

# LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and commenced at 7.30pm 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 County Cllr. J. Finch (in part); District Cllr. B. Hurren (in part); 1 member of the public 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. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- i. There were no applicable apologies of absence.

### 2. 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.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, following two spelling amendments, were signed as true and accurate records, following an amendment to the attendance list, aif.

### 4. PARISH MATTERS: to receive updates on items raised at previous meetings

- i. Speed limit on the A1141 – crossroads on Kersey / Bildeston – County Cllr. Finch reported that if he was prepared to pay for such works out of his Locality Budget then it could proceed. The Parish Council argued that this should be reviewed given the intensification of growth at Semer Farm Shop and that the road signs advising of the topography were unreadable due to dirt.
- ii. Kersey Crossroads – self-seeded trees still need to be removed to allow the flail to follow a straight line. Noted that if a planning application was submitted for a new dwelling a better splay would be required than that which is currently in existence.
- iii. Concrete lump proud of the verge and close to the tarmac following the installation of a new metre connection for the Eco House on Kersey Road – it was noted that Anglian Water had removed the ledge, but the concrete was still higher than the rest of the bank. The Clerk was asked to thank Anglia Water for the work carried out to date but request that further remedial work be undertaken to ensure that this was lower than the bank?

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM

- i. To receive a report from County Councillor James Finch – Cllr. Finch was invited to submit his report – a copy of which can be found at Appendix A – the following points were noted:
  - Children in care exceeded 900 in Suffolk now.
  - Budget consultation will be difficult.
  - He had been elected to be Vice-Chairman of the Council.
  - When asked he agreed to find out how many young carers (under the age of 18) were in Suffolk.
- ii. To receive a report from District Councillor Bryn Hurren –
  - Congratulations were offered to Bryn on his recovery following his recent operation.
  - Endeavour House – opposed the move in the 1<sup>st</sup> place – more staff in key places – planning team coming up to speed. Staff seem happier on the whole.

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- Cork Lane – 58 new dwellings, plans coming on line and there will be a briefing on this for members later with houses being built on the car park across the river. There will be no affordable housing on the site.
  - Angel Court – it is believed that the plan is to demolish what was there and build anew with affordable housing on this site.
  - Refuse collection – late pick-ups with some areas being missed out due in the main to changes in licencing laws as to the vehicles that can be driven which required a change in manpower.
  - Customer Access Point at Hadleigh Library on a Thursday afternoon.
  - Customer Access Point soon to be in Lavenham at the new Tourist Centre.
  - Goodlands Farm, Boxford – Planning Application for a further 25 houses – defeated at Planning Committee and refused by the Planning Inspector (following an appeal by the developer) on highway safety grounds.
  - Babergh 5-year land supply – appeared to be confirmed and accepted.
  - Neighbourhood Plans – Boxford have decided to go it alone and carry out their own plan.
  - Village Statement – perhaps the Parish Council might like to consider whether it was appropriate to carry out a village statement with neighbouring parishes such as Groton and Edwardstone.
  - Scrutiny Meeting – looked at staff illnesses and absences – 50% more staff off due to stress and mental health issues – looking at how to address these issues.
  - When questioned as to how much of the blue bin is recycled, it was confirmed that around 90%+ of the blue bin is recycled. Household waste – also confirmed that around 1% of the refuse scheduled for energy from waste (EFW) site is sent to landfill.
  - Glass houses on the approved site were now being built but it is noted that this is a separate enterprise and will not be using heat from the EFW site.
- iii. To receive comments from the public present on agenda items – there were no comments from the members of the public present.
- iv. To receive comments from the public present on any other issues concerning the village – discussion followed over grit heaps and how these will not be supported by Suffolk County Council. It was noted that grit bins would be supported and filled by Suffolk County Council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE to receive and consider correspondence as itemised:

- i. BMSDC – Babergh District Council opens second pop-up customer service point in Hadleigh.
- ii. Police Connect - Communities urged to secure their homes & vehicles this autumn
- iii. Acknowledgement of the donation of £200 from the Parish Council by St Peter's Lindsey PCC.
- iv. Acknowledgement of the donation of £200 from the Parish Council by the Village Hall Committee.

7. CLERK'S REPORT

- i. To consider schedule of receipts received since the last meeting – it was noted that there were no receipts to be reported as having 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.
- iii. To consider the Council's financial position to date and to receive the 3rd Quarter's Budget Monitoring Report - Council noted the position to date which confirmed that the year stood at 10% (£266) 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.  
The Clerk was asked to ascertain from an insurance point of view as to whether insurance cover could be provided on a parish council asset on someone else's land.
- iv. To consider the costs involved in the moving of the Village Sign to the grassed triangle opposite the Village Hall – it was agreed to suspend this until further information was forthcoming on this matter.
- v. To consider the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of the Budget for 2019 – 2020 – noted the draft budget showed anticipated contested election costs – need a small increase for Clerk's Salary; election costs; village expenses and training.

It was agreed that it was prudent to anticipate higher costs but discussion followed as to whether the increase was sufficient and reserves ought to be maintained at around ½ of the council's budget. Council agreed in principal that a budget of £4,111 would be set with the precept, subject to the tax base for 2019/2020. The position would be finalized at the January meeting.

- vi. To consider any items that may be forthcoming.
8. **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.
  - ii. To note the following planning applications determined by BDC:
    - DC/18/02940 - Non-Material Amendment for application B/18/01643 – Planning Permission for retention of two outbuildings. Erection of stable block following demolition of temporary buildings. Installation of associated concrete base/surfacing/hardstandings for equine field shelters. Installation of arena lighting and mirrors. Erection of 5' fence @ land at Canada Cottages, Lavenham Road, Lindsey.
9. **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:** to receive reports on village issues from Councillors present –
- i. Babergh Electoral Reform – new ward will be called South East Cosford – grouped with Aldham, Elmsett, Chelsworth, Nedging with Naughton, Semer and Whatfield.
  - ii. Bildeston Benefice – it was noted that there was no vicar in post and there is no further information on the status of Festival Churches.
  - iii. Lighting of Beacon Brazier – 100 people attended the event and the Chair was thanked for his speech. All were thanked for their efforts in having played a part in the event.
  - iv. Footpath Warden – passed onto a new volunteer – Katheryn Ross – all agreed to support this application.
  - v. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Crib Carol Service – 6.00pm in the Church.
  - vi. Village Supper at Red Rose -19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
  - vii. The meeting received the list of dates for scheduled council meetings for 2019.

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

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.

## Appendix A – A Summary Report for Lindsey Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### From James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley

- Carers celebrate top accolade with ‘Outstanding’ rating from the Care Quality Commission:  
On 19 October 2018, it was announced that the standard of care provided by Mid Suffolk Home First (MSHF), which is provided by Suffolk County Council and provides a short-term reablement service and a longer-term care service, has been rated as “Outstanding” by the Care Quality Commission.  
The reablement and care services offered by MSFH support people following a period of ill health or a significant loss in their ability to manage their day to day care needs. It was rated Outstanding for being responsive and well-led, and Good for being safe, caring and effective. The service aims to help the person reach their optimum level of independence.  
During the short-term reablement support period, which may last one or two weeks or for some people up to a maximum of six weeks, people’s progress is monitored and reviewed. The team have been able to support many people to leave the service confidently and without the need for further social care support. All the people who receive Home First reablement and care services are assessed to see if they need to be supported by another service following this short-term care. The full version of the inspection can be found on the CQC website.
- A call for family carers to share their views:  
Suffolk County Council is calling for family carers to share their experiences of support by completing a survey by 22 November 2018. All answers will be used anonymously.  
Sharing their experiences will help Suffolk County Council to:
  - understand what currently works well for family carers
  - identify any gaps in support for family carers in Suffolk.
 Carers can complete the survey online at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FamilyCarers/>  
The survey has been created by a multi-agency group that includes Family Carer representatives, Suffolk County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups, the NHS and Suffolk Family Carers.
- Suffolk County Council launches Budget consultation launches looking to save £25 million in the 2019/2020 year:  
On 8 October 2018, Suffolk County Council launched its annual budget consultation. The consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 16th November 2018. Resident are being asked to give their views on the services provided by the council as it faces the challenge of making savings of £25 million in 2019/2020.  
Like all local authorities, Suffolk County Council faces significant financial challenges in the delivery of essential frontline services to support the lives of the most vulnerable young people and older residents across the county.  
As part of its careful financial planning and management in recent years, the council has saved £260million since 2011. It has also established innovative new ways to engage with communities and deliver services in the digital age, but there are still tough calls ahead. The council want to hear residents’ views on which services are most important to them.  
A proposed budget will be presented at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 29 January 2019 and the final budget will be discussed at Full Council on Thursday 14 February 2019.  
Residents can visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/budget2019](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/budget2019) to learn more about the budget setting process and to take part in the short survey to give their views. More details are available on Suffolk County Council’s Facebook page and its Twitter account @suffolkcc.

## Appendix B - Financial Report

### Items received since the last meeting

Income	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
	Total Income			£0.00		

### Items to be Authorized for Payment

Expenditure	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
14.11.18	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	271.33	0.00	271.33	438	LGA 1972 s111 & s112
	Contractor	50.00	0.00	50.00	439	Highways Cat 1980 s43
	SARS – Donation	50.00	0.00	50.00	440	LGA 1972 S137
	ICO – renewal of registration	40.00	0.00	40.00	441	Data Protection Reg. 2018
				£411.83		

### Financial Report

	Date	£
Opening Balance	12.09.18	1328.93
Add Income Received	September - November	0.00
Less Expenditure Incurred	September - November	0.00
Less Expenditure from verified list	14.11.18	411.83
Closing Balance	14.11.18	<b>917.10</b>

### Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	Statement – 28.09.18	2629.08
Less unlogged cheques	At 14.11.18	1711.98
Plus unaccredited income	At 14.11.18	
Reconciled Total		<b>917.10</b>

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