

LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 16th January 2019 and commenced at 7.30pm in the village hall. The Chairman, Mr. Arthey welcomed the following Parish Cllrs. to the meeting – 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. Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Corcoran and Hainsworth due to personal commitments.
 - ii. The meeting agreed to accept the apologies submitted, aif.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
 - i. Cllr. Arthey declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7iv. 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 14th November 2018 were approved by all as true and accurate records and signed as such by the Chairman.
4. PARISH MATTERS: to receive updates on items raised at previous meetings
 - i. Speed limit on the A1141 – County Cllr. Finch reported that it was difficult to justify a change of speed limit in this vicinity and that County Council’s current policy guidelines stated that unless there was a significant change of circumstances and/or proven data no such change would be considered. It was noted that Semer Farm Shop had now closed the car park on the other side of the road and extended the existing one next to the shop on safety grounds. Cllr. Finch reported that he has however asked for the markings on the road near Canada Cottages to be refreshed.
 - ii. Kersey Crossroads – County Cllr. Finch confirmed that he had asked, a time back, for the self-seeded trees to be removed to allow the flail to follow a straight line and he had thought this had been actioned. He recommended that this be flagged up on the County Council Highways Reporting Tool. It was requested that the Clerk be included in any email trail that might be had between the County Cllr. And Highways on this matter.
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:
 - Noted that there was a further issue in Sudbury relating to Cross Street and that part of it had been designated an air quality management area because of the nitrogen dioxide levels.
 - CAB – residents encouraged to complete the survey prior to the closing date of 23rd January 2019.
 - Road closure website should be visited to found out which roads are to be closed within a certain timeframe.
 - ii. To receive a report from District Councillor Bryn Hurren –
 - Budget – tax rise for Babergh anticipated to be 3% with the overall estimated council tax increase for a Band D likely to be in the region of £60 - £70 per annum. Anticipated that this will be agreed as the Council was struggling in financial terms to balance books.
 - Recycling rates – difficult to increase rates above current rate of 42%. Noted that there was to be an educational drive on how to recycle to improve rates. A need to be smarter and advertise the end

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product and how the recycled waste is used was noted. Recycling through the MRF is very effective financially for the District and there is a concern as to why rates have reduced.

- Local Plan – Joint Local Plan – deadline has now been extended – possibly will be June before it is presented to members and once accepted will go out for consultation afterwards.
 - CAB – Cllr. Hurren confirmed that he was the BDC representative on Ipswich CAB and that he felt that the slashing of the County grant will impact greatly on the range of work that can be offered. Noted that some CABs are able to augment finances by carrying out private work.
 - 13th March will be last meeting for Bryn as the District Councillor for Lindsey as the election in May will be under new wards.
 - Angel Court – the planning application will be going to Development Committee the following week.
- iii. To receive comments from the public present on agenda items – there were no comments from the public present.
- iv. To receive comments from the public present on any other issues concerning the village –
- Highways – 30mph repeater sign located between Valley Cottage and Nightingales just before triangle by Red Rose has been knocked over. On Rose Green Road - 30mph sign at the start of the 30mph between Church Road and Cobb Cottage missing. Obscured 30mph repeater opposite Swallows Farm. On triangle by Nightingales road-signs deposited by Highways Operatives have been left in situ for the past 10-12 weeks – could a request be submitted for their removal as they keep blowing over.

6. CORRESPONDENCE to receive and consider correspondence as itemised:

- i. Future SALC Area Meetings – the meeting was informed that previous meetings had been held at Hadleigh Leisure Centre which at times could be rather noisy. There was a request from the Area Chairman, Adrian Osborne for suggestions of where to hold these meetings for 2019. The meeting was asked to contact the Clerk with suitable suggestions for onward submission.
- ii. SALC Election Briefing – the meeting was informed of Election briefings which had been arranged for the area with a SALC trainer together with the election officer from Babergh/Mid Suffolk DC. It was agreed that as the Clerk was one of the SALC trainers that she would provide further information when it became available.

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. A full list can be found at the end of these minutes.
- iii. To consider and receive the bank reconciliation to date –
- iv. To consider the costs involved in the moving of the Village Sign to the grassed triangle opposite the Village Hall – suspend until the next meeting.
- v. To consider and approve the Draft of the Budget for 2019 – 2020 – Council considered the budget paper before them and formally approved the budget of £4,111 to be fully funded by the Precept.
- vi. To approve and sign the completed Precept Upon Charging Authority Form as per relevant legislation – Council agreed that the sum of £4,111 should be the precept to be set and the Precept Form to be served on Babergh District Council was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by 2 signatories and the Clerk. The Clerk would send the form to the District Authority by the due date of 31st January 2019.
- vii. To consider any items that may be forthcoming – there were no items coming forth.

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: none had been received since the last meeting.

9. **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:** to receive reports on village issues from Councillors present –
- i. Village Hall Fence – all agreed that the new fence outside the Village Hall looked good and fitted in well with that outside the Church.
 - ii. Work will start on the Church Roof the following week following the theft of lead from the Church.
 - iii. Electric vehicle charging point to be installed in the Village Hall within the next couple of weeks.
 - iv. It was noted and agreed that the Chair of the Parish Council should be thanked for the time and effort he had expended on the Beacon Project.
 - v. It was proposed and agreed that prior to the end of the current term of office, there should be a team photo of the Parish Council which should include the current District and County Councillors.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 13th March 2019 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.

Appendix A – A Summary Report for Lindsey Parish Council Meeting on 14th November 2018 From James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley

- Options assessment – report for Sudbury Congestion Relief Scheme published
On 5 December 2018, the options assessment report for the Sudbury congestion Relief Scheme was published. In spring 2018, Suffolk County Council commissioned independent experts from WSP to look at options to relieve traffic congestion in and around Sudbury. Schemes considered included western or southern bypasses, changes to parking and public transport and junction improvements. The report produced by WSP clearly sets out why the most cost-effective way of relieving traffic in Sudbury is to move forward with a programme to upgrade existing road junctions in Sudbury. It is estimated that delivery of these improvements would cost in the order of £10million. Options will now be explored in more depth to enable funding to be sought for the scheme. Whilst the option of a building a bypass would provide a lot of benefits to the town, the cost at between £50m-£70m is prohibitively high resulting in a low benefit cost ratio. Even though this means a bypass is not a feasible at this time, the option of a bypass will remain in the County's Local Transport Plan and the District's local plan as an aspiration for Sudbury in the future. The county council will now work with the re-instated Sudbury Steering Group and the officer Sudbury Vision group to identify and develop junction improvements. The first step will be a workshop in January to establish a list of schemes, these will be developed, following which a forward programme will be developed over the next six months. Read the options assessment report for Sudbury Congestion Relief Scheme
- Consultation on the proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding
Suffolk County Council is carrying out a consultation to understand the equality impacts there may be as a result of proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding which the authority currently provides. At the Council's Scrutiny meeting on 22 November 2018, the committee considered details of proposed savings totalling £11.2m that will enable the council to balance its budget. Amongst these savings was the proposal to remove the funding grant that the county council gives Suffolk's CABs. Committee members recommended changing the proposal to a phased reduction – a recommendation that was later agreed by Cabinet. It is now proposed that the grant will reduce by half to £184,000 in 2019/20 before ending in 2020/21. A consultation regarding this decision started at 12 noon on Monday 17 December and will run until 5pm on Wednesday 23 January. The consultation will give residents the opportunity to say how they currently use the CAB service and how they may be impacted, specifically from an equality perspective, by any potential changes to funding. Comments made through the consultation will be used to help inform the final decision on the council budget, which is due to be made by full council on 14 February 2019. Further information and a link to the survey can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/local-citizens-advice-cab-consultation/>
Paper copies of the survey are also available at Libraries and local Citizens Advice offices.
- Sport and Physical Activity worth £270m a year to the Suffolk economy
A report published on 18 December 2018 has revealed the importance of the Sport and Physical Activity sector to the Suffolk economy. Undertaken by specialist economic development and regeneration consultancy Hatch Regeneris, the report shows that the sector contributes £270m a year to the Suffolk economy. This accounts for over 10,000 jobs or 3% of all employment in Suffolk and is almost double the proportion seen at national levels. The report shows that employment in the sector has grown at a faster rate than all other sectors in Suffolk - up 60% in the last 5 years. By contrast, employment in financial and professional services has grown by 10% over the same period.
- Care Services in Suffolk
Having attended a seminar in December, it is a frightening fact that there are now almost 900 children in care in Suffolk. Rather than just say "how dreadful" I propose to go the extra mile in my division and provide some more information for those who think they may be able to help. I will be providing the opportunity for those who want to find out more to attend a "drop in session" in Boxford or Leavenheath for a one to one discussion with a member of the SCC Specialist team. This will be aimed at local residents of Boxford, Leavenheath and the surrounding villages. The first of these are booked for St Mary's House Swan Street, Boxford on Monday 11th March or in the Committee room in Leavenheath Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath on 25th March – both in the evening between 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

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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	271.93	0.00	271.93	442	LGA 1972 s111 & s112
				£271.93		

Financial Report

	Date	£
Opening Balance	14.11.18	916.95
Add Income Received	December – January	0.00
Less Expenditure Incurred	December – January	0.00
Less Expenditure from verified list	16.01.19	271.93
Closing Balance	16.01.19	645.02

Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	Statement – 28.09.18	2629.08
Less unlogged cheques	At 14.11.18	1984.06
Plus unaccredited income	At 14.11.18	
Reconciled Total		1984.06

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