

Bildeston Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held Monday 4th March 2024, 19:00hrs,
at the Baptist Church hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.

Present:

Cllr Alex Banks
Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt
Cllr Ray McCann
Cllr Virginia Tuck - Chairman
Clerk – Angela Chapman
14x residents

Apologies:

County Cllr Robert Lindsay
District Councillor Deborah Saw
Cllr Richard Lester

C444/23/24 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. None.

C445/23/24 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests. Cllr Virginia Tuck on planning application DC/24/00055.

C446/23/24 Minutes of Last Meeting held 5 February 2024, approved as a true record. 8 January 2024 minutes ratified as a true record of the meeting.

Ray McCann was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Approval ratified from the February meeting. Councillors welcomed Cllr McCann back to the Council.

C447/23/24 Public Session to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

Adjourned 1905hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

TMJ Interiors – noise nuisance

Due to no representation from TMJ Interiors there was no update available.

Residents:

With 14 residents attending the meeting there was a strong strength of feeling. It was noted the problem has been ongoing for over 5 months, with no progress despite promises of a Plan B. Residents are unhappy with Babergh District Council Environmental Protection department, who do not seem to be able to push the problem to any conclusion.

The Parish Council suggested residents write to Babergh DC Environmental Protection officers asking for some firm solutions and deadlines.

The noise is now worse than ever, affecting many across the village. The noise was reportedly heard in Chelsworth. A resident reported he had lost the sale of his house in the village because of the noise intrusion. With the warmer weather on the way, windows and doors will be open and residents will want to enjoy their outdoor space, it is important that a solution is found. To this end, the Parish Council agreed to write to TMJ asking for a definite action plan on the noise intrusion at the April meeting, copying in BDC Environmental Protection officers, and District Councillor Deborah Saw.

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.

DC Deborah Saw

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Reconvened 1958hrs.

C448/23/24 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A - Items for comment

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/24/00403

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Proposed Installation of 7no Solar Panels on outbuilding

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

Comments: The Parish Council have considered the application.

The Parish Council feel the solar panels should not be visible to the street to enable the character of the village and the conservation area to be preserved.

Preference would be for the solar panels to be out of sight from the street, as at street level they would alter the character of this listed property.

As these panels are away from the street and will not be able to be seen from the public highway the Parish Council have no objection.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/00399

Proposal: Householder Application - Proposed Installation of 7no Solar Panels on outbuilding

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

Comments: The Parish Council have considered the application.

The Parish Council feel the solar panels should not be visible to the street to enable the character of the village and the conservation area to be preserved.

Preference would be for the solar panels to be out of sight from the street, as at street level they would alter the character of this listed property.

As these panels are away from the street and will not be able to be seen from the public highway the Parish Council have no objection.

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/24/00592

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Construction of solar panels on street facing roof.

Location: Dukes Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EW

Comments: The Parish Council have considered the application.

The Parish Council feel the solar panels should not be visible to the street to enable the character of the village and the conservation area to be preserved.

Preference would be for the solar panels to be out of sight from the street, as at street level they would alter the character of this listed property as current listed building regulations.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/00591

Proposal: Householder Application - Construction of solar panels on street facing roof.

Location: Dukes Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EW

Comments: The Parish Council have considered the application.

The Parish Council feel the solar panels should not be visible to the street to enable the character of the village and the conservation area to be preserved.

Preference would be for the solar panels to be out of sight from the street, as at street level they would alter the character of this listed property as current listed building regulations.

The Parish Council strongly objects to this planning application.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/24/00712

Proposal: Householder Application - Installation of 10no. solar panels to be situated on the west facing roof slope of garage.

Location: Low Barn, Church Road, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EE

Comments: The Parish Council have considered the application.

The Parish Council feel the solar panels should not be visible to the street to enable the character of the village and the conservation area to be preserved.

Preference would be for the solar panels to be out of sight from the street, as at street level they would alter the character of this property.

As these panels are away from the street and will not be able to be seen from the public highway the Parish Council have no objection.

DC/24/00055

Householder Application - Construction of 14no. solar panels to roof.

Hill Top Barn Church Road Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EE

Comments: The Parish Council have considered this planning application. As the solar panels will be out of public sight, there is no objection.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council

DC/23/05557

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.

87 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7ER.

Granted.

C449/23/24 Progress and Projects Reports

- a. **SCC – bus funding/ update** – Cllr Virginia Tuck reported she had attended a further 2 meetings with Monks Eleigh PC to discuss a bid for a digibus service which would serve several villages. Further update at the next meeting.
- b. **Noise pollution/ TMJ Interiors** – see C447/23/24 above.
- c. **Ratify EV charges** – permission for chargers in Chamberlin Hall car park ratified from February meeting.
- d. **Update on village amenities:**
 Play area at Chamberlin Close has been cleared up after the anti-social behaviour incident.
 Sports Pavilion – shutter locks changed and meter cabinet installed.

C450/23/24 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports

- a) Payment for approval – payments list approved and signed by Cllr Ray McCann. Payments to be authorised by Cllrs Tuck and Leigh-Hunt as follows:

Payee	Description	Net of VAT
Bildeston Baptist church	Room hire	£240.00
An Accounting Gem	Accountancy fees	£26.50
P Barham	Environmental management	£252.00
KGT Fencing	Environmental management	£236.00
SMS	Office 365 subs	£44.60
BWP Creative Ltd	Website maintenance	£60.00
Haward Horological	Clock servicing – Clock Tower	£350.00
C Clarke	Grant - village event	£50.00
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£29.60
A Chapman	Clerk’s expenses	£39.00
A Chapman	Salary	--

- b) Scribe monthly accounting reports – Cllr McCann checked and signed off February reports.
- c) Internal Control Statement financial year 2024-25 – approved and signed
- d) Trevor Brown appointed as internal auditor for financial year 2025-25
- e) external auditor noted as PDK Littlejohn
- f) adopt amended Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (procurement) - approved.
- g) date for Annual Parish Meeting, Mon 15 April 2024, at Sports Pavilion ratified from February

- meeting. Cllr McCann gave apologies.
- h) Clock Tower quote for auto-winding – discussed and decided the cost was prohibitive.
 - i) Donation request for Easter event – approved as a village event. Add to payments list.

C451/23/24 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Water leak on Wattisham Rd – Clerk to contact Orwell Housing

Cemetery – complaint about grave decorations. Clerk to obtain draft sign. Put on April agenda

Water main replacement pipe – when works carried out consider parking at either end of village. Email Anglian

Water re pedestrian access during works.

C452/23/24 Items for next agenda

Noise nuisance/ TMJ

Water main pipe replacement – parking & pedestrian access

Grove cemetery

Sports Field & Pavilion

Meeting closed 2045hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 April 2024, at 1900hrs at the Sports Pavilion, Consent Lane, Bildeston.

Village website: www.bildeston.org