Town Council Precepts and Tax bases (by email).

SALC - E-Bulletin 6 December 2019 (information on S137 expenditure formula for 2020/2021).

Councillors noted these items.

12. To note the date of the next meeting and any items for the Agenda.

The next meeting will be held on 17th March 2020. It was agreed that S137 donations would be on the Agenda.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.33 pm with thanks to all concerned.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting of 21st January 2020.

Wally Binder – Chairman Little Blakenham Parish Council

Date: 17th March 2020