

# LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of Little Blakenham Parish Council on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021 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

Two members of the public were present.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr. Palmer presented apologies due to work commitments. Councillors unanimously agreed to accept these apologies.

2. Declarations of any pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

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

Cllrs. Wright, Binder and Latham disclosed an interest in the Duke of Marlborough Community Pub.

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

None.

c. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

N/A

3. Open Forum.

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

Cllr. Field presented his report.

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.

Councillors queried the length of time for the work being carried out at the Claydon A14 roundabout.

Cllr. Field confirmed that the roadworks were designed to tackle the long standing flooding problem on the roundabout and the approaches to it.

A resident stated that he felt that the District Council planning department took no notice of Parish Council objections to planning applications and may not even read them.

4. To approve the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and the Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Councillors unanimously approved both sets of Minutes 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

**DC/20/05644**

**Proposal:** Full Planning Application - Erection of agricultural building for storage of farm machinery and animal feed.

Address: Land Opposite Inghams Farm Nettlestead Road Little Blakenham Suffolk.

Granted.

Councillors noted this.

c. Any other planning matters to note.

None.

d. To note any update on the Valley Ridge development (formerly SnOasis).

None.

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

Replacement tree and hedge planting has been postponed until October.

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

Progress on the next phase is very slow and it is not yet certain whether construction will start this year, although the earth moving work has been done.

Replacement of electricity poles and replacement of light fittings with LED lights.  
**£2000** is set aside as an Earmarked Reserve towards these costs.  
 Contribution towards Village Hall upgrade costs - **£4500**  
**TOTAL EARMARKED RESERVES - £6500**  
**TOTAL RESERVES - £10,300**

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

**March 2021 MEETING - PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED**

Anglian Water Business	Village Hall water	£26.09	LGA 1972, s.133
MSDC	Grass cutting 2020	£437.26	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss.9 & 10.
Shades Home Maintenance	Village Hall – repair of gutters and cutting back hedges	£180.00	LGA 1972, s.133
SALC	Six month's payroll service	£27.60	LGA 1972, s.111
Information Commissioner's Office	Annual data protection registration fee	£40.00	LGA 1972, s.111

Councillors unanimously approved the making of these payments.

c. To consider a S137 donation to the Somersham Community Shop.

Councillors unanimously agreed a donation of £500.00 to be used only towards the cost of a new display chiller. ACTION: Clerk.

d. To consider a S137 donation to the Duke of Marlborough Community Pub.

After some discussion, Councillors agreed to take this forward to the May meeting.

e. To consider any other S137 donations.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the Council would make no other S137 donations in the current financial year.

**10. Correspondence**

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence:

By email 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - Babergh & Mid-Suffolk District Councils - Leisure, Sport and Physical Activity Strategy questionnaire.

By email 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - SCC 3rd Party Street Lighting Maintenance and Energy Costs 2020-2021.  
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By email 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - SALC ebulletin dated 8 February 2021.

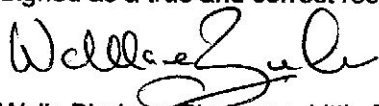
Councillors noted these items of correspondence.

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

Date of next scheduled Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021. No items were put forward for the Agenda.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.35pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting



Wally Binder – Chairman, Little Blakenham Parish Council  
 Date