



## **LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on  
**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors:                W Binder (Chairman)  
                                     S Wright  
                                     J Latham  
                                     B Palmer  
                                     L Keen

In Attendance             J Fields – District Councillor  
                                     C Chambers – County Councillor  
                                     J Blackburn - Clerk

### **LB74/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

None had been received.

### **LB75/22/23 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **LB76/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **LB77/22/23 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

**It was AGREED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **LB78/22/23 – PUBLIC FORUM**

There were five members of the public present.

An incident was reported that a resident at Leather Bottle Hill had had an intruder snooping around their property recently, who ran off once they realised the owner was home. Therefore, the planned replacement of the street light in this location was very much welcomed by the residents.

### **LB79/22/23 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR CHRIS CHAMBERS**

Cllr Chambers' report was circulated prior to the meeting. He briefly went through the main points as follows:

- Next Round of new Special Educational Needs (SEND) places agreed by Cabinet
- Launch of 'Childhood' – short film to raise awareness of the need for Foster Carers
- Being prepared for winter matters to Suffolk County Council
- Could you help a Ukrainian Family in need?

The full report would be published on the village website.

### **LB80/22/23 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – CLLR JOHN FIELD**

Cllr Field’s report was circulated prior to the meeting. He briefly went through his report and noted the following items:

- CIFCO (the Council’s commercial property)
- New Innovate to Elevate programme launches for businesses
- Planning
- Mason’s Landfill
- Gateway 14
- Exemplar housing development for Elmswell to be considered
- Council Tax Reduction (Working Age) Scheme

The full report would be published on the village website.

### **LB81/22/23 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) **CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing to report other than what was on the Agenda.

b) **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk’s Financial Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It showed the Council’s current financial position and movements since the last meeting with the balance in the accounts on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 being £11,490.25.

c) **TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS**

The Finance Report showed the following payments to be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Pay (Nov)	£351.11
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Office Allowance/Exp (Nov)	£51.69
Great Bricett PC	Box of Paper contribution	£6.49
Clarke & Simpson	Glebe Rental	£200.00
EON	VH Electricity	£64.91
Suffolk Cloud	Website Hosting / Operation London Bridge	£150.00
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Pay (Dec)	£240.27
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk’s Office Allowance/Exp (Dec)	£26.00
Hollins Architects	Drawings for VH Refurbishment	£3,652.86
Wally Binder	Fire Extinguisher Reimbursement	£55.00

**It was AGREED:** That payments totaling £4,798.33 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

It was noted that the following receipts had been received:

MSDC	Locality Grant Funding (Village Sign)	£2,500.00
M Whitton	Hall Hire	£10.00

d) **DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24**

**It was AGREED:** That the Draft Budget for 2023/24 be approved.

e) **PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR VILLAGE HALL ARCHITECTS**

**It was AGREED:** That the invoice for £3,652.86 for the drawings for the Village Hall refurbishment be approved

**LB82/22/23 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Ref: DC/21/04711** - Planning Application - Change of use from agricultural land to solar farm and construction of a solar farm (up to 49.9MW) with associated grid connection cable - route, infrastructure and planting - Land North of Tye Lane, Bramford

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council's had no further comments to make and that their objections still stood. **Clerk to action.**

**Ref: DC/22/05307** - Full Planning Application - Construction of turning circles for emergency vehicles - Port One Logistics Park, Blackacre Hill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council's had no objections to the application. **Clerk to action.**

**Ref: DC/22/05259** - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act for DC/20/01175 for variation or removal of Condition 22 (Highway Mitigation) in order to allow Phase 5 (Units 7, 8, 9 & 10) of the Logistics Park granted under reserved matters DC/22/00661, to be completed, occupied and served by the existing access (without improvement) - Land Adjacent to The Port One Business And Logistics Park , Blackacre Hill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham

**It was AGREED:** That the Parish Council's had no comments to make. **Clerk to action.**

**LB83/22/23 – PLANNING DECISIONS**

None had been received.

**LB84/22/23 – UPDATE ON BOTTLE HILL STREET LIGHT**

Cllr Binder reported that the works had been confirmed with a timescale being given of up to 16 weeks.

**LB85/22/23 – UPDATE ON VILLAGE SIGN**

Michele Kenningale reported that she had received an anonymous donation of £300 towards the commissioning of a Village Sign. She also reported that leaflets would soon be circulated to all residents informing them of the purchase and costs involved. She had also written to the Secretary of King Charles to see if funding could be accessed.

Cllr Keen explained to members that information had been passed to the Clerk for further possible funding options. **Clerk to action.**

**LB86/22/23 – UPDATE ON PLAY AREA**

Locality funding from Cllr Chambers was hopefully soon to be received in order to purchase the replacement swing.

**LB87/22/23 – UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT / FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

Cllr Binder reported that applications had been made to Mid Suffolk’s CiL funding and also Capital Grants Funding both of which were being processed and further information was hoped to be received soon.

He reported that the fire extinguisher at the Village Hall had recently had to be replaced, which he had done.

**It was AGREED:** That Cllr Binder be reimbursed for the fire extinguisher. Clerk to action.

**LB88/22/23 – MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

No items were raised.

**LB89/22/23 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was AGREED:** That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.22pm.

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