

BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the annual meeting of Bildeston Parish Council held on
8 June 2009 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

Councillors: R Lester (Chairman)
 A Guttridge (Vice-Chairman)
 P Cousins
 J Talbott
 R Taylor
 N Tye

Cllr J Pembroke (Suffolk County Council)
Cllr Desmond Keane (Babergh District Council)
Mr G Dodds (Orwell Housing Association)
Mrs T Brinkley (Babergh District Council)
Mr M Baker (RFO)
V J Allard (Clerk)

One member of the public was present

C17/09/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Cartwright, G Spindler and S Hiscock, and for late arrival, from Cllr J Pembroke (Suffolk County Council)

C18/09/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Guttridge declared that he was an officer of Suffolk County Council.

C19/09/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record

C20/09/19 RE-DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING, WATTISHAM ROAD

Tracey Brinkley (Babergh District Council) and Gregg Dodds (Orwell Housing Association) gave a presentation on the proposed re-development of Babergh's housing in Wattisham Road. This had last been discussed with the Council on 13 October 2008 (Minute CL 91/08/9 refers). Members at Babergh had agreed to progress the scheme in partnership with Orwell Housing Association. There was now some 'fine tuning' to be done to designs and Officers had wanted to meet the Parish Council again to keep it up to date and to ask if there were any concerns. Planning Permission would be applied for in July with approval given in September. It was expected that a start on site would be made by the end of the year with an expected completion date in the autumn of 2010. Members were assured that the site would be kept secure and tidy before and during the work.

Members had a number of questions about low cost housing and how it was allocated. Mrs Brinkley explained the new 'Choice Based Letting System' and that how having a mix of type of houses, including flats, improved the letting capability because, in the past, only family homes had been provided and now there were more requests for accommodation from single people and couples with no children. There was to be a public exhibition of the proposals in Chamberlin Hall next week.

C21/09/10 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillor Jeremy Pembroke said he had little to report this month but would attend the meeting for a little while to receive any questions that arose for his response. He was, however, interested in the Market Place (see minute C28/09/10).

C22/09/10 BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Desmond Keane reported that the final report from the Boundary Commission was not due until 14 July. There had been rumours that the whole exercise might be abandoned.

C23/09/10 POLICE REPORT

A report from the police was read out.

During the period 5 May to 31 May 2009, the following crimes had been reported within the parish:-

Criminal Damage

- Over-night on 10/11 May - wrought iron gate on the clock tower damaged
- 25 May – damage to Bank House Stores' milk delivery

Vehicle Crime

- 13 May – suspect arrested due to interference with a motor vehicle
- Between 11 & 13 May a satnav and a set of keys stolen from a vehicle in Duke Street

Violent Crime

- 24 May – a case of AHB and Common Assault reported from the King's Head – offender placed on police bail

Members were disappointed that there had been no progress on the 'Speedwatch' initiative. It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Talbott and Tye would consult with Hitcham and Great Finborough (the other parishes involved in the scheme) and write to the Chief Constable or his Deputy.

There was concern that vehicles had been gaining access to the Coronation Playground in Wattisham Road. This had been reported to the Police but there was little they could do. **AGREED** that the gate should be locked. Cllr Taylor volunteered to look into this.

C24/09/10 MATTERS ARISING/CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS METINGS

Grove Cemetery

Since Cllr Spindler was not able to be present, this matter would be carried forward.

Location of sand/grit boxes

Cllr Taylor had done some work on this but the matter would be held over for decisions at next month's meeting.

Graffiti

Since Cllr Cartwright was not able to be present, this matter would be carried forward.

Kings Pightle

Cllr Taylor had been in discussion with the King's Pightle Management Team and some contractors to carry out grass cutting on this site. Quotations had been obtained and it was **AGREED** to employ Suffolk County Council to do the work for this first year of cutting and to review the matter again next year.

C25/09/10 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appendix A

No new applications had been received this month

Planning Appendix B

Decided by Babergh District Council

Application Number: B/09/00506
Location: Martins Weft, Duke Street
Proposal: Remove 1 no. small Blue Atlas Cedar.
Decision: **Granted**

C26/09/10 FINANCE

Quarterly Report

Mr Baker presented papers relating to accounts for 2008/09 and the annual return for 2008/09 which were received and **approved**.

Payments

The following payments were authorised:

Payee/Service	£
T Scarfe Clockwinder	148.98
Clerk	423.89
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	100.00
Sudbury & District CAB	50.00
Stowmarket & District CAB	50.00
Helping Hands	50.00
Friends of Bildeston Health Centre	100.00

C27/09/10 ROAD SAFETY

Cllr Talbot reported that he had asked for speed measurement in Ipswich Road following the speed calming work. He was going to enquire about speed warning signs for the village, what were the costs and the likelihood of getting any.

With Cllr Tye's help, he had cleared the village signs from overgrown hedges etc. The sign on the Sudbury Road had deteriorated. The Clerk was asked to report this to the County Council. Also the School Warning sign near the Crown was being swung around quite frequently. The Clerk would report this to the County Council and ask for the sign to be more safely secured on its post.

C28/09/10 MARKET PLACE

Cllr Guttridge gave the report of the most recent meeting of the Market Place Working Party on Monday 1st June.

Revised plans and samples of road materials had been considered. Similar natural gravel colours were considered for the parking area and larger chippings in the roads around the outside. A number of issues are still being considered, such as the marking out of parking spaces, road markings, pavement widths, signage, direction of traffic, surface in and around the clock tower and semi-permanent bollards.

The next step would be a meeting of the working party with the designers and the engineers to address remaining design issues and this was being set up.

Councillor Pembroke had been receiving requests for copies of updated plans. It was agreed that working drafts being discussed by the Parish Council would not be circulated, but that drawings of the final scheme will be put on public display prior to any construction work starting

C29/09/10 CORRESPONDENCE

Circulars and correspondence were received and would be circulated.

C30/09/10 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Except for notice of an item for next month's agenda, there were no extra matters this month.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm