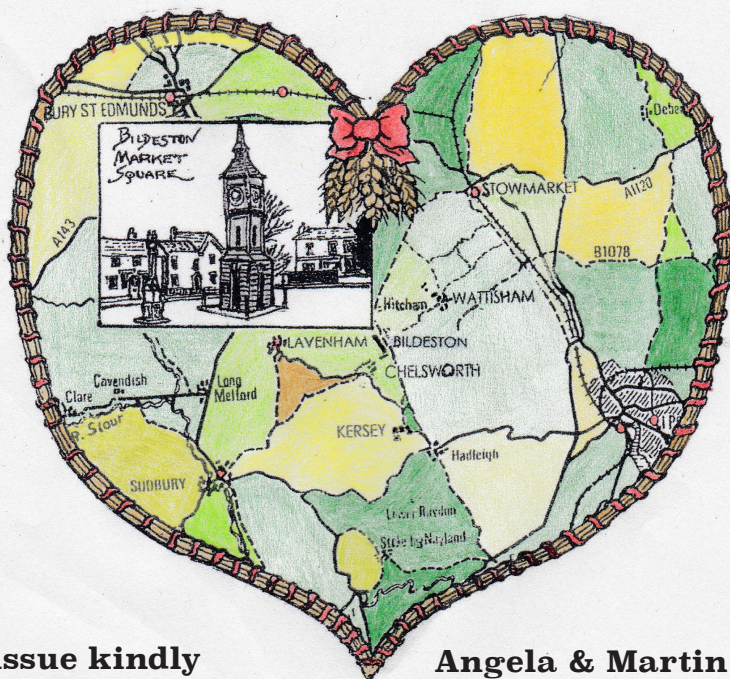


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ED'S COMMENT

A special meeting took place recently at Chamberlin Hall to introduce the Active Wellbeing team to Bildeston, explain its purpose and confirm that Bildeston is the next area for the project. Active Wellbeing is a partnership between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils to support older adults who, for a variety of reasons, are physically inactive, that is, do less than 30 minutes of some kind of activity each week. This could be due to ill-health, lack of mobility, osteoarthritis, mental issues, lack of transport or even financial worries preventing joining an activity. The team look into all those areas, identify people affected by inactivity and support a range of solutions. The Active Wellbeing team is currently working in Long Melford and Lavenham and the meeting confirmed that the next phase is a specific project based at the Bildeston Health Centre to be launched Monday 3rd June lasting for a year with the planning next meeting scheduled for this month.

Typically, activity levels steeply decline as people progress through old age and are often lower still amongst those living alone. Ageing of itself should not stop us staying as active as possible, for as long as possible. Indeed, living alone and the sense of isolation is such a sad state when Bildeston has so many activities in which villagers of all ages could participate. Given how fortunate we are in Bildeston, with the resources to support activities for all ages and abilities, it is so sad to discover that living amongst us are neighbours whose health and well being could be much better if we could just help a little to encourage and support them to join something that would improve the quality of their lives. Data shows that 27% of patients aged 50+ registered with the Bildeston Health Centre are inactive, that's around 1000 people in Bildeston and the surrounding villages.

The Active Wellbeing project aims to help improve quality of life, individuals' physical and mental wellbeing and tackle loneliness and social isolation. Many lessons have been learned from the current phase and the local project co-ordinator, Nick Pringle, who will be based for at least a day a week at Bildeston Health Centre, will support the village to establish activities to help residents stay active and healthy, support others to lead on specific activities and help resolve barriers that currently keep people inactive. Staff from Bildeston Health Centre attended the meeting and, excited by the project, already had ideas for patients to be signposted towards appropriate activities relevant to their condition when they come to the surgery. These range from health walks to gentle exercise classes, falls prevention, Fit Villages projects and even adapted sports. The plan is to help people find the right option for them, taking into account their interests, location, transport issues, any additional needs, budget and other concerns. Active Wellbeing will be working closely with Bildeston Health Centre to help identify any patients who need this support. The team want to celebrate and link to the great work already taking place within the communities of Babergh in general and Bildeston in particular, as well as support the development of any new activities local people feel are needed and would benefit from to help older people stay physically active, healthier and more socially supported if living on their own.

The most heartening fact that emerged from this first meeting was the enormous benefit that has already been achieved in the Long Melford and Lavenham area. The simple fact that joining an activity with a group and having a chat, cup of tea and biscuit was all it took to boost peoples' well being, as much if not more, in some cases, than the activity itself!

A mark of any community is the extent to which it cares for its most vulnerable, and choosing Bildeston Health Centre area for the next phase was no accident. Hopefully Bildeston will play its part in making Active Wellbeing a great success!



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Able Writers

Two of our children joined an Able Writers' Day at Chilton Community Primary School on Tuesday 26 February 2019. They worked with one of the UK's leading fiction and non-fiction writers, Robin Price. Robin has been running workshops in schools for many years. They brought back signed copies of his new book to school to share with their school friends.

Westbourne U9 Mixed Basketball Event

Bildeston sent a team to represent the school in a Basketball event held on Tuesday 26 February 2019 at Inspire Suffolk, Ipswich. Fourteen schools in total played at the event with a Bildeston pupil winning a fair play award at her first basketball event! She had no need to feel nervous!!

U9 Multi Skills Event

A team represented Bildeston at a Multi-Skills Festival on Friday 1 March 2019. The festival was held in the sports hall at Hadleigh High School, with other schools within the pyramid taking part. Our U7 will enter a team for the same later this month.

World Book Day



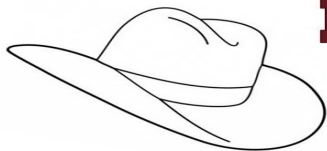
We celebrated World Book Day by holding a Reading Curiosity Café. The children all brought in their favourite book to show their class friends. Lots of parents joined us for the morning to enjoy some reading and activities with the children as well as refreshments kindly organised by our PTFA.

If you are considering Bildeston Primary as a school for your child, we would welcome a visit. Please phone the office on the number below or email us. We would love to meet you.

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Tuesday	7.15pm	Carpet Bowls (practice night & home games)
Wednesday	6.30pm	Drama Group (call Jean: 01449 741362)
Every Thursday	11.00am-12.00	Zumba Gold with Sarah
1st Thurs of Month	7.30pm	Ladies Club
Every Friday	7.00pm	Bildeston Bowls Club social & short mat
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Saturday 6th	7.30pm	Stetsons are Cool Dance and Buffet
Saturday 13th	10.30pm - 2.30pm	Indoor Market
Friday 26th	7.00pm	Bingo! Massive Money Prizes!

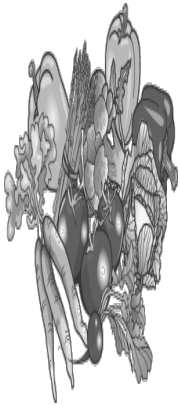
Chamberlin Hall also hosts a variety of other events throughout the year, including pantomimes, theme nights and fundraisers. To keep up to date with the latest events see our

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BILDESTON BOWLS CLUB GRAND OPEN DAY

Bildeston Bowls Club, part of Chamberlin Hall, is pleased to announce its open invitation to everyone to come along on **Sunday 14th April starting at 2.30pm**. Come and have a go at lawn bowling and, if interested, its a great chance to join our friendly bowling and social club.





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COUNTRYSIDE OBSERVER



The year is rolling along quite nicely. The dawn chorus participants are limbering up ever earlier ready for their summer concerts. I guess the birds can see their song sheets that much earlier. Squirrels (greys) not my favourite rodent due to the damage they cause eating song birds' eggs and fledglings given the chance. Reds in medieval times were dispersed right across the UK. Victorians in their wisdom imported Greys from north America in the 1870's as novelty pets. Needless to say some escaped, met up and hey presto we're overrun with them.

As a result the beautiful red which is a smaller non aggressive species

has been forced to retreat and can only be found in small parts of the UK. The Isle of wight is grey free with a strong population as is Brownsea Island, Thetford forest and parts of Wales and the border country. Red squirrels are among our best-loved woodland animals and is the UK's only native squirrel species. Once a common sight, but for decades have been in decline. Red squirrels (*Sciurus vulgaris*) live in coniferous forests and deciduous woods. Since the Victorian period, the UK population of reds has dropped from around 3.5 million to between 120,000 to 160,000 individuals (according to different estimates). The population in England is thought to be as low as 15,000. If you want to see them in the wild, prime spotting times are morning and late afternoon because that's when they're most active. Grey squirrels carry a disease, a Parapoxvirus, which does not appear to affect their health but often kills red squirrels. Grey squirrels are more likely to eat green acorns, so will decimate the food source before reds get to them. Reds favour the green acorns because they are less able to digest the polyphenols in mature acorns. When red squirrels are put under pressure they will not breed as often. Another huge factor in their decline is the loss of woodland over the last century, but road traffic and predators are all threats too. Red squirrels are recognisable by their red to russet fur, ear tufts and long, fluffy tails. But the colour of their coat can vary with some reds appearing very grey (and some grey squirrels can have red fur down their backs and on their feet). Reds have small ear tufts that develop into large tufts in winter. Red squirrels are very elusive and spend much of their time in the tree canopy. Look out for large dreys in trees, scratch marks on bark, and chewed pine cones that look like chewed apple cores. Listen out for their 'chuk chuk' noise which is a vocalisation they often use. They have a mainly vegetarian diet that includes seeds, hazelnuts and green acorns, fungus, bark, and sapwood. They especially favour pine seeds, but also eat larch and spruce seeds. Because they disperse seeds, they play a vital role in the reforestation process. Reds do not hibernate and store fungi in trees to eat over the winter months. When food is plentiful, they put on weight in the autumn to help them through the winter. This is important for breeding females, so that they are in good condition for producing young in the spring. Red squirrels usually produce 2-3 young, called kittens, in Feb to April and they often produce a second litter from May to June. Outside of the breeding season, red squirrels tend to live alone, but in early spring, watch out for their courtship displays in the trees. Babies are born 45-48 days after mating and are looked after by their mothers. Kittens are weaned around 10 weeks when they develop a complete set of teeth. Some stay with their mothers over winter. Between 20 and 50 per cent of red squirrel kittens survive to adulthood. I have studied our local woods avidly since we've been in Suffolk; sadly as yet I have not seen one Red, just the Greys. **Mike Biddulph**

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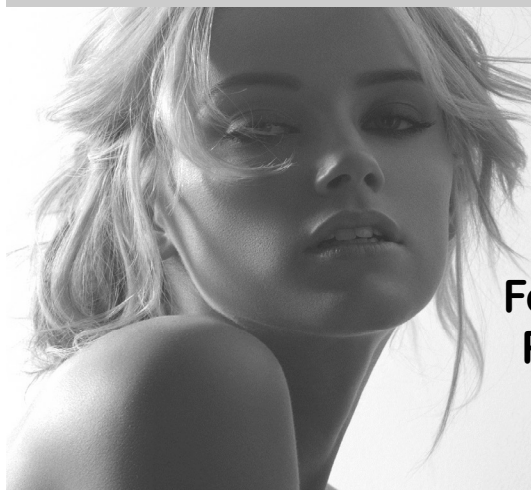
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I am writing to the Parish Council to ask that they investigate the following issue.

There have been a number of fires during the day on the meadow behind the Taylors Garage site. It appears that material is being brought to the site and burnt. The most recent fire today (19/2/19) was extensive, prolonged and caused nausea and headaches amongst those in my property who were forced to breathe the fumes in.

Not only is this activity antisocial, it is potentially very dangerous to residents and also children at Bildeston Primary School when these fires are lit during term time. We have no way of knowing what is being burnt on this site, but the fumes are not those of "garden waste".

As you will be aware there are strict laws governing the disposal of waste and I ask that the Parish Council seeks clarification from both Babergh District Council and the land owner that they have all the appropriate permissions for what could amount to the commercial disposal of waste on this site. I remind the Council that they have undertaken a similar task regarding permissions in relation to a fast food trailer operating in the village.

I have copied this to the Bugle asking that it be published to ascertain whether any other residents have suffered adverse health impacts as a result of being forced to breathe these fumes in and if so that they contact the Parish Council. Yours J Stock

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To earn a decent living in those days, it was a case of working as many hours as available, and A frequently worked a 12-hour day plus weekends if available and to supplement the family income. C became the local Avon Lady and also did seasonal field work. Bildeston then was blessed with 3 General Stores; Co-op, Bankhouse and Youngs, 2 Butchers; Co-op and Emmerson's, 2 Hairdresser's; Sylvia's and Michael's also; Lasts the Greengrocers, Blofields Jeweller's, Eades Stationery-Newspapers-Toys, Barton's Fish & Chips, Post Office, Chandler's Hardware Store, Fawley Electric's, Taylors Garage and filling station, Death & Son Undertakers and not forgetting 3 Pubs - all 3 still in existence (that must say something about the people of Bildeston)!

In 1971 our couple's family was complete when their second son was born. By this time, they had got to know a lot of people and would say "hello" and chat to people when out for a walk, this doesn't happen so often these days for various reasons, one probably being people looking down to avoid dog poo.

In 1976 A was made redundant, along with lots of other locals when Biggs Wall Civil Engineers closed their Semer branch, this in turn led to A retraining in a different type of work. About this time C enrolled at evening classes in Hadleigh to learn Typing and book keeping, which eventually led to part time followed by full time office work. It was about this time when their first colour television was purchased - great excitement! Sadly, Bildeston succumbed to a big disaster in 1975 when the Church Tower collapsed whilst undergoing renovations, fortunately nobody was hurt. A couple of years later our couple went very hi-tec by having a telephone landline installed, oh what joy! In 1979 the village was fortunate to have the luxury of a new Health Centre, previously the Drs held surgeries in Tower House where they also dispensed the medicines.

It was during the second half of the 1970's our couple became more involved with village life and A joined the original Sportsfield Committee, shortly after he joined the Dukes Hall, then Chamberlin Hall Committees. In more recent times they have both been active with various Village Clubs/Committees i.e. Parish Council, Kings Pightle, Bugle and Allotments and Drama Group. Life carried on through the 1980's with both sons leaving school and finding full time employment/apprenticeships. It was also during this period our couple moved the huge distance to another property in Manor Road, very adventurous! Even more adventurous they experienced their first aeroplane flight for their summer holiday - what excitement - well as the saying goes "life begins at 40". During the 1990's with both sons having flown the nest and married, the first grandchild arrived in 1998 with 4 more arriving by 2004. As the 21st Century progressed our couple began to look forward to retirement, which they are now enjoying, and now being Pensioners they have more time to whinge about anything and everything!!! long may they continue to enjoy "life in Bildeston".

So, if you have managed to read this little article to the end, perhaps you'll make up your minds if you think they are "locals". They think they are????

Ps: Please forgive any inaccuracies with dates/names/omission's etc.

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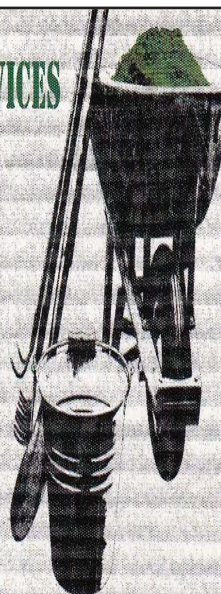
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Issue 30 (Spring 2019)

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I am pleased to say that, together with donations, sales of *BHQ* Issue 28 raised £128 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal. It was a full-colour magazine that remembered the men of Bildeston and Wattisham who lost their lives in the Great War. There are just a few a few copies remaining and if sold, I will pass on those funds too. In the present issue, 'Lest we forget' records the events in Market Place on Sunday 11 November 2018 when many people attended the Remembrance Service. It was pleasing to see that traffic was unofficially stopped on the main road while eleven o'clock was being struck by the bell in the Clock Tower.

Since *BHQ* began in 2011, the cover price has been maintained but now, it is £4. With mobility problems, I do not get out very often and so I can focus all my time on local history research, a very absorbing hobby. I do not make any profit and just about cover costs of printing and sales in local shops. I hope that you feel *BHQ* is worth the extra with lots more interesting tales to come. However, do you have a subject in Bildeston's past that you would like investigated? Do let me know.

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½ tsp almond extract
150g self raising flour may be [GF]
75g ground almonds

FOR THE STREUSEL

50g melted butter
50g light brown soft sugar
75g self raising flour may be [GF]
25g flaked almonds
200g glace cherries

FOR THE ICING

175g icing sugar
1 tbsp flaked almonds toasted



Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C gas mark grease and line the base and sides of a 900g loaf tin, allowing it to come 5cm above the top of the tin.
2. Beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. In a small jug beat the eggs with the almond extract. Add the egg mixture, flour and ground almonds to the butter and beat until smooth.
4. Turn into the tin and bake for 55 minutes.
5. Mix the butter, sugar, flour and flaked almonds for the streusel.
6. Remove the cake from the oven and sprinkle the streusel in lumps on top, then scatter over the cherries .
7. Return the cake to the oven for 15-20 more minutes until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. When cooled, remove paper lining.
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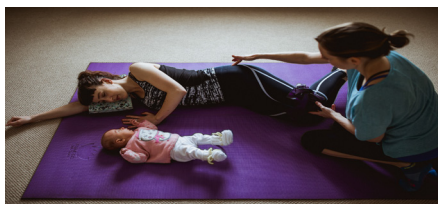
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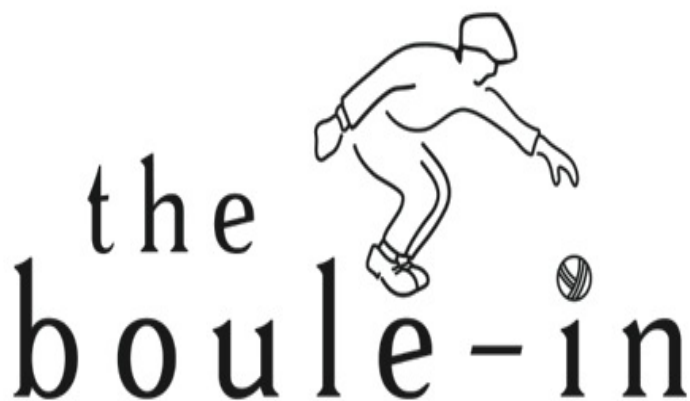
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council
held on Wednesday 13th March, 2019 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30pm



In attendance:

Councillors: A Guttridge (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
P Bullen, A Hubbard and R Lester

Also Present: District Councillor Creffield County Councillor R Lindsay
D Blackburn (Clerk)
A representative of Chamberlin Hall Management Committee

The Vice- Chairman, Councillor A Guttridge, welcomed everyone present.

C132/18/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dempsey, Hutchings and Taylor.

C133/18/19 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations of non-pecuniary interest were made:

Kings Pightle Management Committee – Councillor Hubbard & Lester
Sportsfield Management Committee – Councillor Lester.
Parochial Church Council – Councillor Lester.

C134/18/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C135/18/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Creffield reported upon the availability of high-speed broadband locally at a reasonable cost.

C136/18/19 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Lindsay reported upon the following matters:

- An update had been sought on the speed survey for Bildeston.
- The County Council had failed its Special Educational Needs inspection. Inspectors had said that not enough had been done to ensure that educational and health care professionals were working together to produce care plans for individual children.
- Confirmation had been received that the handrail for the footbridge to the Parish Church on Consent Lane would be replaced.

Councillor Lester commented upon the new traffic calming signage at Lavenham. He expressed a wish that should additional traffic calming measures be introduced in Bildeston they would be a more aesthetically pleasing design that was appropriate to the street scene. Councillor Lindsay acknowledged the point and indicated that the design used was only being used on a trial basis and might not be repeated.

C137/18/19 ANNUAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk gave an update on arrangements to hold a coordination meeting at the start of the mowing season.

It was AGREED: That a meeting be held involving Councillors Guttridge, Hubbard and Lester, the Clerk and Maintenance Operatives at Chamberlin Hall on Saturday, 30th March, 2019 at 10.00am.

The Clerk also undertook to seek to arrange an inter-group meeting to discuss parish amenities on the same morning.

C138/18/19 UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL AMENITIES

The Clerk had received and granted a request from Nicola Fenzl to hold the Bildeston Brocante on the Market Square on Saturday, 7th July, 2019.

Councillor Hubbard reported upon issues that had been experienced at the Grove cemetery with regard to the sinking of the top of a grave as insufficient top soil had been left on it. Councillor Hubbard had arranged for a gravedigger to address the issue and had also overseen the spreading of a considerable amount of top soil which had been deposited at the side of the cemetery.

C139/18/19 UPDATE ON VILLAGE AMENITIES (UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF OTHER BODIES

Mr Kevin Bailey of the Chamberlin Hall Management Committee referred to the Committee's plans to install a new cooler system in view of the problems faced the previous summer in keeping alcohol at the recommended temperature. The proposed new cellar refrigeration system would overcome this problem. Competitive quotes had been sought and the best price and solution had been offered by Haven Refrigeration Ltd.

It was AGREED: That funds be released by the Parish Council to fund the purchase of the cooler system.

Councillor Lester reported on plans to undertake maintenance works to the tennis courts which would cost £800 plus VAT. The Parish Council was asked if it could assist in paying for the works and reclaiming the VAT.

The VAT position regarding the purchase of assets and undertaking of maintenance in the parish was discussed and the Clerk indicated that he would seek further advice so that the Parish Council reclaimed VAT correctly.

C140/18/19 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on forthcoming meetings and referred to the draft agenda which had been circulated for the Annual Parish meeting.

It was AGREED: That the Annual Parish meeting and the next Parish Council meeting be held on Wednesday, 24th April, 2019 from 7.00pm.

C141/18/19 INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Council received the Clerk's report on internal control, governance, administrative and risk management arrangements.

It was AGREED:

- a. That the Suffolk Association of Local Councils be appointed for the purposes of conducting the internal audit of the 2018/19 accounts and internal control arrangements;
- b. That the Council confirms that it has conducted a review of its internal control arrangements as per the report circulated prior to the meeting;
- c. That the updated version of Standing Orders be approved;
- d. That Financial Regulations be approved;
- e. That the General Risk Assessment be approved and adopted subject to the inclusion of a risk relating to Community Infrastructure Levy in respect of the availability of funds being timebound; and
- f. That the fees and charges in respect of the Cemetery remain unchanged for 2019/20.

C142/18/19 AUTHORISATIONS OF PAYMENTS

It was AGREED: That the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount (inc.VAT)
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£166.49
David Blackburn	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£18.00
Adrian Chinnery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£127.72
Ashley Hubbard	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£21.90
Suffolk County Council	Street Lighting	Street Lighting	£2,332.26
Chamberlin Hall	Hall Hire	Administrative & Legal	£480.00
Haven Refrigeration Ltd	Cooler System (instalment 1)	Community Grants	£1,400.00

(Note: All items to be paid for from the General Fund with the exception of the final item which shall be funded from the Margaret Bishop Chamberlin Hall Fund and that the Clerk be authorised to arrange for the payment of the second instalment once the installation has been completed).

C143/18/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation**

There were none.

Planning Appendix B: Planning Applications Decisions by Babergh District Council

Reference	DC/19/00243
Proposal	Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey extension following removal of existing conservatory
Location	The Old Stables, 128A High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7ED
Decision of Planning Authority	Granted

C144/18/19 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no matters raised.

C145/18/19 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Members of the Parish Council discussed the arrangements in respect of the forthcoming Parish Council elections. The deadline for submission of nominations, by hand to the Elections Office at Endeavour House, was Wednesday, 3rd April, 2019 at 4.00pm. It was noted that this was an opportunity to refresh the membership of the Parish Council given that some of the existing Parish Councillors would not be standing for re-election. Councillor Bullen confirmed that he did not feel able to seek re-election in view of his personal commitments.

Councillor Hubbard referred to the lack of action taken by the District Council in respect of matters reported in connection with food trading at the Red Lion public house and vehicles being parked outside 22 Manor Road. The Clerk undertook to report the food trading issue and the parking and access issue at Manor Road.

Councillor Lester reported that local property owners were allowing the road to become overgrown leading to a narrowing of Church Lane. Councillor Hubbard asked that the matter should be reported to Suffolk County Council for action.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm

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Service every Sunday morning at 10:45

Lunch Club: at 12:30 on the first Wednesday of each month –

All are most welcome

Community Coffee Centre: Every Friday from 09:15 to 11:30am

Enjoy meeting old and new friends at these events!

‘Craft it Together’ - First Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

Bring along your craft activities and join us for an informal, relaxed evening share ideas, gain new skills or just enjoy doing your own thing

Drinks provided.

Please contact Elaine on **01449 740716 or 01449 741606** for more information

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Church Services – April 2019

7 th April Lent 5	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Semer Bildeston Whatfield Nedging
14 th April Palm Sunday	11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Bildeston Naughton
19 th April Good Friday	11.00 am	Good Friday Service	Bildeston
21 st April Easter Day	9.30 am 3.00 pm 11.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Children Orientated Service Holy Communion Family Service Family Service Holy Communion	Semer Lindsey Bildeston Whatfield Naughton Nedging
28 th April Easter 2	11.00 am	Benefice Holy Communion	Whatfield

To arrange baptisms, weddings etc. please contact the Churchwardens
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Bildeston Community Coffee Centre

Baptist Church 9:15-11:30 **Every Friday**

Lunch club

Baptist Church 12.15 for 12.30pm start.....**1st Wed every month**

Craft it Together

01449 740716/741606 for details.....**1st Monday every month**

Strollers & Striders

Baptist Church Car Park 10.00.....**Every Monday**

Baby and Toddler Group

Baptist Church 9.15 to 11.30am.....**Every Tuesday**

Church Bell Ringing Practice

St. Mary Magdalene church bell tower 8.00 to 9.15pm.....**Every Tuesday**

Mens Breakfast

Baptist Church 8.00am.....**Last Saturday every month**

B Natural AGM

King's Head 8.00pm.....**Fri 1st**

Ladies Club

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Thurs 4th**

Indoor Market

Chamberlin Hall 10.30am to 2.30pm.....**Sat 13th**

Bildeston Bowls Club

Open Day 2.30pm.....**Sun 14th**

Parish Council Meeting

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Wed 10th**

BNatural Quiz

Sports Pavilion 7.30pm.....**Sat 13th**

Bildeston Community Cycling

Market Square 6.45pm.....**Tues 30th**

Annual Parish Meeting of Electors

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Wed 24th**



Please tell us about your forthcoming events in **May**

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