

Bildeston Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 7th October 2024, 19:30hrs,
at the Chamberlin Hall, Chamberlin Close, Bildeston.

Present:	
Cllr Virginia Tuck - Chairman	County Cllr Robert Lindsay – 2019hrs
Cllr Alex Banks	District Cllr Deborah Saw – 2019hrs
Cllr Ray McCann	Clerk – Angela Chapman
Cllr Robin Sidgwick	B Natural reps – Tim Hooper & Nick English
	10x residents
Apologies: None.	

C511/24/25 Chairman’s Welcome & Apologies

Chairman Tuck welcomed all to the meeting.

C512/24/25 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. None.

C513/24/25 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests. None.

C514/24/25 Minutes of Last Meeting held 2nd September 2024. Approved as a true record of the meeting.

C515/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 be carried out on 24th October 2024.
- Waste collections – SCC have set aside £5m for new waste collections
- Finance for county – projected overspend of £1m on a spend of £70m. SEND have an overspend, there is a national shortage of social workers.
- Energy efficiency - £5m back to central Government which was not claimed
- Another energy scheme – SCC will find company for solar panels
- Devolution which would allow an elected mayor – Labour scrapped the scheme
- January 2024 - arts funding was slashed, there was an outcry. It was re-instated at £500k but funds will have to bid for.
- Parents – need to apply for school places, transport will only be provided to the nearest school, not to the chosen school.

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 –

- There are to be changes to waste and recycling, with weekly food waste collections in the future. All councils must improve recycling, to meet Government legislation. The changes to be made will be the first for 20 years. There will be additional collections which should cut black bin waste. Every household will be given a kitchen caddy and outside bin for food waste. See the Babergh DC website and bildeston.org for further details.

From April 2026 black bin collections will be every 3 weeks. The scheme should be cost neutral with funding from central Government.

- Living Well in Winter funds – applications open Friday 8th November
- Tree for life – applications open to plant a tree for a new baby, closing 10 Jan 2025.
- Devolution – Babergh DC discussing with County Council.

Residents: The noise issue at TMJ continues. The Parish Council acknowledged the email sent by residents, asking for a meeting of all stakeholders. The PC agreed support, and Cllr Ray McCann will attend the meeting, which can hopefully be held at TMJ premises.

DC Deborah Saw confirmed that TMJ are awaiting further reports from noise consultants. DC Saw further confirmed that Babergh's Environmental Protection Officer, Joanna Hart had served one enforcement notice and is trying to remedy by practical means. DC Saw will speak with JH/ Environmental and explain the situation. Legislation is difficult to enforce, however, she will ask for any other solutions. The conveyor system was previously mentioned. Residents confirmed the tonal noise had reduced.

Residents will liaise with all stakeholders and arrange a meeting with TMJ.

Cllr Ray McCann asked for confirmation of the number of people affected. There are 10 households on the residents list.

Reconvened 2019hrs.

C516/24/25 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A - Items for comment

DC/24/03831

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1 No detached single storey self-build dwelling, utilising existing vehicular access (following removal of existing structures).

Location: 130 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7ED

Comments:

This is a small plot between an existing barn conversion and the Kings Head public house beer garden.

The Parish Council consider this would be overdevelopment on a small site.

It would increase traffic movements out of the site onto the very busy High Street in Bildeston.

The works carried out to build the proposed dwelling would be very disruptive to surrounding dwellings and their residents, and create more traffic onto the High Street.

Although the PC appreciates there is a dedicated parking space within the application, any more vehicles turning in the small area would be difficult for all other residents parking their vehicles in their own spaces.

Furthermore, if the proposed dwelling was built, there would be considerable noise aggravation from the neighbouring public house beer garden which regularly has live music.

The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this planning application.

DC/24/04142 APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Proposal: Application for works to Trees in a Conservation Area (T1) Sycamore Tree reduce by 3- 4 meters 1 meter crown lift (maintenance) (T2) Lime Tree reduce height of tree (currently 9 meters) to a 6metre pollard (T3) Lime Tree reduce to a height of 7 - 8 meters, trim sides maintaining lower growth (T4) Spruce Tree remove to ground level

Location: The Coach House, Christmas Hall, Market Place, Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk

Comments: Recommend.

DC/24/02713

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of 2 bay cartlodge and store with workshop above including PV panels to roof (amended scheme to that approved under DC/22/06121)

Location: Dove House, 8 Chamberlin Close, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EZ

Comments: No objection.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council

DC/24/02939

Proposal & Location of Development:

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

Tankard House, Wattisham Road, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EG.

Grant.

DC/24/03481

Proposal & Location of Development:

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

Oakwood House, 79 High Street, Bildeston, IP7 7ER.

Grant.

DC/24/03480

Proposal & Location of Development:

Householder Application - Erection of a single storey extension, internal alterations and new fenestration.

Oakwood House, 79 High Street, Bildeston, IP7 7ER.

Grant.

517/24/25 Projects and Progress Reports

- a. B Natural. Nick English and Tim Hooper reported the music festival went well, gave thanks to the PC for their support. One medical incident was dealt with well.
The Christmas Market event organisation is well under way. This will be along the same lines as last year, between 11.00am and 4.00pm, with 1.5 hours each side for setting up and clearing down. The PC agreed with the closure of the road around the Market Place and the top of Chapel Street.
- b. Sue Andrews – historical talk – Clerk will obtain date availability from Chamberlin Hall and confirm with Sue Andrews.
- c. Footpath from Ipswich Rd development into village – Cllr Robin Sidgwick is researching a footpath route into the centre of the village. Update next meeting.
- d. Motorising the Clocktower clock – additional quote to be obtained. Update next meeting.
- e. Update on village amenities:
Grove Cemetery – the non-consecrated ground area needs to be re-marked out. Cllr Robin Sidgwick with assistance from a resident will carry this out. Clerk to give applicable plan.

C518/24/25 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. Chamberlin Hall – lease/ agreement. Cllr Ray McCann met with Chamberlin Hall Management Committee representatives who provided a draft lease agreement between themselves and the Parish Council. Draft document to be distributed to all Parish Councillors for consideration. This will include the agreed responsibilities for the road surface of Chamberlin Close.
- d. Chamberlin Close –
 - i. responsibilities of stakeholders/ solicitor's response update
Cllr Alex Banks clarified the situation. The solicitors had taken some while to respond and once prompted had offered some archived documents which the Clerk will collect from their Sudbury office. There is a Grant of Easement over the brick paved area marked brown on plan 2 (which will be attached to these minutes for future reference) which all houses in Chamberlin Close have in their title deeds. The 2 new houses will have that Grant of Easement added. Cllr Banks thanked Mr & Mrs Dodson for the documents supplied.

- ii. The brick paved area marked brown on plan 2 is owned by the Parish Council and maintenance responsibility is shared 50% by the Parish Council and 50% between all residents of Chamberlin Close.
It was confirmed the tarmac area marked yellow on plan 2 is owned by the Parish Council, and responsibility for the maintenance is split 50/50 between the Parish Council and Chamberlin Hall Management Committee.
- iii. Access request onto Chamberlin Close by Mr & Mrs Dodson.
The Parish Council agreed and approved grant permission for access onto Chamberlin Close roadway from the development, Babergh DC planning permission granted, no. DC/22/06121. Chamberlin Hall Management Committee also gave their permission for access.
Having taken advice, the access permission has a monetary value. The Parish Council proposed a £20,000 fee for permission. Mr & Mrs Dodson were in attendance at the meeting and advised they would be in contact to confirm acceptance of the fee as soon as possible, after speaking to the developer. This fee would be used by the Parish Council and Chamberlin Hall MC for the benefit of the village. It was also agreed that the developer must undertake a survey of the road condition of Chamberlin Close, which the PC must have sight of, and reinstate the road to its former condition after all works are complete.
Further, the Parish Council proposed a 40% responsibility from the development site for the roadway maintenance, the tarmac area marked yellow on plan 2, comprising of 2 new dwellings, and 3 cart lodges, one for each of the new dwellings and one for existing dwelling, no. 8 Chamberlin Close, leaving 60% responsibility for the Parish Council and Chamberlin Hall MC.
- e. Play areas – new check list and remedial work list distributed. Replacement bench needed in Chamberlin Close play area after the previous one was vandalised beyond repair. PC to purchase. Also shackles to be replaced on swings.
Coronation Park – soil to be replaced around skate/ ramp structure due to subsidence. Litter bin repaired. Cllr Robin Sidgwick & contractor to carry out work. All costings approved.
- f. Play areas annual inspection – Babergh District Council approved to carry out annual inspection on all play areas.
- g. Working Group list – reviewed. New list to be distributed.
- h. Grove Cemetery – new Exclusive Rights of Burial form. PC approved.

C519/24/25 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Speed indicators – a suitable location at the north end of the village is being sought in the 20mph area.

C520/24/25 Items for next agenda

Historical talk
Footpath from Ipswich Rd
Clock Tower clock

Meeting closed 2115hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th November 2024, 7.30pm at Chamberlin Hall.

Village website: www.bildeston.org