



LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at the Church Hall on
Tuesday, 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present:

Councillors: W Binder (Chairman)
 A Brown
 J Latham
 L Keen

In Attendance County Cllr C Chambers
 District Cllr A Marriott

LB29/24/25 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Palmer and Cllr Wright and Clerk, Jennie Blackburn.

LB30/24/25 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

LB31/24/25 – TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

LB32/24/25 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21ST MAY 2024

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 21st May 2024 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

LB33/24/25 – PUBLIC FORUM

Three members of the public were present.

It was reported that the street light outside 37/38 The Beeches had been repaired that day.

Concerns had been expressed about reckless driving and speeding through the village, both Somersham Road and Valley Road, with speeds of 80mph being reached. Trial Bikes had also been observed speeding in the area. It was asked whether the village could have one of the blue Residential Area signs and the possible purchase of a Smile Face speed limit sign needed to be followed up.

County Cllr Chambers still needed to follow up the 30mph speed limit sign that was missing from The Beeches. He was thanked for getting the visibility at the bottom of Pound Lane improved.

There was to be a regular meeting of the 5 parish councils with Port One. Parishioners asked what feedback would be available and whether it would be possible to put it onto a future meeting Agenda or put the Minutes of the meeting onto the website.

LB34/24/25 - TO RECEIVE THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR CHRIS CHAMBERS

Cllr Chambers explained that little had happened due to the General Election.

He reported that a Foster East initiative had been set up appealing for more foster families.

EDF were setting up a Community Fund of £2,000 a year and Little Blakenham should be represented on the committee controlling it.

LB35/24/25 – TO RECEIVE THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR ADRIENNE MARRIOTT

Cllr Marriott briefly went through her report which would be published on the website.

LB36/24/25 – TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) CLERK'S REPORT

In the absence of the Clerk it was reported that the Play Area Inspection Report had been received. Most issues were reported to be very low or low risk apart from the stepping stones, which were a moderate risk. This would be added to the next Agenda for further discussion/action.

b) TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk reported on the Council's current financial position and movements since the last meeting. It was reported that the balance in the accounts on 9th July 2024 was £7,874.15.

c) TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND NOTE RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported the following payments be authorised:-

Jennie Blackburn	Reimbursement for Village Sign Licence	160.00
EON	Electricity for Village Hall	38.54
HMRC	PAYE to end 5th Jul	129.20
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jun)	226.13
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jun)	26.00
Birketts Solicitors	Legal Fees for Lease Extension (Glebe Land)	2400.00
Nicholas Edrupt	Cleaner's Pay (1st Qtr)	100.96
Clarke & Simpson	Glebe Land Rent for 2024/25	200.00
Wave	Water Supply for Village Hall	20.24
CFB IT Solutions	Mailbox Hosting (Jun)	6.00
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MSDC	Bin Emptying 2024/25	398.35
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Jul)	226.13
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Jul)	44.30
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Pay (Aug)	226.13
Jennie Blackburn	Clerk's Office Allowance/Exp (Aug)	26.00

It was AGREED: That payments totaling £4,233.98 be authorised and actioned by the Clerk.

d) BANK RECONCILIATION

It was AGREED: That the Bank Reconciliation be approved.

e) BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

It was AGREED: That the Budget Monitoring Report be approved.

f) **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

It was AGREED: That the Financial Regulations be adopted.

LB37/24/25 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/24/03052 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/22/06288 - Condition 30 (Parish Liaison Scheme) - Land At Blackacre Hill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham

It was AGREED: That no comments be made.

LB38/24/25 – PLANNING DECISIONS

None had been received.

LB39/24/25 – NORWICH TO TILBURY PROPOSAL FOR PYLONS – NATIONAL GRID

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council would not submit any comments in relation to the Pylons proposal.

LB40/24/25 – PEOPLE AND PLACE PLAN

Cllr Keen reported that flyers had been printed and distributed around The Beeches. They would also be distributed around the rest of the parish.

So far there had been very little interest and only one response.

It was AGREED: That a People and Place Plan would not be pursued at this time.

LB41/24/25 – UPDATE ON SPEEDING

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

LB42/24/25 - VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Cllr Binder reported that he had recently met with Max Hembry of Port One. He stated that as well as solar panels, it was planned to also install a heat exchanger for hot water.

The village hall would also be equipped with tables and chairs and Cllrs were asked to choose which they would like.

In relation to the extension of the Lease, it was agreed that Section 2 of the current lease, the list of allowable alterations, should be omitted. **Clerk to action.**

Cllr Binder had asked Maxwell Hembry about the footpath that crossed the Port One site. He confirmed that whilst its route may be altered the footpath would remain.

LB43/24/25 - MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

- The new village sign would be unveiled at 4pm on Sunday, 21st July. Cllr Latham's Suffolks would be there, the press would be in attendance and the Rector Eric Falla would bless the sign. Refreshments would be held in the village hall. All welcome.

LB44/24/25 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED: That the next meeting be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th September 2024 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm

Chairman: Dated: