

# LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 16th November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. Binder (Chairman), Keen, Latham, Palmer and Wright.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

## 1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

All the Councillors were present, however the Parish Clerk had emailed her retirement and was not present.

Cllr Keen then took the meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Councillors unanimously agreed to send a letter of thanks to Janet Gobey for her exceptional service as Parish Clerk.

**ACTION:** Cllr Binder (Chairman) will consult with SALC about the recruitment of a replacement.

**ACTION:** Cllr Keen will include the vacancy in the next Village Newsletter.

## 2. Declarations of any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

### 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.

The District and County Councillors were 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.

Parishioners mentioned a rumour about the sale of the North field part of the greenhouses project, now that Great Blakenham has been designated as a Freeport.

A parishioner volunteered to paint the village telephone box. Cllrs accepted the kind offer.

ACTION: Cllr Binder (Chairman) to provide the paint.

A parishioner having asked the Fire Service for a map of the village hydrants had been sent 2 different ones, but had since seen the Service checking out the hydrant sites.

It was reported that the 'Shut the Gate' sign was missing from the Children's Play Area gate.

The swings haven't been inspected yet.

ACTION: Cllr Palmer to inspect the condition of the swings, with a view to painting and refurbishing them, also to include a baby's seat

It was also noted that several Village Hall windows had been damaged.

4. To approve the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

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

5. To receive the update on Action Points.

The Register of Member Interest had been updated by the Councillors.

After further discussion it was agreed to site the dog waste bin on Lady Blakenham's land, within 10 metres of the road.

The councillors unanimously agreed to formally instruct Hollins to go ahead with the tender process and also notify SITA of the instructions.

ACTION: Cllr Binder (Chairman) to write to Hollins and notify SITA.

6. Planning

a. To consider any planning applications.

DC/21/04358

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

Proposal: Reconsultation - Application for approval of Reserved Matters following approval of Outline Planning

Permission DC/20/03891 dated: 1710212021 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, and Scale in relation to the Construction of Phase 8 units 1 and 2 Class B8 Warehouse buildings including ancillary office space, production areas (Class E(g)) and car parking deck

DC/21/05820

Proposal: Application for approval of Reserved Matters following Outline Planning Permission DC/20/03891 dated: 1710212021 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the Construction of Phase 6 1 unit 6 Class B8 Warehouse building including ancillary office space, with car parking, loading/unloading areas, boundary landscaping and continuation of estate road

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

Councillors unanimously agreed they had already made their objections to these applications and they had nothing more to add.

b. To note any planning determinations.

None.

c. Any other planning matters to note.

None

d. To note any update on the Valley Ridge development.

None

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

Phase 3 has been delayed.

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

Phase 2 is in progress.

7. Village Hall

a. To note the Village Hall Usage and Financial Report

ACTION. In the absence of a Parish Clerk the Chairman will liaise with Mr Elvin about the Hall's usage.

b. To receive an update on the tender document for the refurbishment of the Hall.

See above action updates.

8(i). Village Maintenance

a. To receive an update on the site for a dog waste bin on Valley Road.

See above action updates.

b. To note any update on commissioning and installing a village sign.

BMSDC have given permission for a sign to be installed on the triangle of land between Valley Road and Somersham Road.

c- To note any update on the installation of a defibrillator.

Provided there is a still a cable to the phone box, it will be possible to reconnect the power supply, without too much cost.

ACTION: To check phone box for cable.

ACTION: Cllr Keen to view the type of and installation of Somersham's defibrillator.

#### 8.(ii) Training

a. To consider any requests for training.

ACTION: deferred.

#### 9. Finance

a. To receive the Financial Report.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### PERIOD 1/9/2021 - 1/11/2021

#### CHEQUES SIGNED SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 21/9/2021

N Edrupt	Cleaners salary July to September	£90.00	LGA 1972, s.111
J Gobey	Clerks salary July to September	£553.00	LGA 1972, s.111
BWA Plumbing Services	New water heater for Village Hall	£230.00	LGA 1972, s.133
SALC	6 months payroll service	£27.60	LGA 1972, s.111
Glasdon Uk	New dog waste bin.	£273.30	
HMRC	Quarterly tax&NI payment	£19.00	LGA 1972, s.111

#### PAYMENTS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT PERIOD 1/9/2021 - 1/11/2021

21/9/2021	EON Village Hall electricity	£16.70	LGA 1972, s.133
22/10/2021	EON Village Hall electricity	£16.57	LGA 1972, s.133

#### **BANK BALANCES (end October 2021)**

##### **Treasurers Account**

Payments - £123.27

Receipts – £3290 (£3250 second precept payment, £40.00 VH lettings).

1/10/2021 - £9,861.71

Minus uncashed cheques – £1165.30.

##### **Deposit Account**

Receipts -

30/6/2021 - £2935.86

**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**

**TOTAL RESERVES - £10,300**

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

November 2021 MEETING - PAYMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Anglian Water Wave	Village Hall water	£92.76	LGA 1972, s.133
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Councillors questioned the water charge and although they unanimously approved making this payment, it was felt it maybe so high because of the water leak last winter.

ACTION. To request an allowance for water leakage last winter

10. Correspondence

To note and consider any response to the following correspondence:

By email 10th November - NSIP and large-scale energy developments update November 2021

By email 10th November 2021 Draft Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Housing Land Supply Position Statement Consultation November 2021

By email 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Christmas & New Year waste collection schedule 2021/22 and 2022 Calendars.

Councillors noted these items.

11. To note the date of the next scheduled meeting (10 January 2022) and any items for the Agenda.

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

Chairman:..... Dated: .....