

LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 and commenced at 7.15pm in the village hall. The Chairman, Mr. Arthey welcomed the following Parish Cllrs. to the meeting – R Corcoran, M Hainsworth, Mrs R Howe, Mrs F Moore, A Sturgeon and D Waldron to the meeting. Also present were District Cllr. B. Hurren (in part); and Mrs V Waples (Clerk).

A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. *A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.*

1. TRAINING SESSION ON COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR) – a short training session was conducted on the general provision of GDPR and Council and Councillor responsibilities and duties to ensure that the Council is GDPR compliant. Councillors were reminded that they had a duty to consider the information they create or receive when carrying out council business and that they should be aware of the need to arrange appropriate security to protect personal information. It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr. Hainsworth had carried out an audit of the council’s activities; had identified the risks by carrying out a risk assessment; progressed an action plan in response to risks noted and had identified the lawful basis for processing personal data. Discussion followed over what and how should data be sent and whether emails should be encrypted. It was noted that “whatsapp” was encrypted but not all Councillors were in favour of using this type of communication. It was noted that the Clerk was currently using Microsoft 365 and that data encrypted by this source would require access to Office 365 encryption. Councillors were reminded that emails containing personal data should ensure that such information is redacted. It was agreed that the Clerk would not send out an agenda via email but would send a link to the cloud drive to access the agenda and in the meantime the Clerk and Cllr. Hainsworth would discuss how best to handle information sent via email.
2. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE
 - i. There were no applicable apologies of absence.
 - ii. Apologies for absence were noted from County Cllr. Finch.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
 - i. Cllrs. Arthey and Waldron declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item Financial Matters covering membership of the Village Hall Committee and Cllr. Arthey declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9ii. There were no other declarations of interest for the agenda under discussion. There were also no declarations of gifts of hospitality received exceeding £25.
 - ii. There were no requests for dispensations for the agenda under discussion.
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 18th July 2018 were signed as true and accurate records, following an amendment to the attendance list, aif.
5. PARISH MATTERS:
 - i. to receive updates on items raised at previous meetings – speed limit on the A1141 – crossroads on Kersey / Bildeston – it was noted that County Cllr. Finch had not yet responded to requests from the Clerk for an update.
6. PUBLIC FORUM
 - i. To receive a report from Count Councillor James Finch – the report submitted from Cllr. Finch and circulated prior to the meeting was noted.
 - ii. To receive a report from District Councillor Bryn Hurren –
 - Change to ward boundaries – Lindsey will now be in another ward.
 - Investment ongoing – mainly in retail on the high street.

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- 5-year land supply for building – being challenged by some Agents. BDC confident that the 5-year land supply stands.
 - Neighbourhood Plan – Boxford are having an open day on this topic 25th September 2018 – Lindsey could undertake a Village Statement instead of a Neighbourhood Plan. Groton and Edwardstone are considering linking in with Boxford.
 - Endeavour House – all becoming geared up for the elections due to take place in 2019.
 - 2 Houses at Rose Green – look good and a positive success story for Lindsey.
- iii. To receive comments from the public present on agenda items – there were no members of the public present.
- iv. To receive comments from the public present on any other issues concerning the village – there were no members of the public present.

7. CORRESPONDENCE to receive and consider correspondence as itemised:

- i. SCC Highways – Grit bin procedure and application guidance & the removal of grit heaps – the meeting felt that the criteria or the application of the siting of grit bins was too prescriptive. It was agreed that if a Parish was not allowed to have grit heaps surely a request could be submitted asking for all the roads in the parish to be gritted as previously Suffolk County Council had indicated that items should not be placed within 1.5 metres of highway owned land. It was felt that this procedure was a total abrogation of responsibility and that Council would take its own action in sourcing bio-degradable salt solutions.
- ii. Local Government Boundary Commission: Babergh – completion of the electoral review of Babergh District Council – final recommendations have now been accepted – South Cosford will now be Aldham, Elmsett, Lindsey, Nedging-with-Naughton, Kersey, Semer, Wattisham and Whatfield
- iii. Gareth Wilson, Chief Constable – details of the changes the Constabulary is making to its local policing model and the proposed reductions in Police and Community Support Officers – Council noted the contents of the letter.
- iv. BMSDC – details of the October Parish Liaison Meetings and forthcoming meetings – it was agreed that the dates showed that the meetings were during the day and that the venues were too far from Lindsey. The Clerk was asked to send an email requesting clarity as to why they were scheduled for during the working day.
- v. BMSDC – end of Term Report news snippet in parish magazine/brochure – whilst the meeting recognised that a request for such articles to be placed in the local magazine was down to the Editor of the Village for a final decision, the Parish Council expressed unease as to whether this was appropriate given the elections to be held the following May. It was agreed that the Parish Council would request that the District Council provide a link to the District Council's website to access the term report which would then be inserted into the next village newsletter.
- vi. To consider any correspondence that may be forthcoming

8. CLERK'S REPORT

- i. To consider schedule of receipts received since the last meeting – it was noted that the second instalment of the Precept in the sum of £1,570.00 had been received since the last meeting.
- ii. To consider and approve the verified items awaiting authorization as per the schedule submitted – Council was in agreement that those items identified should be paid, aif.
A review has been carried out by the Clerk on items under insurance and it was noted that there were no amendments required to the current schedule.
- iii. To consider the Council's financial position to date and to receive the 2nd Quarter's Budget Monitoring Report – Council noted the position to date which confirmed that the year stood at 10% (£223) under budget. It was noted that the Beacon Brazier project was a nil cost to the Parish Council as donations had been received to cover the net costs of its production.
- iv. To receive an update on the production of the Beacon Brazier for the WW1 Beacons of Light Commemoration for 11th November 2018 – it was confirmed that the beacon will be ready at the end of September. Discussions followed regarding security and final positioning of the beacon.

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- v. To consider the costs involved in the moving of the Village Sign to the grassed triangle opposite the Village Hall – a quotation had been received in the sum of £330 to move the Village Sign from its current location to an agreed position on the Village Triangle. Council agreed that this price was on the high side and efforts would be made to have this reviewed.
 - vi. To consider the request from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service for a donation to assist with its running costs – the meeting agreed that such a donation would follow the Council’s previous stance that such expenditure ought to be used for the benefit of all or some of the inhabitants and as such the full budgeted sum of £50 was proposed and agreed by all.
 - vii. To consider any items that may be forthcoming – Council was made aware that it had been consulted on the application submitted against the CIL Regulation 123 Fund Bid Project for the Village Hall Electric Vehicle Charging Point. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had reconfirmed the Parish Council’s support of this project. Cllr. Arthey confirmed that the application had been approved and would be considered by Cabinet the following day and would hopefully be signed off.
9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** (note planning applications not circulated prior to meeting).
- i. To consider the following planning applications: none had been received since the last meeting. DC/18/01643 - it was noted that the Clerk had responded to the Planning Application following comments received by email requesting that the ‘equestrian yard’ is limited solely for the private use of the owners since the location is not suitable as a commercial venture.
 - ii. To note the following planning applications determined by BDC:
 - DC/18/02940 - Non-Material Amendment for application B/15/00052 - increased eaves and ridge height and minor internal alterations @ Old Rectory, The Tye, Lindsey
10. **PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS:** to receive reports on village issues from Councillors present –
- i. Superfast broadband – some of the 01787 numbers were now able to access Superfast Broadband. Fibre is now to the cabinet at the Boxford end of the village.
 - ii. The Clerk was made aware of a report of a concrete lump which was proud of the verge and close to the tarmac following the installation of a new metre connection for the Eco House. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Anglia Water on this matter and that such a letter should be copied to Highways.
 - iii. An E-copy of the Beacon of Light Brief of the event that would take place on 11th November 2018 at 1900 was circulated to those present. This would be uploaded onto the Village Facebook page and the Village Website.
 - iv. Harvest Supper at the red Rose on 13th October 2018.
 - v. Festival Status for St Peter’s – it was noted that the Synod has not yet agreed as to the status of St Peter’s being a Festival Church and as such it was still part of the Bildeston Benefice. 4 services a year would be held at St Peter’s: Easter; Petronel Service; Harvest and Christmas and would still be open for Christenings, Weddings and Funerals.
 - vi. Kersey Crossroads – the meeting was concerned that the agreed work such as trees being remove still needed to be undertaken and that although the verges have been cut 4 times a year, the trees still need to be removed to allow the flail to follow a straight line.
 - vii. Hunting - Ravens Hall – it was noted that the Hunt would be in the vicinity of Lindsey on the coming Saturday.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th November 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.

Appendix A – A Summary Report for Lindsey Parish Council Meeting on 12th September 2018

From James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley

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➤ **Suffolk students celebrate improved GCSE achievements**

Self-reported statistics from Suffolk schools, released on 23 August, show that more students in Suffolk have achieved expected levels of GCSE attainment in English and maths this year. The majority of GCSEs results are now graded from 9 to 1, (previously A to G) with 9 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. The expected standard for pupils to achieve is now a grade 4 and above (previously a C grade and above), with grade 5 considered a 'strong pass'.

More than 7,000 students in Suffolk were entered for GCSE results. According to self-reported results collated from around 80% of schools in Suffolk, 67% of students achieved a grade 4 and above in English and maths this year. The figures state 2% more students have achieved the expected standard for English and maths, compared with last year.

Some schools across the county have made significant improvements for pupils achieving the threshold for English and Math compared to last year: These include:-

- Bungay High School: 11% increase to 67%
- Claydon High School: 10% increase to 72%
- Samuel Ward Academy, Haverhill: 12% increase to 64%
- Thomas Gainsborough School, Great Conard: 9% increase to 70%
- King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds: 8% increase to 76%
- Debenham High School has again reported the highest number of students achieving a grade 4 and above in English and maths at 88%.

NB All these figures are based on self-reported data from schools and academies to Suffolk County Council. These results are subject to validation by the Department for Education later in the year.

➤ **Another year of outstanding results for Suffolk students at A Level**

Self-reported A-level figures, released on 16th August, show that Suffolk pupils have once again performed well with the number of A*-E grades awarded above the national average. Almost 3,000 pupils were entered for A-levels in Suffolk. Although yet to be verified, the figures show that 98.1% of A-levels taken in the county have been awarded an A*- E grade, compared with 97.6% nationally.

Suffolk maintains its position and continues to be above the national average. Early indications also show that Suffolk's Academic average points per entry has risen by 0.2 compared with this time last year.

Pass rates remain high across the county, with St Benedict's Catholic School in Bury St Edmunds and Sir John Leman High School in Beccles both reporting a 100% pass rate (A*- E grade achieved).

There has been a 3% increase in Suffolk students achieving the top grades of A* or A. Farlingaye High School in Woodbridge made a significant gain with 36% of its students achieving the top grades.

NB A level and Applied General figures are based on self-reported data from schools and academies to Suffolk County Council. The results are subject to validation by the Department for Education in the New Year.

➤ **Support now available for young people in Suffolk leaving residential care**

Thursday 9th August saw the launch of the 'Staying Close' pilot scheme. Young people leaving residential care in Suffolk will now be able to stay closer to their children's home under this new government trial.

The scheme will ensure young people from the age of 15 start thinking about their future and planning for independent living with the assistance and support of residential care workers and those they have established relationships with.

Often this detailed planning doesn't happen until a young person is close to the time they need to move on from the home, which sometimes leads to unnecessary distress and anxiety about the future. Resources are now focused on early intervention of move-on support to reduce this anxiety. The pilot also offers young people the opportunity of keeping in touch with residential care workers and their children's home for emotional and practical support.

Funding for the three-year pilot scheme was awarded by the Department for Education following a highly competitive national bidding process. **Suffolk County Council invited The Ryes Children's Home in Sudbury to join them in piloting the scheme to test how this move on care can be achieved for children who want to remain living close to their home.**

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For more details <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/children-in-care-and-care-leavers/early-intervention-and-prevention-for-children-living-in-children-homes/>.

For further specific information contact the “The Staying Close Team” – Email stayingclose@suffolk.gov.uk or Mobile 07894231586.

➤ **Suffolk’s tourist trade booming as economy hits £2bn mark**

Suffolk’s tourism trade has seen its biggest boom for a decade – with the visitor economy reaching the £2 billion mark for the first time. Interim figures released on 8 August by Visit Suffolk show that tourism grew by at least five per cent in 2017, more than double the year before.

Overnight visits and lengths of stay for tourists were also up by more than 4 per cent. Figures show visitors now spend more money on each trip to the county than ever before, with the value of the day market up more than seven per cent.

The number of jobs in the county’s tourism sector rose by 6 per cent to 42,428. **This means 13.6 % of all employment in Suffolk is in the tourism sector.**

Amanda Bond, Visit Suffolk’s brand manager, said these results would not have been achieved without the continued backing for the county-wide offer from all the district authorities, Suffolk County Council, New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and the Local Destination Marketing/Management Organisations (DMOs).

Appendix B - Financial Report

Items received since the last meeting

Income	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
12.09.18	BDC – Precept 2	1570.00		1570.00	Bacs	
	Total Income			£1570.00		

Items to be Authorized for Payment

Expenditure	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
12.09.18	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	270.15	0.00	270.15	432	LGA 1972 s111 & s112
	HM Revenue & Customs	123.40	0.00	123.40	433	Inc & Corp Taxes
	CAS – Insurance	150.93	0.00	150.93	434	LGA 1972 s151
	Barking Forge – Parish Beacon – Balance	525.00	105.00	630.00	435	LGA 1972 s144
	Village Hall – Grant from Precept	200.00	0.00	200.00	436	Misc Prov Act 1976 s19
	St Peter's Church – Grant from Precept	200.00	0.00	200.00	437	LGA 1972 s216 (6)
				£1,574.48		

Financial Report

	Date	£
Opening Balance	18.07.18	1333.41
Add Income Received	August – September	1570.00
Less Expenditure Incurred	August – September	0.00
Less Expenditure from verified list	12.09.18	1574.48
Closing Balance	12.09.18	1328.93

Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	Statement – 29.06.18	1679.50
Less unlogged cheques	At 12.09.18	1920.57
Plus unaccredited income	At 12.09.18	1570.00
Reconciled Total		1328.93

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