

Bacton Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting

held at Bacton Village Hall, on

Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Vanessa Kingsley (VK) (Chair), John Kingsley (JK), Graham MacAusland (GM), Paul Merry (PM), James Steed (JS), Gail Wigglesworth (GW), and Paul Wigglesworth (PW)

In Attendance: Suzy Lupin -Clerk, District Councillor Mellen (DCM), County Cllr Stringer (CCS) and 5 members of public.

1. Apologies for absence

- a) Verified apologies of absence were received from Cllr J Bonner.
- b) Council consented to accept the apology submitted.

2. Declaration of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

None received.

3. Minutes of previous meetings

a. The Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024 were a true record and that the Chair be authorised to sign them as such. An amendment was made to indicate that Cllr Bonner left the room when discussing planning application 7a.i and Cllr Chambers left the room at item 9g.

b. The Council resolved to agree the action log resulting from the minutes of 20th May 2024.

Impact of Action Log results:

Councillor question: (VK) If any enforcement procedures had been actioned on the complaints put forward at the meeting of the 20th May regarding excessive noise at the Turkey Hall Lane building site.

(DCM) reported that Plots 1-4 have now been completed, so the enforcement order would no longer apply here. He assures that the enforcement team have now fully engaged with Flagship regarding out of hours working, generators left on at night, and excessive noise.

(PW) had reported in the meeting of the 20th May, that the path on North Close leading to the site had been built in the wrong place. Flagship agreed that technically the path had been situated incorrectly and will look into it.

Councillor question: (VK) asked for an update on the pole that had recently been erected on Cow Green.

(CCS) informed the Council that it was a lawful construction, using wifi technology to connect water meter information to smart meters. He has asked if the pole can be sited in a better position from the point of view of the residents living directly in front of the pole, and will report back to Council.

4. District & County Councillor Reports

District Cllr Mellen (DCM) had submitted a written report which was received by the Council. You can find the full report on the Council website (<http://bacton-pc.gov.uk/>).

(DCM) highlighted that the next parliamentary general election will take place on Thursday 4th July. The next scheduled MSDC Council meeting on 27th June has been cancelled due to the pre-election period. The Annual Council meeting was held on 22nd May. The new Chair is Cllr Dr. Dan Pratt and his chosen

charity for the forthcoming year will be The Food Museum in Stowmarket. LibDem Cllr Keith Scarff was appointed as Vice Chair.

Funding to begin weekly food waste collections in Babergh and Mid Suffolk has been agreed. The service will launch in 2026 as part of a national requirement from central government. There is approximately £250k shortfall in the funding allocated from central government, which we are appealing. The plan will be for every household to receive a new 23-litre food waste bin, as well as a smaller 5-litre caddy for use in the kitchen. The food waste will be collected on a weekly basis. Residents who wish to continue with home composting of their food waste can opt out of this new arrangement. There will also be changes to the collection of recycling materials but these are still to be finalised – and there will be communications campaign ahead of any changes to make sure that residents are kept informed.

b. County Cllr Stringer (CCS) had submitted a written report which was received by the Council. You can find the full report on the Council website (<http://bacton-pc.gov.uk/>). (CCS) highlighted that in order to prepare Suffolk's Local Nature Recovery Strategy, the council has launched a public survey so residents can share their favourite nature spots and which habitats they think should be protected. Farmers, landowners and land managers are also encouraged to submit practical, achievable proposals to support nature conservation, as well as sharing how land is currently managed and any challenges faced applying for government funding schemes. The strategy will form a plan to help reverse the decline in nature across the county, and to connect and expand existing areas that are important for wildlife and the landscape.

Councillor question : (GM) Has there been a date set to resurface the road at Taylors Green.

CCS will chase for a date.

Clerk question: When will the bridge off Pulhams Lane linking the pathway to the school be repaired.

CCS stated that it was in the budget to be completely replaced and should be carried out this year.

Councillor question: (GW) When will the greenery growing over the footpath at the top of Turkey Hall Lane and Pound Hill be cut. Clerk will investigate.

5. Public Forum -

A member of the public stood to discuss their planning application. This application had been received by the Clerk too late to be added to the Agenda, therefore the Council were unable to comment. The resident was assured that their application would be discussed first at the next meeting and that an extension date to MSDC planning department would be applied for to meet the deadline to submit the Council's decision.

6. Planning :

a. To consider responses to planning application consultations as listed below and any others that come to hand prior to the meeting.

i. The Norwich to Tilbury Line: The deadline for responses to the statutory consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury NSIP has been extended to 11:59pm on Wednesday 24th July.

The Council has objected to this application.

ii. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – Call for Residential Sites Publication for Information Only.

iii. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Call for Sites 2024 for Information only.

b. To receive any updates on planning applications considered previously:

i. DC/24/01737 - 15 Buckingham Way, Bacton

Formal approval not required.

ii. DC/24/01408 - The Old Stables, Broad Road, Bacton,
Construction of 4No dormer windows. - **Granted**

iii. DC/24/01450 - Clayton Cottage Earls Green Bacton

Application for Outline Planning Permission -Erection of 1No dwelling. - **Refused**

7. Working Group Reports:

a. Events:

(GW) reported that D-Day was a great success, with over 100 residents attending.

It was noted that many new residents attended and felt warmly received. Many thanks go to the working group who gave up their time to assist Cllrs Gail and Paul Wigglesworth who worked so hard to ensure the event respectfully remembered those who gave up their lives on D-Day. The Council would also like to extend their appreciation and thanks to Stewart Whatling who powder coated and provided all the fixings for the Beacon, and to Barry Brunning and Gemma Peters at Taylor Wimpey who provided the flags, lighting, fencing and helping Cllr P Wigglesworth put up the Beacon.

(VK) informed the Council that an Appeal Organiser is needed for the Poppy Appeal. (PM) will look into sourcing a volunteer.

(VK) put forward a suggestion that residents be surveyed to assess if other events could be included in the Council's calendar.

b. Village Greens

(VK) reported that our Parish Warden had met with the PCC - they have agreed to allow the use of their mower to cut the New Cemetery and Garden of Reflection until they can be scheduled into the grass cutting contract. The Clerk will go back to the PCC to negotiate a cost towards the maintenance of the machine.

There have been some complaints on the performance of the grass cutting throughout the village. The Clerk will arrange an on site meeting with the contractors.

(VK) reported on Shop Green - Vehicles are still being parked on the small green area on the corner of Wyverstone Road and Church Road running alongside Beacon Green. After discussion it was approved to purchase two more 'No Parking' signs.

c. Recreation and Play Area

(GM) reported graffiti on the play equipment. The Parish Warden has successfully removed all traces of the vandalism. It was noted that the hedging around the play area will need cutting soon.

d. Work of Parish Warden

The resignation of the Parish Warden was noted. Although his time with the Council was short, his contributions to enhance the Village were excellent and the Council extended their appreciation and thanks for all his hard work.

e. Cemetery

Three quotes received on phase 2 of the Garden of Reflection. After discussion it was resolved to approve the quote from CHL Landscapes up to £8,500.

f. Neighbourhood Plan

(JS) reported that 225 survey responses had been received. Out of the positive reviews, the main topics were requests for a railway in the village and sport and leisure facilities. After discussion it was resolved to approve the services of architect Paul Weston up to £6,000 from the CIL funds. His services will provide the technical assistant towards surveying suitable sites for the leisure provisions to be inserted in the Neighbourhood Plan.

(GM) put forward a suggestion for a new super market to be including into the neighbourhood plan.

g. Road Safety: The Clerk will chase highways for the final costing of the Road Calming project.

h. Flood Task Group: Councillors are to meet on 3rd July at the Village Hall to continue their support on tackling flooding issues within the village. The Council request that if you have any information on flooding issues to please contact the [Clerk](#).

8. Finance & Governance

Receipts and Payments - The schedule of receipts and payments was received and it was resolved to approve the payments.

- i. The Annual Governance & Accountability Report to PK Littlejohn (External Auditors) has now been submitted.
- ii. The Notice of Publication of Unaudited accounts has been published on the village boards and website.
- iii. The quarterly update on budget expenditure was received.

Governance: (Policies & Procedures in Risk Assessments)

None to report

9. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas: None to report

The meeting closed at 20.20 pm

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council

Chairman

Date