

LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of Little Blakenham Parish Council on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30 pm.
Due to Covid-19 regulations this meeting was held via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs. Wally Binder, Stephen Wright, Linda Keen, John Latham.
Clerk to the Council – Janet Gobey.

County and District Councillor John Field
No members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.31 pm.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr. Palmer sent apologies for absence due to work commitments. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the apologies.

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.

Cllr. Field gave his report. The MSDC Local Plan has not yet been agreed. There should be another consultation shortly and the Plan should be in place by the middle of next year.

There is a planning application in progress for a 460 acre solar farm stretching from Somersham to Flowton. A second solar farm is being proposed nearby.

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 the District and County Councillor, if present.

There was a query about the traffic lights at the Suez/B1113 junction and whether the priority had been changed. Cllr. Field confirmed that there had been a temporary change because of the diversion for the overnight working for repairs on the A14 at Claydon. This had already been drawn to his attention and he would be following it up.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st July 2020.
Councillors approved these unanimously 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.

i. **DC/20/03719**. Submission of Details Application (Reserved Matters) for Outline Application DC/18/01097 Allowed at Appeal APP/W3520/W/18/3204723 for erection of 1 no dwelling, cartlodge, formation of associated turning and parking area and vehicular access. Land Adjacent To Arden House Leather Bottle Hill Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4NG
Councillors unanimously agreed that they had no objections to this application.



ii. **DC/20/03891.** Application for Planning Permission without compliance of Condition(s).
Proposal: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act relating to Planning Permission 2351/16 previously varied by 1755/17 for the variation of Conditions 20 (Proposed access road details) and 26 (Off road cycle route improvements)

Location: Land At Blackacre Hill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham, Suffolk.

After some discussion, Councillors unanimously agreed that they had no objection to the proposed extension for the deadline for the work to be completed, but the extension should not be for more than five years.

b. To note any planning determinations.

DC/20/02219 Householder application - Erection of two storey side extension.

Location: Honeysuckle Cottage Bramford Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4JU.

Granted.

Councillors noted this.

c. Any other planning matters to note.

None.

d. To note any update on SnOasis.

None.

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

Councillors noted that the Mockbeggars Hall site would be closed at the end of October. The project is still behind schedule.

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

None.

7. Village Hall

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

Councillors noted that there had been no use of the Hall, so no income has been received.

b. To consider reopening the Village Hall.

The Clerk informed Councillors that there was a group who wanted to book the Hall once a fortnight. Regular bookings would be important evidence of use of the Hall when the funding application was submitted to the Suez Trust for the refurbishment. Councillors unanimously agreed that the Hall should be reopened with all necessary Covid-19 precautions in place.

ACTION: Clerk.

c. To consider any Covid-19 precautions necessary to enable the Village Hall to be reopened.

Councillors reviewed the Draft Covid-19 Risk Assessment for the Hall and approved it.

ACTION: Clerk to put agreed actions into place.

8. Governance.

a. To note the revised NJC salary scales for 2020/2021.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the Clerk should be paid the revised rate, backdated to April 2020.

9. Finance

a. To receive the Clerk's Financial Report

Councillors noted this.



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

SEPTEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

PERIOD 1/7/2020 to 1/9/2020

CHEQUES SIGNED SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21/7/2020

Janet Gobey	Refund of one year's Zoom subscription	£143.88	LGA 1972, s.111
SALC	Annual subscription. April 2019-March 2020.	£139.67	Local Government Act 1972 s143
Chapple Signs	Covid-19 sign for play area.	£39.00	Local Govt Act 1972 Sched 14 para 27; Public Health Acts: Amendment Act 1890 s 44
Suffolk County Council	Annual street lighting costs 2019/2020	£420.60	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 Highways Act 1980 s 301

PAYMENTS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT PERIOD 1/7/2020 to 1/9/2020

22/7/2020	EON Village Hall electricity	£10.31	LGA 1972, s.133
24/8/2020	EON Village Hall electricity	£16.94	LGA 1972, s.133

SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING - PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Clarke and Simpson	Annual rent for Glebeland	£200.00	LGA 1972, s.111
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BANK BALANCES (at end of August 2020)

Treasurers Account

Payments - £1959.28

1/9/2020 - £7658.47

Plus uncashed cheques of £833.15.

Deposit Account

13/5/2020 - £2,935.33 (no new statement received)

GENERAL RESERVE

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

18/19 Annual Precept 50% = £2956.

One month's average running costs (18/19) = £600.

TOTAL - £3556

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 - **£2000**

Councillors noted the report and approved the payments.

c. To note the Budget Report.

Councillors noted this.

10. Correspondence

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence:

By email 14/08/2020. East Anglia THREE Limited - application for a non-material change to its planning consent to amend the parameters of its offshore substations (OSSs) and wind turbines (WTGs).

By email 11/09/2020. Regulation 16 Adoption Letter for the Sustainability Appraisal Post-Adoption statement for the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
Councillors noted these items.

11. To note the date of the next meeting and any items for the Agenda.
Date of next Meeting - 17th November 2020. No items were put forward for the Agenda.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.42 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wally Binder', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Wally Binder
Chairman – Little Blakenham Parish Council
Date: 18th November 2020

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