

LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 18th July 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 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. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- i. There were no applicable apologies of absence.
- ii. Apologies for absence were noted from County Cllr. Finch.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- i. Cllr. Arthey declared a local non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8ii – non-material amendment at The Old Rectory. There were no 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 Annual (Parish) Council Meeting of 9th May 2018 were signed as true and accurate records, following an amendment to the attendance list, aif.

4. PARISH MATTERS:

- i. to receive updates on items raised at previous meetings – none that are not covered elsewhere.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

- i. To receive a report from Count Councillor James Finch – noted his report and
- ii. To receive a report from District Councillor Bryn Hurren
 - Corks Lane – the building of 58 houses and apartments was now the subject of a planning application. Most of the listed building will be retained with the new builds to be demolished. The site will provide housing for BDC but not necessary local and affordable. The District are duty bound to get the best price for the site. It was as of yet undecided as to whether the Council would retain the freehold. There will be no affordable housing on the Corks Lane development. Noted that Angel Court is likely to be developed as affordable housing.
 - 5-year housing supply – this is land that is in the bank. Babergh can now demonstrate that there is a 6-year+ supply now in the pot. Comfort for Core Villages which should be able to robustly defend challenges coming forth from developers.
 - District Council have been given money to invest to run the Council – borrow at a cheap rate and invest at a good rate. Issue is that the Council should be funded properly in the first place. Investments have been done in Norfolk and Essex but none in Suffolk. £23m of the £50m has been invested to date.
 - Boxford are commencing work on a Neighbourhood Plan. Perhaps Lindsey should consider carrying out a Village Statement / Plan. Boxford's 1st Public Meeting would be on 25th September.
- iii. To receive comments from the public present on agenda items –
 - Speed Limit on A1141 – there are now young families at Canada Cottages and there is a concern that the speed limit at this point is inappropriate. It should be brought down or at least signs to say that people will be crossing. Noted that 30mph might not be achievable but 40mph could and should be requested. The Clerk was asked to provide an update to the County Cllr. and submit a request as to how he is progressing with this matter as was agreed at the Annual Parish

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Meeting in May 2018. Cllr. Sturgeon raised the point that perhaps the issue could be resolved by moving the lay-by from one side of the road to the other. Assume that as this is County Council verge and Nos 2, 3 and 4 use the lay-by to park cars there should be a request submitted to move the lay-by to the opposite side of the road outside of the houses.

- iv. To receive comments from the public present on any other issues concerning the village – there were no more comments raised.
- v. Sudbury SNT – CEO – the Parish Council were made aware that in June, Suffolk Police created nine Community Engagement officers, covering all the policing sectors across Suffolk. PC 836 Jon Garrish is one of these CEO's and covers the Sudbury and Haverhill sectors. His role is to keep the Sudbury and Haverhill communities updated with what is happening in their areas. This will include updates of crimes that have occurred, appeals for assistance with incidents such as missing persons, suspicious activity and stolen property reports. He will also be acting as a liaison point for the various community organisations and providing a way of getting information into the community. His contact email is: ceosudburyhaverhill@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

6. CORRESPONDENCE to receive and consider correspondence as itemised:

- i. BDC & MSDC Joint Housing Strategy consultation, Friday 21st September – Friday 1st November inclusive, a six-week period - <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy/> - agreement was forthcoming that this in essence seemed sensible and that the Council had no further comments to make.
- ii. BDC and MSDC - Consultation on an update to the Draft Statement of Community Involvement - (2014), between Friday 29th June and Monday 30th July 2018 – <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/adopted-documents/babergh-district-council/statement-of-community-involvement/> - agreement was forthcoming that the statements were fairly obvious to stakeholders and that engagement at the earliest opportunity should be encouraged.
- iii. BDC – Media Release – Council demonstrates over 6 years of Housing Land Supply – Council noted the press release which stated that Babergh could now demonstrate a Housing Land Supply of 6.7 years – meeting the government's requirement of 5 Years. It was agreed that the impact of this on Lindsey is and has been minimal.
- iv. To consider any correspondence that may be forthcoming

7. CLERK'S REPORT

- i. Payment of Data Protection Fees – to note that the Data Protection Act 2018 requires all organisations that process personal information to pay a Data Protection Fee (unless exempted), which will include parish councils and parish meetings. This has replaced 'Notification' under the previous legislation and councils that have previously paid a fee will be contacted by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) when this is due for renewal – Council noted the increase from £35 to £40 per annum.
- ii. To note agreement was given since the last meeting for 2 hours verge cutting around the village for £50 – those areas that most required trimming had been selected and had covered a wider area than had been anticipated. To date the contractor had not submitted his invoice for payment.
- iii. To consider whether there are further areas in the village which should be trimmed by the Parish Council's preferred contractor – it was agreed that this would be considered during the next growing season.
- iv. To consider schedule of receipts received since the last meeting – it was noted that none had been received since the last meeting.
- v. 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.
- vi. To consider the Council's financial position to date and to receive the 1st Quarter's Budget Monitoring Report – Council noted the position to date.
- vii. To receive an update on the production of the Beacon Brazier for the WW1 Beacons of Light Commemoration for 11th November 2018 – Barking Forge have asked for confirmation as to delivery date as the brazier should be ready at the end of August. It was confirmed that there will be a permanent post to hold the brazier at the Village Hall and a temporary one in the field opposite The Rose.

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- viii. To consider the costs involved in the moving of the Village Sign to the grassed triangle opposite the Village Hall – nothing further had been received on this matter and Cllr. Arthey agreed to progress this in time for the next meeting.
 - ix. SALC/NALC - Reform of Data Protection Legislation & introduction of the General Data Protection Legislation – to note works carried out for compliance with reform of the Data Protection Regulations – the Clerk confirmed that the Impact Assessment and Risk Assessment had now been completed and would be sent to Cllr. Hainsworth for review. Following this, both documents would be circulated to all for information purposes. It was agreed that prior to the next meeting (September) there would be a 15-minute training session for the whole Council as to Councillor duties under the GDPR.
 - x. To consider any items that may be forthcoming – there were no further items raised.
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. It was noted that the following planning application - DC/18/01643 – had not been received by either the Clerk or the District Councillor and that revised drawings for this application had been submitted on 11th July & 2nd July. The District Councillor agreed to liaise with the Local Planning Authority on this matter on behalf of the Parish Council and to ascertain whether an extension might be permissible. In the meantime, Councillors were asked to review the files held on the planning portal and submit initial comments to the Clerk.
 - ii. To note the following planning applications determined by BDC:
 - DC/18/10278 - Discharge of Conditions for Application B/17/00067- Conditions 3 (Fenestration) and 4 (Materials) (Re-submission of application DC/17/04660) Location: Falcon Hall, The Tye, Lindsey, Ipswich IP7 6PP
 - DC/18/02868 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/17/04868 - Condition 4 (Materials). Location: Ivydene, The Tye, Lindsey, Ipswich IP7 6PP
 - DC/18/01670 - Refusal of Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/17/04868 - Condition 4 (Materials) Location: Ivydene, The Tye, Lindsey, Ipswich IP7 6PP
 - DC/18/01936 – Non-Material Amendment sought following grant of planning application B/15/00052 - re-positioning of dwelling on site. Location: Old Rectory, The Tye, Lindsey, Ipswich IP7 6PP
9. **PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:** to receive reports on village issues from Councillors present –
- i. Cllr. Arthey made the Clerk aware of a fly-tipping incident in Hall Road – fence panels offloaded into the ditch.
 - ii. Cllr. Sturgeon made the meeting aware that a number of hedges and trees had grown considerably during past seasons and home owners need to be reminded that hedges and trees should be trimmed appropriately. It was agreed that a comment should be inserted into the Village Newsletter reminding all that it is the homeowners responsibility to keep hedgerows and trees trimmed back from the highway.
 - iii. Cllr. Moore made the meeting aware of a request from an applicant to “The Lindsey Trust” requesting a donation for assistance with an educational trip. It was advised that there was no such charitable trust in Lindsey.
 - iv. Cllr. Moore brought to the meeting’s attention a photocopy of the original gift of land on which the Village Hall now stands, and this and associated papers were handed to Cllr. Arthey for retention within the Village Hall files.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.53pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 12th September 2018 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.

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Appendix A – A Summary Report for Lindsey Parish Council Meeting on 18th July 2018

From James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ Consultation on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education services for children and young people

On 27 June, a consultation launched on proposed changes to the future commissioning of specialist education provision for children and young people. Suffolk's parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEND) are being invited to have their say. As demand for specialist education places in Suffolk continues to grow due to population growth and increasing complexity of special educational needs, Suffolk County Council must ensure there is the right provision in place to support children and young people with SEND. Currently, the county council has a lower number of specialist education places than other similar authorities. Suffolk also has a high reliance on independent special school placements, which means children and young people often have to access their education outside of Suffolk away from their families.

The six-week consultation is asking for views from the public on two main issues:

1. The key principles that will inform Suffolk's future commissioning of specialist education provision;
2. Preference for one of three options, each of which sets out a different commissioning strategy for the development of Suffolk's specialist educational provision. The options are:
 - **Option 1** – to meet all additional growth for new specialist places through the independent sector
 - **Option 2** – to meet most of the additional growth by developing new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of children with very specialist needs
 - **Option 3** – to meet the additional growth by a combination of new specialist support centres attached to existing main stream and specialist providers and new special schools, using independent placements for a small number of very specialist needs

As part of developing these proposals Suffolk County Council held workshops across Suffolk during April, May and June this year with education providers, parents and carers to develop a set of key principles and alternative options to present for consultation. The consultation closes at 5pm on 7th August. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/SENDsufficiencyeducation for more information about the consultation.

➤ Major review of highways maintenance in Suffolk launch

On 22 June, a major review launched of the way highways in Suffolk are maintained. The review will explore how Suffolk's limited highways budget can be used to best effect when maintaining the county's roads, pavements, bridges, grass verges, and other highways assets.

Areas to be reviewed include:

- Existing policy which determines how resources are deployed, known as the Suffolk Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP)
- How utility companies coordinate roadworks and are held to account for their actions
- How residents, councillors and businesses are informed about road repairs and how they can access information
- The approach to, and importance of, innovation within Suffolk Highways
- Financial control and contract management
- How the location of potholes on the road is considered alongside the width and depth, recognising the impact they can have on cyclists and motorcyclists
- ***How town and parish councils can work more closely with Suffolk Highways to make the best use of their local knowledge, skills, money and time.***

The views of local businesses, town, parish, district and borough councils and the public will be taken into account as part of the review. With immediate effect, a new Highways Improvement and Innovations Board has been established to oversee the areas that will make up the review.

➤ Bringing affordable solar power to Suffolk

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On 21 June, a call went out for homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups to register their interest in buying high quality, low-cost solar panels. The aim is to reduce electricity bills and help Suffolk become the Greenest County. ***Solar Together Suffolk*** is a pioneering bulk-buying project, supported by Suffolk County Council and local borough and district councils. It aims to bring affordable solar power to Suffolk and boost the county's renewable energy. This comes at a time when many residents are interested in exploring solar energy but would welcome a helping hand to make an informed decision and find a trustworthy installer. Similar projects have delivered a discount of 25 – 30% to homeowners on the cost of a solar panel system. Typically, domestic users can expect their investment in solar panels to be repaid within 10 years.

How does the scheme work?

- *Homeowners, schools, small businesses and community groups have until 21 August to register for free and without obligation at www.solartogethersuffolk.co.uk*
- *22 August: pre-vetted UK solar PV suppliers participate in an auction. A large bulk order means they can pass on better savings to registered users.*
- *From 10 September: registered users will receive a personalised offer from the winning supplier.*
- *19 October: deadline for registered users to make a decision.*
- *After accepting the offer, a technical survey will be arranged after which an installation date will be confirmed.*
- *Telephone and email support is available throughout the whole process and information sessions will allow registered users to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment.*

➤ **Roadworks in our area this Summer**

There are a number of roadworks, surface dressing and resurfacing projects in the area this summer. For details of these and any updates on these I recommend you look at the <https://roadworks.org/> This is a live site and also shows future planned roadworks. Zoom in or out for greater detail. Adjust the filter on the top right of the screen for 2 weeks ahead, 3 months ahead or even 12 months ahead

My Priorities

Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley - Building on Suffolk's Strength all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax

Appendix B - Financial Report

Items received since the last meeting

Income	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
	Total Income			None		

Items to be Authorized for Payment

Expenditure	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
18.07.18	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	283.29	0.00	283.29	430	LGA 1972 s111 & s112
	HM Revenue & Customs	62.80	0.00	62.80	431	Inc & Corp Taxes
	Total Expenditure			346.09		

Financial Report

	Date	£
Opening Balance	09.05.18	1679.50
Add Income Received	June - July	0.00
Less Expenditure Incurred	June - July	0.00
Less Expenditure from verified list	18.07.18	346.09
Closing Balance	18.07.18	1323.41

Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	Statement 1	992.82
Less unlogged cheques	At 18.07.2018	1239.41
Plus unaccredited income	At 18.07.2018	1570.00
Reconciled Total		1323.41

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