

Bildeston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 2nd September 2024, 19:30hrs,
at the Chamberlin Hall, Chamberlin Close, Bildeston.

Present:	
Cllr Virginia Tuck - Chairman	County Cllr Robert Lindsay – left 1950hrs
Cllr Alex Banks	District Cllr Deborah Saw
Cllr Ray McCann	Clerk – Angela Chapman
Cllr Richard Lester	
	2x representatives Chamberlin Hall Management Committee
	3x residents
Apologies: None.	

C502/24/25 Chairman’s Welcome & Apologies

Chairman Tuck welcomed all to the meeting.

Co-option of Robin Sidgwick onto the Parish Council. The Parish Council unanimously approved co-option. Chairman Tuck welcomed Cllr Sidgwick onto the Council.

C503/24/25 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Cllr Richard Lester – Kings Pightle Nature Reserve, Bildeston Sports Field MC and St. Mary’s church PCC.

C504/24/25 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests. None.

C505/24/25 Minutes of Last Meeting held 1st and 15th July 2024. Approved as a true record of the meetings.

C506/DC/24/25 Public Session – to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

Adjourned 1935hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

CC Robert Lindsay

Full Report from Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsay can be seen on www.bildeston.org / Parish Council/ Meetings/ 2024/ Documents.

Main points –

- White lines to assist with traffic management outside Newberry Farmhouse should happen soon.
- SCC have consistently failed SEND inspections, told by inspectors ‘could do better, requires improvement’. New head of Childrens Services started in July
- Free course available for all children starting school called ‘In Our Place’
- SCC will provide new electric car hire and infrastructure over the Suffolk, at 63 community sites. Bulk of services will be provided on street parking. There will be an electric car rental service at Sudbury, Needham Market and Stowmarket.

DC Deborah Saw

Full Report from Babergh District Councillor Deborah Saw can be seen on www.bildeston.org / Parish Council/ Meetings/ 2024/ Documents.

Main points –

- Met with developer of the Ipswich Rd site, Orbit Housing, together with 2 representatives of the PC. Construction should start end of September/ early October 2024. 48 dwellings, 35 shared ownership and 13 social rent. Properties should be ready 9-12 months from the start of construction. People with a connection to the village will be eligible to apply for the social rent properties. Orbit promised to look at footpath from the site to the centre of the village, this was lobbied for by the PC at the original planning application.
- Paddocks Way – there was an age criteria when this small development was built. However, this has been removed, as with all BDC properties, as there are too many people on the waiting list for homes.

- Grants – funded £6k to Chamberlin Hall MC from Councillor Rural Prosperity Fund, Government funded. This must be match funded. Also funded a gazebo for B Natural music festival.
- Waste & recycling – there will be a weekly waste food collection, this has been instigated all over the country by central Government. There will also be a glass and cardboard collection. The aim is to have less in the black bin. To be discussed by BDC next week. See full report for further details.
- Changes to National Planning Policy – Government wants to build 1.5m houses over its term. Government sets targets to each council, Gov. wants BDC to build 763 houses a year. 4,500 permissions have been given but not built. BDC wants Gov. to make developers build them sooner. There is a 3 year time limit on starting work after permission granted. One problem is developers can't find skilled workers.
- Joint Local Plan – Part 2 is underway.
- Car parking charges to be implemented January 2025.
- Suggested PC try for a grant from Heritage Lottery Fund for the clocktower clock automation.

Resident has met with Babergh DC Environmental Officer, at the brook on the Chelsworth Rd where there is a large tree crossing the water. They confirmed Environment Agency is likely responsible. Clerk to email BDC, to find who is fully responsible.

Mobility scooters find it difficult to access the centre of the village, particularly from the end of Smock Meadow where there are barriers in place. Resident asked if they could be moved apart to allow access to mobility scooters. Clerk to enquire.

Chairman Tuck advised Claire Taylor/ TMJ is liaising with residents regarding the continuing noise nuisance. Reconvened 2009hrs.

C506/24/25 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A - Items for comment

DC/24/02939

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a detached double garage and alterations to driveway.

Location: Tankard House, Wattisham Road, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EG

Deadline 23rd July 2024. Time extension not available before Sept meeting. Meeting held 15 July, but not quorate, therefore, no comments sent.

APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREE(S) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - DC/24/03235

Proposal: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area and Protected by Tree Preservation Order WS 132/A1 - Fell 1No dead Ash tree and pollard 1No Willow tree by 3m as it obstructs the entrance. Coppice 1No Leaning Ash encroaching over neighbouring property and if it begins to lean further it may cause damage to them.

Location: Lodge Farm Bungalow, 156 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EF

Deadline: 12th August 2024. No comments.

APPLICATION FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/24/03481

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of a single storey extension, internal alterations and new fenestration.

Location: Oakwood House, 79 High Street, Bildeston, IP7 7ER

Deadline: 27th August 2024. No comments.

DC/24/03578

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement front door with decorative top glazing.

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

Deadline: 5th September 2024.

No objections.

DC/24/03631

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing rear extension.

Location: Brook Farm, 7 High Street, Bildeston, IP7 7EX

Deadline: 5th September 2024. No objections.

DC/24/03630

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing rear extension.

Location: Brook Farm, 7 High Street, Bildeston, IP7 7EX

Deadline: 5th September 2024. No objections.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council

None.

507/24/25 Projects and Progress Reports

- a. Wattisham Rd/ Chamberlin Close junction – manhole. Clerk updated the meeting on an accident where a resident fell down the manhole in July. The incident was reported to Suffolk County Council. Clerk arranged for manhole to be fenced off for safety. CC Robert Lindsay will speak with SCC Highways.
- b. Wattisham Rd. Orwell Housing driveway leak – update. Clerk reported much liaising between the PC and Orwell Housing happened over the past 2 months, with the result the leak has been located and repaired, resulting in the cessation of constant running water down Wattisham Rd. Clerk also determined who was responsible for the grass and hedge cutting, with Orwell Housing helpfully sending a marked plan of the area. Babergh DC are responsible for some of the area, and after contact with them have been out and strimmed the grass. The PC is still awaiting confirmation that this will be added to the cutting list.
- c. Update on village amenities:
 - Church Rd – opposite The Stables dwellings - is so overgrown sign are obscured. It was agreed to ask the contractor to cut this once a year.
 - Village Dog Show – good event and collaboration, not particularly well attended. Funds raised split 3 ways.

C508/24/25 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports

- a. Payments for approval – authorised by Cllrs Tuck and Lester
- b. Approval and signing Scribe monthly accounting reports – Cllr McCann checked and signed
- c. Resignation of Parish Councillor – Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt has resigned from the Parish Council for personal reasons. The Parish Council sent thanks for Cllr Leigh-Hunt for her work and support to the PC.
- d. Co-option of Parish Councillor – Robin Sidwick co-opted onto the Council – see C502/24/25 above
- e. Chamberlin Hall – lease/agreement – Council agreed there should be an agreement in place between the Parish Council who own the land and the Chamberlin Hall Management Committee to safeguard all stakeholders. Cllr McCann agreed to draw up an agreement with CHMC for presentation to the PC and the CHMC. Clerk to resource an agreement template, possibly from SALC.
Clerk to enquire if Chamberlin Close roadway is classed as an asset with insurers.
- f. Chamberlin Close – responsibilities of stakeholders. PC asked solicitors – Fisher Jones and Greenwood – to retrieve documents that Steed and Steed Solicitors would have held, as they were the solicitors at the time Chamberlin Hall was built and the roadway being laid in Chamberlin Close. Cllr Banks agreed to support the Clerk with moving this forward on the understanding the process will advance and the development of 2 new dwellings in Chamberlin Close, planning permission granted, is not to be blocked.

There are many stakeholders in the process and everyone needs to know where they stand with this. Developments and progress will be reported back to each monthly meeting.

- g. Chamberlin Close – permission requested from no. 8 Chamberlin Close for access onto Chamberlin Close roadway. This request involves the Parish Council and Chamberlin Hall Management Committee, as both are responsible for the maintenance of that particular part of the roadway. The PC and representatives from the CHMC agreed there is a monetary value to this request. The owners of the plot agreed either the developer and/ or themselves will pay the costs of any legal document/s to move forward and enable the sale of the land to be completed. This is tied up with f. above and will be resolved at the same time.
- h. Go Start request – Council approved a £500 grant.
- i. Review Grove Cemetery fees. Approved to leave the same.
- j. Play area inspector – the current inspector has retired suddenly. Clerk to source another inspector. Cllr Sidgwick to review last inspection report and implement the works.
- k. Working Group list – Finance & HR group – defer to October agenda
- l. Bench in Chamberlin Close dog park – a resident, representing the family of TL David Dempsey requested permission for a bench in memory of David be located in the dog park. The family will maintain it. Approved by the PC and CHMC.

C509/24/25 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Request to the PC for the Red Lion public house to be a Community Asset. This is not a PC matter.

C510/24/25 Items for next agenda

Working Group – Finance and HR group

Meeting closed 2130hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th October 2024, 7.30pm at Chamberlin Hall.

Village website: www.bildeston.org