

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF GREAT BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY
18th FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM**

<p><u>Item</u></p> <p><u>1.0</u></p> <p><u>2.0</u></p> <p><u>3.0</u></p> <p><u>4.0</u></p> <p><u>5.0</u></p> <p><u>6.0</u></p> <p><u>7.0</u></p>	<p>Councillor Maggie Dunn chaired the remote Council meeting along with Councillors Matthew Parker, Philip Reeve, Peter Fisk, Declan Gallagher, Andy Baker, Gwyn James and Steve Todd . The meeting is being held remotely due to social distancing measures during the Coronavirus Pandemic.</p> <p>2 members of the public were present.</p> <p><u>Chairman’s welcome, reminder about the filming of meetings & to receive apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Councillor Maggie Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained how this remote meeting would run, voting with a show of hands and that the meeting is being recorded.</p> <p><u>To receive members declarations of interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.</p> <p><u>Open Public Session</u></p> <p>No items were raised.</p> <p><u>To receive County Councillors Report</u></p> <p>The monthly newsletter from Suffolk County Council has been circulated. The issue of flooding on Livermere Road and Icepits Close has been escalated to the head of the department at Suffolk County Council. The skirting back of the footpaths in the village has been passed to West Suffolk Council. Damien Parker is the liaison for footpaths at West Suffolk Council. Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger will liaise with Suffolk County Council regarding the entrance onto the A143 from Icepits Wood and the costs involved.</p> <p>The project to remove the bus shelter on Livermere Road is moving forward.</p> <p>No further information has been received regarding the Mill Road tree belt.</p> <p><u>To receive Borough Councillors Reports</u></p> <p>West Suffolk Council have launched a Dog Fouling Campaign.</p> <p>West Suffolk Council will meet with the Gt Barton Community Woodland Group regarding seeding and cutting back weeds on Hall Park Green.</p> <p>There will be a slight budget increase for homes located within the former St Edmundsbury Borough Council area. Economies are being made to still supply services.</p> <p>Councillor Declan Gallagher joined the meeting and he confirmed he had no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.</p> <p><u>Update on Maple Green Ownership and Council to discuss contributing towards the administration costs</u></p> <p>An update was received from the Maple Green Residents Association, including statistics on the number of letters sent and responses received.</p> <p>The next stage will be to formally involve the Crown’s solicitors and get a valuation for the cost of the land and the administration fee. The Residents Association’s goal is for West Suffolk Council to take over ownership and maintenance of the green. Councillor Philip Reeve confirmed that when this item was raised through Jo Churchill M P, the Crown may not require a capital receipt for the purchase of the land as it is for community use.</p> <p>Maple Green has been designated as ‘open space’ in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath comes under the same land title as Maple Green.</p> <p>Councillor Sarah Broughton confirmed that Parish Council’s will be asked to take on more responsibility for maintenance through divesting.</p> <p><u>To sign the minutes of the Council meeting on Monday 18th January 2021 to stand as an accurate record of the meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Council meeting on Monday 18th January 2021 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, and will be signed at a later date due to ‘social distancing</p>	<p>RH</p>
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measures' currently in place. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Gwyn James, 7 Councillors voted for and 1 against.

8.0**FINANCE: Council to consider -****8.1**

(a) The Council resolved to pay the following accounts: Proposed Councillor Gwyn James, seconded Councillor Matthew Parker, unanimous decision.

PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ NO.	INVOICE	VAT	*POWER TO PAY
BT	Telephone line village hall	D/D	£83.30	£13.88	3
NEST	Pension	D/D	£35.49		1
HMRC	PAYE & NICS	D/D	£63.99		1
L J Harley	Clerk's salary	S/O	£987.75		1
Society Local Council Clerks	Membership fee	2196	£ 166.00		3
J Ranson	Bench for Conyers Green	2197	£ 246.21		3
Vertas Group Ltd	Village Hall grass cutting	2198	£ 753.19	£125.53	4
Total payments February			£ 2,252.63	£125.53	

*Power to pay:

- 1 Local Government Act 1972 S.112
Localism Act 2011, Sch 9; Town and Country Planning Act 1990 S.61f(1) and
planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 s.38C(2)
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- 3 Local Government Act 1972 S.111
- 4 Public Health Act 1875 s.164

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b) Councillors had received the financial report from the Responsible Financial Officer including details of bank balances, receipts, reserve budgets and spending against them. There were no questions. The bank reconciliation for January had been checked by Councillor Maggie Dunn and was approved by the Council. Bank balances as at 31/1/21:

Current A/C	£44,409.73
Bus Reserve	£45,621.48
Total	£90,031.21

Items paid/owed from newsletter	£0
Other Credits received	£0
Business reserve account interest	£0
Payments made under S137	£0
Transfers between accounts	£0
Total expenses for Coronavirus	£347.66

Reserves:

	RESERVES	BALANCE	NET AMOUNT SPENT YTD
	Small Projects	£19,953. Earmarked: £3,000 School Lane footpath, Land Registering £5000, cleaning war memorial £1000, Clearing SL/DD link footpath £500)	£2,840
	Neighbourhood Plan	£3,877 – Earmarked: £193 SD salary to March 2021	£1,313
	Neighbourhood Plan Grant	Nil	£8190
	Youth Project	£938	£0
	General	£20,563	£0
	Allotments	£60	£60
	Asset maintenance	£ 6041 (Earmarked £1092 basketball surface maintenance)	£1,066
	Asset acquisition	£11,160 (Earmarked : Community Speed Watch £1,007)	£0
	Icepits Wood	£7,829	£0
	S106 Funds	£14,676	£0
	Total reserves	£85,097	£13,469 (Amount spent from reserves this financial year)
	An encrypted quarterly full back up of files has been made to be held off-site with Maggie Dunn.		
8.3	(c) Councillors had received a list of the aggregate receipts and payments for the year to date, including details of spending against budget and there were no questions.		
8.4	(d) Councillor Matthew Parker proposed to determine boundaries of the land under the ownership of The Crown Estate, carry out a survey of the physical features in the vicinity of the proposed new footpath construction between School Lane and Downing Drive. Plot and overlay the survey results onto Land Registry boundaries plan of the same area. If required return to site and mark out the said boundaries. This was seconded by Councillor Andy Baker, unanimous decision. A budget of £550 was set to be paid from the Small Projects reserve.		
9.0	Gift of Land		
	The Council has asked if a piece of land closer to the village could be offered. There has been no response so far.		
10.0	Items carried forward from last meeting:		
	(i) The Parish Council has registered for the pilot mobile activated speed signs with number plate recognition scheme.		

<p>11.0</p> <p>12.0</p> <p>13.0</p> <p>14.0</p> <p>15.0</p> <p>16.0</p> <p>17.0</p>	<p>(ii) Councillors were reminded to send a picture and their details for the new Councillors page.</p> <p><u>Update on village projects</u></p> <p>(i) Access onto the A143 from Icepits Wood has been discussed under item 4.</p> <p>(ii) The Neighbourhood Plan referendum is due to take place on 6/5/21. A newsletter pamphlet will be produced to remind residents of the main points of the plan and to vote. A small lending library will be available for paper copies of the plan but this will not be promoted due to Coronavirus. The contract for the Neighbourhood Plan clerk will expire on 31/3/21 and she will be formally advised of this.</p> <p>(iii) The Rights of Way officer had visited Gt Barton and has arranged for work to be carried out on the dead tree in the tunnel. Green Lane footpath - Suffolk County Council has contacted both landowners and advised that action will need to be taken collectively, to get the route opened up and accessible. They will arrange for a bridge to be installed over the ditch at Green Lane and to signpost the route as a cul-de-sac, so that walkers are aware there is currently no through access. The landowners have been asked to mark the route across their crop fields. The landowner at the eastern end of the route has been asked if he would consider a diversion, but this is his prerogative. Unfortunately, Suffolk County Council are not in the position as the highway authority to offer a diversion in exchange for the landowner extending to the road, as Diversion Orders are a very costly process, whether pursued by a private individual or local government entity.</p> <p>(iv) The old Mission Church at Conyers Green was a Baptist Church. Councillor Maggie Dunn will look into this.</p> <p><u>Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean and litter in the village</u></p> <p>A date for the village litter pick of Saturday 12th June was provisionally booked.</p> <p><u>The Parish Council's old laptop</u></p> <p>Councillor Maggie Dunn proposed selling the Parish Council's old laptop, this was seconded by Councillor Philip Reeve, unanimous decision.</p> <p><u>Update Gt Barton Parish Council's objectives</u></p> <p>This was postponed until July.</p> <p><u>Confirm West Suffolk Council's play area inspection agreement</u></p> <p>Councillor Maggie Dunn proposed that West Suffolk Council's play area inspection agreement is accepted and signed by the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Matthew Parker, unanimous decision. There was discussion on mole hills in the playground. Councillor Philip Reeve will review the situation.</p> <p><u>Chair and Councillor's Reports</u></p> <p>A meeting was held with West Suffolk Council to discuss the amended planning application for the North East Development. Further meetings will be arranged with Suffolk County Council and Carter Jonas.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council have requested a meeting on the triangle development.</p> <p><u>Planning (i) Council to sign the planning committee meeting minutes of 8th February 2021 as an accurate record of the meeting and (ii) Council to consider the completed planning applications from West Suffolk Council</u></p> <p>(i) The planning meeting minutes of 8th February 2021 were approved. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Philip Reeve, unanimous decision from those present at the meeting.</p>	<p>MD</p> <p>PR</p>
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The Parish Council supported the following applications:

8 Garden Close*	DC/21/006 1/HH	First floor extension over existing garage
Land adjacent to The Forge, The Street, Great Barton	DC/21/008 3/FUL	a. one dwelling b. alterations to parking

* It was noted that the application also included changes to ground floor doors/windows.

The Council started looking into the following application:

Land North East of Bury St Edmunds, Bury Road, DC/19/2456/HYB:

Hybrid Application - i) Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - for up to 1375 dwellings, access (including two new roundabouts onto A143 and creation of new foot and cycleway links into the site which would include new cycle/pedestrian crossings of the A143 and cycle/pedestrian link through the existing railway underpass), public open space (including buffer to Cattishall and Great Barton) and landscaping; new local centre (which could include the following uses A1; A2; A3; A4; A5; B1; D1; or D2); primary school; and associated infrastructure and works (including access roads, drainage infrastructure and substations), and ii) Planning Application - Full details for Phase 1 of the outline application for 291 dwellings (which are part of the overall up to 1375 dwelling proposal), garages, access roads, parking, open space, drainage infrastructure and associated infrastructure and works

The following planning applications were approved by West Suffolk Council:

Woodlands, School Lane	DC/20/2140/HH	Single storey front extension
19 Anglesey Place	DC/20/2020/HH	(a) single storey front extension (b) raising of roof to create increased first floor space and second floor attic

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Correspondence

The Clerk advised the Council that the temporary regulations allowing Parish Council's to hold remote meetings expires on 6/5/21. Council was reminded that Suffolk County Council no longer replace road direction signs.

The issues of flooding on the following areas around the village was raised: Livermere Road, Brand Road, Thurston Road, Icepits Close, East Barton Road, A143 by the BT hut, School Road/A143 junction. It was noted that Icepits Wood is used as a soakaway.

Concerns were raised regarding HGVs using alternative routes.

A second letter will be sent regarding garden items being stored on the footpath at Bunbury Avenue.

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Closing public session

No further items were raised.

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Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 15th March 2021 and will be held remotely until social distancing measures are relaxed.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.30 pm.

.....Sign & Date

.....Print name

CHAIRMAN

Signed as confirmation that they are a true record.

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