

Bildeston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 8 January 2024, 19:00hrs,
at the Baptist church hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.

Present:

Cllr Alex Banks

Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt

Cllr Richard Lester – Vice- Chair

Cllr Virginia Tuck - Chairman

Clerk – Angela Chapman

County Cllr Robert Lindsay

District Councillor Deborah Saw

Joanna Hart/ Babergh DC/ Environmental Protection Officer

Clare Taylor/ TMJ Interiors

6x residents

Apologies: None

C426/23/24 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Non – pecuniary: Cllr Richard Lester – Kings Pightle Nature Reserve, St. Mary’s Church PCC & Sports Field & Pavilion. Cllr Alex Banks – Sports Field & Pavilion.

C427/23/24 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests. None.

C428/23/24 Minutes of Last Meeting held 4 December 2023, amended under C419/23/24/, then approved as a true record.

C429/23/24 Public Session to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

Adjourned 1904hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

CC Robert Lindsay

Report from Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsay can be seen on www.bildeston.org / Parish Council/ Meetings/ 2024/ Documents and in the Bugle Parish magazine.

Cllr Lindsay further advised Suffolk County Council are having to make drastic cuts to its budget for 2024/24.

Please see full report for further details.

Bus funding – possible new company interested. Chairman Tuck to submit an updated bid in by Friday. Cllr Lindsay thanked Chairman Tuck for the work carried out for the bid.

Would residents use buses? Residents in the room advised they would use the bus if they couldn’t drive, another would catch the bus to the train station. A link for local employment would be very useful, Clare Taylor/TMJ advised some people have declined jobs offered as they cannot reach Bildeston by public transport. Transport to West Suffolk College is not available from Bildeston.

DC Deborah Saw

Report from Babergh District Councillor Deborah Saw can be seen on www.bildeston.org / Parish Council/ Meetings/ 2024/ Documents and in the Bugle Parish magazine.

Please see report in the Bugle for detailed report.

Noise nuisance TMJ Interiors –

Cllr Saw introduced Joanna Hart/ BDC to the meeting. She advised Babergh Environmental Protection had visited the TMJ site before Christmas, and returned again last week. It is appreciated that this noise nuisance is stressful and aggravating, and confirmed Babergh have been monitoring the situation from the beginning.

Joanna Hart/ Babergh Environmental Protection Officer – JH realises this is a frustrating situation for residents. It is an unforeseen situation for TMJ. JH understands the installation of a new part will happen on 18th and 19th January. JH will visit the site again once installed and re-take the acoustic readings.

Clare Taylor/ TMJ – confirmed the parts should be delivered and fitted on 18th and 19th Jan. However, plan B is in hand should this installation not be successful. TMJ have a quote for a new system, which will be at a huge

financial cost. Should this be necessary to install it will take 8-10 weeks. The manufacturers of the current system have never had this problem before.

Residents: one resident offered their house to record the noise. JH/BDC advised weather conditions need to be favourable, as these do make a difference to readings. It is frequency analysis that is being looked at.

JH/ BDC advised this is not a planning issue.

Reconvened 2022hrs.

C430/23/24 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A

DC/23/05557

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of 2No front dormer windows, 2No secondary glazed frames behind ground floor front sash windows and 1No front door.

Location: 87 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7ER

No objection.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council

DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/23/03334 - Condition 3 (Details of Gates and Posts)

Location: Levells Hall, 31 Chapel Street, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EP

Babergh District Council hereby gives notice that the details submitted in pursuance to the conditions referred to above have been determined as summarised below in relation to each relevant condition together with any appropriate comments, limitations or advice.

APPROVED CONDITION(S):

3. ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFIC TIMETABLE: GATES AND POSTS

Prior to installation of all new gates and posts, details of the design and materials of the proposed gates and posts, to include drawings/photos/manufacturer's literature as appropriate, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The works shall then be carried out in accordance with the approved details, and a previously agreed timescale, and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To protect the significance of the designated heritage asset.

LPA Decision:

Details as specified by Section Plans 562/06, Gate Plans 562/07 and Cover Letter received on 09 October 2023 have been considered by this Authority's Heritage Officer and are acceptable. This condition has been satisfied subject to implementation in accordance with the wording of the above condition.

C431/23/24 Progress and Projects Reports

- a. **SCC – bus funding/ update** – see C429/23/24 above
- b. **Noise pollution/ TMJ Interiors** – see C429/23/24 above
- c. **Update on village amenities:**
 - Sports Field/ Pavilion – Clerk advised 2 new Trustees have been found; Clerk to organise a meeting. Chairman Alex Banks to hand over asap. Proposal approved.
 - Shed to be taken down and removed. Electricity cabinet to be purchased. Clerk to action.

C432/23/24 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports

- a) Payment for approval – Cllrs Leigh-Hunt & Lester to authorise as follows:

Payee	Description	Net of VAT
An Accounting Gem	Accountancy fees	26.25

Parish Council Websites	Website maintenance	60.00
SMS	Office 365 subs	35.01
P Barham	Environmental management	342.00
A Chapman	Salary	--
A Chapman	Admin expenses	39.00
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	97.29

- b) Scribe monthly accounting reports – Cllr Lester checked and signed off December reports.
- c) Budget sheet 2024/25 considered. Precept amount proposed at £33,000. Unanimously approved.
- d) Grant request framework and application form — amended and approved.

C433/23/24 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Cllr Leigh-Hunt advised there are toys in the Baptist church hall that belong to the Toddler group. Clerk advised this will be noted.

C425/23/24 Items for next agenda

Bus funding
Noise nuisance/ TMJ

Meeting closed 2051hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5 February 2024, at 1900hrs at the Baptist church hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.

Village website: www.bildeston.org