

LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting of Little Blakenham Parish Council on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30 pm.

Due to Covid-19 regulations this meeting was held via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs. Wally Binder, Stephen Wright, Linda Keen.

Clerk to the Council – Janet Gobey.

County and District Councillor John Field

Five members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.31 pm.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Palmer (work related) and Cllr. Latham (personal).

Councillors unanimously approved these 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. Covid-19 has had an impact on Council budgets. The Draft Local Plan is going to government for scrutiny. CIL charges to developers are likely to go up.

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.

Members of the public raised the matter of planning applications for local solar farms- DC/20/04125 - Land South Of Church Farm, Somersham IP8 4PN And, Land East Of The Channel, IP8 4JL and DC/20/03574 - Land North, South And East Of Flowton, Suffolk. Applications for Scoping Opinions for both sites have been received.

Concerns discussed included the visual impact on local landscapes, footpaths, wildlife, traffic etc., as well as disruption to local communities during the construction phase.

Councillors listened to the views expressed and agreed that when the full planning applications for each site were received, consideration would be given to holding an Extraordinary Meeting to see what the views of residents were and, if possible, have a presentation as part of the meeting. Councillors agreed that, if possible, an Extraordinary meeting with a presentation should be organised before the closing date for comments to discuss the request for a Scoping Opinion on DC/20/03574 - Land North, South And East Of Flowton, Suffolk. **ACTION:** Clerk. Councillors agreed that extra efforts should be made to publicise any future meetings regarding these applications to residents of Little Blakenham. Members of the public from the Bramford Tye Lane and Flowton areas extended an invitation to Councillors to visit their area and see what the likely impact of the proposed sites would be.

4. To approve the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th September 2020.

Councillors unanimously approved the Draft Minutes of the 15th September 2020 Meeting.

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5. To receive the update on Action Points.
Councillors noted this.

6. Planning

a. To consider any planning applications.

DC/20/04450

Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey side extension.

Location: 3 The Common, Little Blakenham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4JX.

Councillors unanimously agreed that they had no objection to this application.

b. To note any planning determinations.

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 1no 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.
Granted.

DC/20/03170. An application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion to form 5No residential dwellings.
Granted.

Location: Elm Farm Somersham Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4NF
Granted.

DC/20/03151: Application for Listed Building Consent.

Proposal: Works to facilitate conversion of curtilage listed barn to residential use.

Location: Barn Adjacent To Elm Farmhouse Somersham Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4NF.

Granted.

DC/20/03150: Planning Application.

Proposal: Change of use and conversion of curtilage listed barn from agricultural to 1no residential dwelling.

Location: Barn Adjacent To Elm Farmhouse Somersham Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4NF

Granted.

Councillors noted these planning determinations.

c. Any other planning matters to note.

d. To note any update on SnOasis.

Councillors noted that there was no news on work starting. The site has been sold to a company called Valley Ridge.

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

There are areas along the cable route where resurveying work is taking place as some cables have not been laid at the correct depth. Replacement tree and hedge work are taking place this winter.

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

A meeting is being arranged with Suez about using the surplus heat, etc. from the Great Blakenham plant.

It is hoped that work on Stage 2 will start in 2021.

7. Village Hall

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

Councillors noted this.

b. To review the Covid-19 risk assessment for the Village Hall.

Councillors unanimously approved the revised Risk Assessment.



8. Governance

- a. To consider the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's proposals for new divisions, division boundaries and division names for Suffolk County Council. Councillors agreed that they did not wish to comment on these proposals.
- b. To note the Council's completion of the Pension Regulator's three yearly re-declaration of compliance. Councillors noted this.

9. Finance

- a. To receive the Clerk's Financial Report.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

PERIOD 1/9/2020 to 28/10/2020

CHEQUES SIGNED SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 14/9/2020

Janet Gobey	Clerk's salary(quarterly)	£553.00	LGA 1972, s.111
Nick Edrupt	Cleaner's salary (quarterly)	£90.00	LGA 1972, s.111
HMRC	Quarterly tax&NI deductions	£19.00	LGA 1972, s.111

PAYMENTS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT PERIOD 1/9/2020 to 28/10/2020

24/09/2020	EON Village Hall electricity	£15.24	LGA 1972, s.133
27/10/2020	EON Village Hall electricity	£17.64	LGA 1972, s.133

BANK BALANCES (end October 2020)

Treasurers Account

Payments - £906.03

Receipts:

£3100.00 - second payment of 2020/2021 Precept.

£40.00 - Village Hall hire.

£221.58 – refund of VAT

28/10/2020 - £10,114.02

Plus uncashed cheques of £662.00.

Deposit Account

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

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

NOVEMBER 2020 MEETING - PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Suffolk Cloud	One year's website hosting November 2020 to October 2021	£110.00	LGA 1972, s.111
SALC	Six month's payroll service	£27.60	LGA 1972, s.111
Janet Gobey	Clerk's expenses - Covid-19 precautions for Village Hall reopening Masks, hand wash, paper towels, hand sanitiser, gloves, anti bacterial spray, toilet rolls. New bin with lid (plus bags) for toilet area. New bin with lid (plus bags) for main room. Key safe for VH. New printer cartridges.	£279.05	LGA 1972, s.113. LGA 1972, s.133

Councillors unanimously approved that these payments be made.

- c. To review the Financial Reserves.

Councillors unanimously agreed the following Financial Reserves:

FINANCIAL RESERVES November 2020

GENERAL RESERVE

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

2020/2021 Annual Precept 50% = £3100.

One month's average running costs (2019/20) = £700.

TOTAL - £3800

EARMARKED RESERVES

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

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10. Correspondence

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence:

By email 27/10/2020 – Suffolk Foundation invitation to Councils to a special celebration of Suffolk's heroes.

By email 19/10/2020 - Cadno Communications – briefing on Tye Lane Solar Farm Project.

By email 23/9/2020 - MSDC Planning consultation request DC/20/04125

Councillors noted these items of correspondence.

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

The next scheduled Meeting will be held on 19th January 2021. No items were put forward for the Agenda.

The Meeting was closed at 8.39 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.



Wally Binder

Chairman, Little Blakenham Parish Council

Date: 20th January 2021

