



BATTISFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE BATTISFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MAY 2019

Present:

Cllr N Cleaver (Chair) Cllr T Aspinall (Vice-Chair)
Cllr P Lambotte Cllr D Wicking
Cllr S Zethraeus

In attendance: 2 members of the public, C/Cllr K Oakes, D/Cllr D Pratt, and Nicola Glading, parish clerk

30. RECORDING OF MEETING

None

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- a) Apologies had been received from Cllr C. Nicholas
- b) Councillors accepted the apology

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None notified

33. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None notified

34. UPDATES FROM COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

a) C/Cllr K Oakes reported that she has been in discussion with Jenny Forbes about the signage, and will speak to the Village Hall Management Committee, reporting back to the next meeting.

b) C/Cllr D Pratt reported that he is delighted to be working as a new District Councillor: West Suffolk DC is still forming. Cllr Pratt originates from Offton; his background is in marine ecology and he has worked in New Zealand. He is looking to improve biodiversity and land usage.

The Green Party has increased its representation from 6 seats to 12 seats, which D/Cllr Pratt believes is an endorsement of environmental policies, and the desire for low impact development. He supports the application from the Village Hall management Committee for S 106 monies. He is keen to fund projects that support biodiversity.

Q. Please would you define sustainability?

A. To utilise land and resources without degrading it for future generations

**35. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 2nd APRIL 2019
(PAPER A)**

- a) The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd April 2019 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chair authorised to sign as an accurate record with the following amendment:
- (i) Change initial of C/Cllr Oakes to K (typo)
- b) There was no business remaining from previous meeting that was not included on the Agenda

36. UNCONTESTED ELECTION and CO-OPTION PROCEDURE (PAPER B)

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to instruct the clerk to advertise the vacancy on noticeboards and the Battsford Parish Council website; everyone will be given an opportunity to apply.

37. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2019/20 (PAPER C)

- a) The Revised Calendar of Meetings for the forthcoming year was **NOTED**. To be circulated to all.

38. MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR BATTISFORD (PAPER D)

- a) The following applications were considered: consider the following applications-

- (i) **DC/19/01518** Application for Outline Planning Permission (all matters reserved) Erection of detached dwelling. Location: 10 Plantation Way, Battsford, Suffolk, IP14 2LW.
PAPER D (i)

BPC Comment: **NO COMMENT**

- (ii) **DC/19/01794** Outline planning Application (all matters reserved) Erection of residential development of up to 8 no. dwellings and vehicular access. Location: Land to the North of Straight Road, Battsford. **PAPER D (ii)**

BPC Comment: **SUPPORT**, but with the following comments:

1.	Councillors would ask that a footpath is provided within the drawings to alleviate potential pedestrian dangers along the main road
2.	Councillors would point out that there is a lack of infrastructure and this does not appear to have been addressed.

- (iii) **DC/19/01952** Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved) Erection of detached dwelling, garage and new vehicular access. Location: Land Adjacent 2 Rosemary Cottages, Church Road, Battsford, IP14 2HF. **PAPERS D (iii) and D (iii)2**

BPC Comment: **AGAINST**

OBJECTIONS- please see comments below:

1.	Councillors believe that the area is outside the settlement boundary
2.	Councillors agreed that the application is not sustainable, there is no ongoing economic benefit.
3.	There is very little infrastructure at Battsford: claims that this is otherwise are untrue.
4.	Distance from the village, isolated position.
5.	It is evident that work on the new vehicular access has already commenced and we would question that this is within the regulatory framework

39. NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS (PAPER E)

- a) The following Decisions from the Principal Planning Authority were **NOTED**:
 - (i) DC/19/00812 **PAPER E (i)**
 - (ii) DC/19/00942 **PAPER E (ii)**
 - (iii) DC/19/00924 **PAPER E (iii)**
 - (iv) DC/19/01032 **PAPER E (iv)**
 - (v) DC/19/00742 **PAPER E (v)**

40. REPORT ON PLANNING MEETING RE DC/19/00535 AND UPDATE ON MILL MOUNT FIELD

- a) The meeting held on May 7th, 2019 in respect of DC/19/00535 was **NOTED**: Cllr S Zethraeus reported that Permission in Principle had been given, the technical details will follow later. Notes from the meeting are attached. Training on the new 2017 Town and Country Planning Statutory Instrument to be investigated
- b) Mill Mount Field development - Cllr N Cleaver reported that there is an Appeal meeting on July 23rd 2019 at the Boys Brigade building, which will take place over 3 days. The report was **NOTED** and it was **AGREED** that the Chair or Vice Chair will attend.

41. BRIEFING NOTE: MSDC HOUSING AND LAND SUPPLY POSITION REVIEW 2019 (PAPER F)

- a) The MSDC Housing and Land Supply Position Review 2019 was **NOTED**; all councillors to review All Councillors

42. BATTISFORD VILLAGE HALL S106 FUNDS (PAPER G)

- a) Councillors discussed and **AGREED** the request from the Village Hall in respect of S106 monies usage. BPC has donated £1,000
Clerk to ask D/Cllr Pratt to find out the extent of S106 money remaining

43. SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW- BOWL MEADOW

- a) Nothing has been heard from the Boundary Commission- item to remain on the Agenda.

44. CLERKS REPORT

- a) The clerk reported that-
 - (i) No items were actioned under delegated powers
 - (ii) Speed monitor: Radarlux will not accept cheques, C/Cllr Oakes confirmed that BPC should pay, then send a pro forma invoice to her so that the funding can be released into BPC account. Two signatories to go to bank to authorise international payment
 - (iii) Wall mounted sign (covered by C/Cllr Oakes previously)
 - (iv) Update on the work at the playground slide: Mr Skinner was asked to do the work immediately after the meeting on April 2nd, 2019, work is in hand
 - (v) Update on the CIL bid: Clerk has filled in request for quotes from UKPN – the latest reply from UKPN was that it would not be possible to put the electricity supply on the recreation ground, it would have to be beside the highway. Clerk warned that the deadline for submission of CIL bids was end of May, the October rounds are thought to be earmarked for other projects.
Clerk to progress
 - (vi) The Annual Parish Assembly arrangements are going well, additional signs were distributed.

- (vii) The general correspondence previously circulated was **NOTED**
1. 2019/20 `Guidance for New Councillors` (LGA)
 2. Summary of Notices from Suffolk Police
 3. Update on Move Suffolk Week
 4. Latest News from NHS Ipswich & East Suffolk
 5. Newsletter from Stowmarket SNT
 6. Letter of thanks from Cricket Club for cheque

45. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

- a) New Bank signatories are required, clerk has visited a Barclays bank to find out the correct procedure and was instructed that all councillors should telephone for a mandate form (number and bank account details given) and complete to add themselves as a signatory.

46. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS (PAPERS H)

:a) The following receipts were **NOTED**:

- (i) Payments received

£280.50 28th March 2019 Ref: 100029

£5362.50 3rd April 2019 Precept remittance Ref: 0000419655

- (ii) The following payments were **AGREED** unanimously; clerk to action when the new signatories are confirmed Clerk

£82.20 Invoice 41347 Playsafety Ltd **PAPER H (i)**

£251.89 Invoice 21977 SALC Subscription **PAPER H (ii)**

£197.00 Invoice 29135C Suffolkbiz website hosting **PAPER H (iii)**

£218.86 Invoice from S. Meech **PAPER H (iv)**

- (iii) No other payments were submitted to be authorised on the night

47. CHAIRS ITINERARY and REPORTS (on the night)

- a) Chairs report: Website to be placed on next Agenda
b) Councillors reports: none at present

48. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- a) Councillors would prefer to keep number of agenda items to 20.

49. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT MATTERS

The public and clerk left the meeting

50. EXEMPT MATTER (PAPER I)

Meeting closed at 9.32 pm

Notes from Meeting 07/05/2019

Re: DC/19/00535

At: 17.30, `Oaksview`, Straight Road, Battisford, IP14 2HR

Attending

Daniel Cameron (DC Planning), Philip Ishbel (DC Planning), Christopher Butters, Cllr Zethraeus, Cllr Cleaver, Nicky Glading BPC clerk, Mr and Mrs Bradley

The Town and Country Planning Act 2017 is Statutory Instrument 1390, amended in 2017 has put pressure on the planning dept. New `thing` Permission in Principle, everything is loaded onto the technical DETAILS.

No actual `planning permission` has yet been granted on the site

21-day consultation period for technical details. DC has 5 weeks after receipt of technical details.

E.g. design/ layout, trees/neighbours/ relationships/ ecology/ amenities

Parish council did not back the initial plan and this was rejected.

Property (empty for 7 years) is owned by a Trust, seeking to maximise value.

The length of time the property has been vacant has meant that eco system has evolved.

PI - Planning officials cannot behave on an arbitrary way; no judgement of morality of those making the application.

NC- Housing Needs Survey by the PC shows clearly that there is a saturation of larger properties- identified need for smaller/ single story buildings. There is a feeling that the PC spend time examining applications , then our views are taken no notice of. Will the anticipated Neighbourhood Plan be viewed in the same way? (Note- Lavenham, Mendlesham, Eye have carried out Neighbourhood Plans)

The PC has approved some larger developments*.

PI - Trust now using new amendment as cannot achieve aim any other way.

NC - Developers at Bowl Meadow were proactive, listened to views of PC. The PC understand that houses have to be built but the right houses at the right places.

Mrs B - Presence of protected species was observed by RSPCA officer

PI - DC will be asking for a new ecological report, views to be put through at the second phase of the application.

NC - Safety is an issue; hence PC investing in SID.

PI - Will drill down into PC comments

Ensure that new D/Cllr D Pratt is aware of this planning issue

CB - in his opinion this is a clear case of garden grabbing and greed

*Additional information: Battisford's `share` is 30 houses in the next 5 years, 17 have already been accepted (7th May 2019)