

**LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 24th JULY 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN LITTLE BLAKENHAM
VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Wally Binder (Chairman), Stephen Wright, Steve Clarke, Barry Palmer, Mary Whurr.

County and District Councillor Field.

Janet Gobey (Clerk).

One member of the public.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.30.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

The following apologies were presented:

Sanjay Mehra – work commitments.

John Latham – work commitments.

Councillors unanimously accepted 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 presented his report. BMSDC have identified enough land for development to meet the five-year land supply requirement.

A major review of Highways performance has been announced. This will include the planning and management of roadworks.

County and District budgets continue to be under pressure.

Cllr. Welsby was not 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.

There was a question about whether the proposed 30mph speed limit on the B1113 past the greenhouses would be implemented? Cllr. Field conformed that the speed limit review of that stretch of road had decided that a 40mph limit was suitable and no further review was planned.

It was suggested that there should be a named contact for residents available from Sterling Suffolk in case of any queries or problems.

Concern was expressed about road safety at the turning into the greenhouses after the recent crash there.

There was criticism about the long running water leaks on the Somersham Road and the delay in repairing them, although they have been reported on numerous occasions.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th May 2018 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on 4th July 2018.

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

5. To receive the update on Action Points.

The Clerk said that the notice to remind dog owners to clear up after their dogs had disappeared from the fencing around the play area again. Councillors agreed that it should not be replaced. The Chairman undertook to arrange for the play area sign and the SITA plaque to be fixed to the fencing.

Other action points to be covered under Agenda items.

6. Planning

a. To consider any planning applications.

None

b. To note any planning determinations.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/18/01097

Proposal: Outline Planning Permission (All matters reserved). Erection of 1 no. dwelling. Formation of associated turning and parking area and vehicular access.

Location: Land adjacent to Arden House Leather Bottle Hill Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4NG.

REFUSED

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/18/00846

Proposal: Change of use from Agricultural to Equine Use and construction of a ménage; Erection of fencing and low level lighting.

GRANTED.

Location: Lukes Meadow Valley Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4LS

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – DC/18/01611

Proposal: Erection of single storey side/rear extension.

Location: 8 Little Box Meadow Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4LT

GRANTED

Councillors noted these determinations.

c. Any other planning matters.

Suffolk County Council (Parishes of Bramford, Little Blakenham and Great Blakenham)(B1113 Bramford Road)(30 MPH and 50 MPH Speed Limit and Revocation) Order 2012 – APPROVED.

Councillors noted this.

d. To note any update on SnOasis Reserved Matters.

The Chairman reported that there had still been no response to the SPA's email to the developer. He said that he understood that Planning were preparing to "draw a line in the sand" and issue a final deadline, He felt that all the Parish Councils and residents in the area would welcome resolution of this long running application.

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

No problems have been noted with noise, dust etc by residents. Drilling is behind schedule because the company have encountered bedrock at 5 meters.

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

The team constructing the greenhouses are three weeks ahead of schedule.

Another meeting of the liaison group will be organised.

g. To consider the Council's response to Suffolk County Council's Draft Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation.

Councillors noted the contents of the Consultation.

7. Village Hall

a. To receive an update on progress with the new lease.

There has been no response and the draft lease has not been sent. Councillors expressed their dismay and frustration about the continuing delays. ACTION: Clerk to write to the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury to ask that the matter be prioritised.

8. Finance

a. To receive the Clerk's Financial Report.

Councillors noted the Report. Cllr Palmer checked the bank statements against the Financial Report and signed it.

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

Councillors approved all payments.

c. To approve the Draft Action Plan resulting from the Internal Audit 2017/18.

Councillors approved this unanimously. After discussion, they agreed that the recommendation regarding insurance cover for street lights was not affordable and would not be followed.

d. To consider the effectiveness of the internal audit service from SALC.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the internal Audit had been thorough and wide ranging and that they felt that it had given them a detailed report.

9. GDPR

a. To consider the options for encrypted Council communications.

The Clerk said she attended a recent briefing on GDPR at SALC where it was stated that, as the vast majority of information contained in Council emails was in the public domain, emails did not to be encrypted or sent to secure email addresses. Councillors agreed that if information containing personal data needed to be sent by email, the Clerk would send it as a password protected Word document. The Clerk would contact Councillors on their mobile phones to give them the password, which would be different each time. Once the document was downloaded, it would be the responsibility of individual Councillors to ensure the contents were kept safe and could not be read by any other user of their device. ACTION: Councillors to give their mobile number to the Clerk.

b. To approve the Council's Privacy Notices.

Councillors approved these unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk to upload these on to the website and alter the Clerk's email template to refer to the Notices being on the website.

10. Correspondence

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence:

a. Letter from Somersham Parish Council regarding mud on the road and the deterioration of the road surface.

Councillors discussed this and noted that the site responsible is in the parish of Bramford. Cllr Field said that he would take it up with Highways. He also said that he believed that the site would be closed towards the end of the year.

b. The East Angle newsletter May 2018 from Scottish Power Renewables.

Councillors noted this

c. BMSDC Local Plan Consultation on an update to the Draft Statement of Community Involvement.

Councillors noted this.

11. To note the date of the next meeting (18th September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall) and any items for the Agenda.

Councillors noted this. No items were put forward for the Agenda.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting of 24th July 2018.

Wally Binder
Chairman - Little Blakenham Parish Council

Date:

