

## GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the July Meeting of Great Blakenham Parish Council held on Thursday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 at 7.30pm at the Attain and Sustain Gym, Sorrel House, Unit 9,  
Claydon Business Park, Great Blakenham, Ipswich IP6 0NL

Present: Cllrs. Plume (Chairman), Bowman, Durrant  
District Councillor John Field.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.36pm

1. To receive and approve any apologies for absence.  
None. Councillors noted the resignation of Cllr. Moore.

2. Declaration of any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

a. Councillors declaration of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda.

None.

b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest (if any).

None.

c. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

None.

3. Public Forum

a. To receive the report from the County Councillor (*allow five minutes*).

Not present.

b. To receive the report from the District Councillor (*allow five minutes*).

Cllr. Field gave his report.

c. To receive questions from members of the public (*allow fifteen minutes maximum*).

No members of the public present.

4. To approve the Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.  
Councillors unanimously approved the Draft Minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true and correct record on the meeting.

5 To note the Clerk's update from previous Meetings.

Councillors noted this.

6. Planning

a. To consider the following planning applications.

DC/21/03549	Location: 241and 243 Stowmarket Road, Great Blakenham, Suffolk, IP6 0LY	Full Planning Application - Erection of 1No single storey dwelling and parking (facilities served by a private drive being constructed to serve an approved development of four bungalows DC/20/05234).
DC/21/03527 -	Units 12 14 And 15 Pegasus, Orion Court, Great Blakenham, Suffolk IP6 0LW	Planning Application. Change of use from health/medical services (Class E) to office, industrial and storage (Class E, B2 and B8).

Councillors unanimously agreed that they had no objection to these applications.

b. To note any planning determinations

DC/21/02475	Location: DC/21/02475 - 'Valley Ridge', Land at Field Quarry, Great Blakenham, Suffolk	Request for formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion - Redevelopment of the former quarry and associated land to provide new family leisure resort (Sui Generis), incorporating a snow dome with indoor ski slope, waterpark, indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities, waterpark, guest accommodation, restaurant and retail uses, with associated access, parking and landscaping.
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Granted.

DC/21/02067	Location: Land at Blackacre Hill, Bramford Road, Great Blakenham, Suffolk IP6 0RL	Submission of details (Reserved Matters) following Permission DC/20/03891 dated 17/02/2021 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Construction of Phase 3 / Unit 3 Class B8 Warehouse building including ancillary office space, with car parking and loading / unloading areas, boundary landscaping and continuation of estate road.
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Granted.

DC/21/02145	Location: 39 Blueleighs Park Chalk Hill Lane Great Blakenham Suffolk IP6 0ND	Application for works to a tree protected by Tree Preservation Order MS141/W1 - Fell 1 No Field Maple (T1) due to proximity of the tree to clients static home.
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Granted.

DC/21/02054	Location: 5 Hombeam Close, Great Blakenham, Suffolk, IP6 0NR	Householder Planning Application - Conversion of garage to study room to include removal of garage door, infill brickwork and insertion of window.
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Granted.

Councillors noted these planning determinations.

c. Any other planning matters to note.

DC/21/01703	Location: 37 Limestone Close Great Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP6 0FG	Planning Application - Change of use of garage to pack deliveries for online retails.
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Application withdrawn.

Councillors noted this.

d. To receive any update on the Valley Ridge development.

None.

7. Growth, Highways and Infrastructure

a. To receive an update on negotiations regarding the land adjacent to the Village Hall which could be the site for a preschool.

Cllr. Field reported that it now seems likely that this will be located in the new development in Barham Church Lane.

b. To resolve to approach SCC Highways to install a pedestrian controlled crossing outside the Parish Room.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the Council should approach Highways and also offer to contribute to the costs. Councillors agreed to take this forward to the next meeting so that it could be discussed with County Cllr. Chambers before contacting Suffolk Highways.

#### 8. Governance

a. To note the Clerk's mileage and expenses.

Councillors noted this.

b. To consider a request from the Great Blakenham Cinema Club for a grant towards re opening the club.

Councillors unanimously agreed a S137 payment of £1000.00

c. To consider the location and timing of future meetings.

Councillors agreed to approach the Attain and Sustain gym to see if the studio room could be made available at 7.00 pm. Councillors also agreed that meetings would take place on the second Thursday of each month (apart from August and December). ACTION: Clerk.

#### 9. Allotments.

a. To note any update on the long-term future of the allotments.

Councillors noted that there was no update.

b. To note incidents of theft at the allotments.

Councillors noted that there had been produce stolen from a number of allotments and expressed their dismay that this was happening. However, they agreed that it was impossible to make the allotments secure enough to prevent this happening without being able to purchase the allotments or negotiate a long-term lease.

#### 10. Village Maintenance

a. To note any response from SCC Highways regarding replacing the Village Gateway signs. Councillors noted that there had been no response on this and that the Clerk had contacted Highways again.

b. To consider the proposed maintenance plan for rewilding of the verge of the B1113 opposite Budgens and on Hackneys Corner.

Councillors agreed that they felt that more detail would be helpful before starting work.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the RNR team and arrange a site meeting.

c. To note any progress on placing a dog waste bin on the B1113 at the Needham Market end of the village.

Councillors noted that there had been no response on this and that the Clerk had contacted Highways again.

d. To note various acts of vandalism in the village.

Councillors noted that there had been damage to both bins in the bus shelter and also in the Cemetery.

e. To consider installing a new rubbish bin beside the bus shelter on Chapel Lane.

Councillors unanimously approved this.

f. To consider approaching Suffolk CC Highways to install a bus shelter at the bus stop on the south side of Bramford Road.

Councillors agreed to take this forward to the next meeting so that it could be discussed with County Cllr. Chambers before contacting Suffolk Highways.

#### 11. Churchyard and Cemetery.

a. To receive an update on the refurbishment of the Cemetery shelter.

Councillors noted that work should start within ten to twelve weeks.

#### 12. Training and Development for Councillors and Clerk

a. To note the following training already booked (if any).

None

b. To consider any other training requests.

None.

### 13. Finance

a. To consider approving and making the following payments:

Shades Home Maintenance	June 2021 - Churchyard and cemetery maintenance. Litter picking. Hackneys Comer maintenance. Sign cleaning. Bus shelter cleaning. Cemetery hedge work.	£1755.00	LGA 1972 s214(6) LGA 1972, s.215
Shades Home Maintenance	June 2021 - Extra street cleaning Stowmarket Road, Bramford Road, Hackneys Comer, outside Boltons.	£600.00	LGA 1972 s214(6) LGA 1972, s.215
Shades Home Maintenance	Labour to relay paving outside Gipping Road bus shelter and install a new rubbish bin.	£310.70	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6
Janet Gobey	Clerks salary June 2021	£682.75	LGA 1972 s.111
Steve Plume	Reimbursement of final monthly payments for four SIM cards to support home learning for Great Blakenham pupils at Claydon High School during Covid-19 restrictions.	£66.24	LGA 1972 s. 137
Glasdons Uk	New cigarette, dog waste and litter bins.	£1279.65	Litter Act 1983, ss.5,6

Councillors unanimously approved the making of these payments.

b. To note the Council's Financial Reports for May 2021 and June 2021 including any payments made out of Meeting and any invoices for Business Direct Debit card payments.

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH Council- FINANCIAL REPORT 30/4/2021 TO 29/6/2021

#### **BANK BALANCES – 29/6/2021**

BUSINESS PREMIUM ACCOUNT - £15,800.59

COMMUNITY/CURRENT ACCOUNT – £226,168.43

**TOTAL - £241,969.02**

#### **MONTHLY – MAY/JUNE 2021**

**EXPENDITURE: 30/4/2021 TO 29/6/2021**

Total: £6852.46

Includes:

Direct debits:

£15.77x 2 - ID Mobile Ltd Chairman's phone for May and June

£5.59 x2 - EE Ltd Clerk's phone for May and June.

£0.79 x 2- Apple.com (cloud storage for May and June).

Business Debit card payments:

£40.00 ICO – Data protection registration renewal.

PLUS

Cheques (uncleared): £1499.86

Total: £8352.32

**INCOME: 30/4/2021 TO 29/6/2021**

£0.39 interest on Business Premium Account.

**RESERVES** (approved at February 2021 Council Meeting)

### General Reserve

£30,000.

### Earmarked Reserves

Ground penetrating radar survey of the Cemetery - £5,000  
Election and referendum costs - £3500 (poll cards, election and count costs).  
Contribution towards village preschool facility - £20,000 \*  
Village Hall and Playing Field improvements - £30,000 \*  
Village tree planting and landscaping - £5000\*  
Purchase of speed monitoring equipment - £10,000  
Replacement Gateway signs - £15,000  
New bus shelter for Bramford Road bus stop - £6,000\*  
Upgrade the pedestrian crossing on Stowmarket Rd to a traffic light controlled crossing \*-  
£30,000  
TOTAL: £154,500

\* Possible CIL expenditure

### **CIL RECEIPTS TO DATE (INCLUDED IN BANK BALANCES ABOVE, BUT RINGFENCED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS)**

£129,927.00

### **CIL EXPENDITURE**

£10,834.06

### **CIL BALANCE**

**£119,092.94**

Councillors noted the Financial Report and that the bank balance figures quoted in the Report matched those of the bank statements that had been scanned and emailed to them.

### 14. Reports

To receive reports from Councillors assigned to the following:

- a. Viridor Liaison Committee - Cllr. Plume
- b. Suez Liaison Group - Cllr. Bowman

### 15 Correspondence

To note the following items of correspondence and form a response where appropriate:  
Various dates; emails from a resident regarding parking and other issues in Plummers Dell.  
Cllr. Field agreed to discuss this with Suffolk Constabulary again and also with the MSDC Planning Enforcement team.

Various dates: emails with the VHMC regarding tree cutting on the VH playing field.

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021; by email Masons update for June.

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021: by email. Sproughton Neighbourhood Plan Group request for information about large scale developments.

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021: by email. Masons update for July.

8<sup>th</sup> July 2021: by email. New bookings arrangements for the Parish Room.

Councillors noted these items.

### 16. Future meetings

- a. To note the date of the next scheduled Meeting and any items for the agenda.  
Date of next meeting tbc.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.

Steve Plume – Chairman Great Blakenham Parish Council

Date: 9th September 2021

