

# LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and commenced at 7.30pm in the village hall. The Chairman, Mr. Arthey welcomed the following Parish Cllrs to the meeting – R Corcoran, Mrs R Howe, Mrs. F Moore, A Sturgeon and D Waldron to the meeting. Also present were County Cllr. J Finch (in part) and Mrs V Waples (Clerk).

A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting. *A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.*

### 1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

- i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. Hainsworth due to a personal commitment.
- ii. Council consented to accept these apologies.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- i. There were no declarations of pecuniary interest for the agenda under discussion. Cllrs. Arthey and Waldron declared a Local Non Pecuniary Interest for Agenda Item 7ii) as Members of the Village Hall Committee. There were no declarations of gifts of hospitality received exceeding £25.
- ii. There were no requests for dispensations for the agenda under discussion.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 were approved by all present and signed as true and accurate records, aif.

### 4. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Update on the provision of Broadband to the village - it was noted that nothing further had been heard from the persons acting as liaison with County Broadband. County Broadband had attended a further meeting and had discussed funding opportunities. It was wondered as to whether there was an appetite for the project given the costs involved. It was further noted that an update on the Better Broadband website showed that some numbers on the 01787 Boxford exchange could access fibre broadband in around five months time - ie March 2017 with other areas under consideration for fibre broadband between 2016 and 2017. It was agreed that until the time when there was further information to share, this item would be removed from the agenda.

### 5. PUBLIC FORUM:

- i. Police: - the following items were brought to the attention of the of the meeting by the Sudbury SNT -
  - The Clerk confirmed that, following comments made at recent meetings with SALC and the local SNT, she had ensured that the Council's email address was now the recipient of messages sent via Police Connect. These would be more localised and would be passed on once received.
  - Information on the marking of Catalytic converters and issues relating to the theft of such converters was passed on to the meeting.
  - Council was also made aware of the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Public Meeting in Sudbury on 24th November 2016.
- ii. District Councillor: - it was agreed that should a report be submitted from District Cllr. Bryn Hurren be received, it would be passed onto all Councillors.
- iii. County Councillor - County Cllr. Finch, having previously circulated his report (a copy of which can be found at Appendix A), was invited to comment further on the following matters:
  - Although planning permission had been granted for the use of waste heat from the Incinerator Plant at Great Blakenham to grow tomatoes, the deal had fallen through with the landowner and operator. An alternative use for some of the heat generated was now being explored.

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- Devolution - Norfolk County Council had agreed to allow the leader to carry on talking. A decision was expected on 23rd November and he would keep the council apprised of any changes.

iv. Public - there were no members of the public present.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: general correspondence was brought to the Council's attention and in particular:

- i. SALC Babergh Area Meeting - to receive the Annual Report - Council noted the report and its contents
- ii. St Peter's Lindsey - correspondence thanking the Parish Council for its donation - this was formally acknowledged.
- iii. Lindsey Village Hall - acknowledgement of donation - this was formally acknowledged
- iv. BDC/MSDC - Babergh and Mid Suffolk select preferred candidate for post of Joint Chief Executive - Council noted the press release
- v. SCC - Highways Matters - Issue 9 - Council received the newsletter and the change in hierarchy. It was noted that some devolved powers were being carried out by some local authorities and Council welcomed the opportunity to discuss this further.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- i. To consider and receive the schedule of Receipts - it was confirmed that no income had been received since the last meeting.
- ii. To consider and approve the verified items awaiting authorisation - a copy of the Schedule of Verified Invoices awaiting payment was circulated to all members and discussed. It was recommended that the schedule be approved, aif. A copy of the details for these payments can be seen at Appendix B on minute page 523.
- iii. To consider the Council's financial position including an actual to budget statement - the financial position of the Parish Council as at 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 was presented to the Parish Council. Council's funds stood at £703.62. A copy of the financial position can be seen on minute page 523. In accordance with the Council's Standing Order 17, the Clerk/RFO produced a statement which showed a comparison with the actual versus budgeted expenditure and income for the financial year. It showed that expenditure was mainly within budget for the year and that taken overall the council was very close to budget with a small under-spend predicted.
- iv. To note changes to the provision of the onesuffolk parish council websites - now to be hosted by Suffolk Cloud at an annual cost of £100 + VAT from 1 April 2017 - Council noted and approved the change to the previously agreed decision for the hosting of the website with Suffolk Cloud. It was agreed that the new site was neater and easier to follow and that it should be expanded to allow more village content. It was agreed that the Clerk would pen an article for the next newsletter and ensure it was with Cllr. Corcoran by 10th January 2017.
- v. To consider donations to be made under S137 of the LGA 1972 - it was agreed that this would be discussed at a later date once something came forward that would be of benefit to the village.
- vi. To receive the schedule of dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2017 - Council received and agreed the scheduled dates for Parish Council Meetings for 2017.
- vii. To consider a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the budget for 2017-2018 noting correspondence on the potential for precept referendum - Council received the previously circulated paper outlining the proposed budget for 2017-18. Council noted the small increases in the budget to cover insurance IPT; Internal Audit and the costs of hosting the website Audit costs had now been added to the budget. As the tax base was still awaited from BDC, Council were minded to set a budget for 2017 -2018 in the sum of £2678 which would ensure that the Council would be able to hold a small amount of expenditure in reserves as recommended by the Internal Auditor, aif. The position would be finalized at the next meeting once the tax base was known and once there had been further communication from the Government of the outcome of the Automatic Precept Referendum Consultation.
- viii. To receive the Action Plan for 2016-2017 and to note changes moving forward - the draft action plan was considered and agreed following the addition of Footpath and Tree Wardens to the schedule.
- ix. Council noted that there would be a number of adopted policies to be reviewed at the next meeting.

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8. PLANNING APPLICATION

- i. There were no planning applications for Council to consider.
- ii. Council was advised of the following planning determinations coming forth:
  - Planning Permission for works to Forge View, The Tye
  - Planning Permission for variation of condition 7 (Visibility splay) of P.P. B/16/00542/FUL @ land adjacent to Birdsfield, Rose Green Road

9. PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

- i. Cllr. Sturgeon made the meeting aware that an application concerning Lodge Farm would soon be submitted for the conversion of an existing barn that had since been removed.
- ii. Cllr. Moore made the meeting aware that there would be a Crib Carol Service on 11th December 2016 in St Peter's, Lindsey
- iii. Cllr. Moore made the meeting aware of the Newsletter Get Together meeting due to take place on 26th January 2016.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Parish Council Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.

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## Appendix A James Finch - County Councillor - Summary Report

### ➤ **Good news for Suffolk's Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Results 2016**

Provisional figures which have been published by the Department for Education show an increase in Suffolk children achieving a Good Level of Development and achievement in their Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) results. These include key areas of learning and development such as communication and language; physical development; and personal, social and emotional development.

Children are assessed by their teacher at the end of the Reception class in school. For most children their early learning will have included attending an early education place at a pre-school, day nursery or childminder before moving into school.

In Suffolk 70.2% of children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) this year. This is slightly above the rest of England. The percentage of children eligible for free school meals achieving a GLD compared with those not eligible, has also improved this year. This means the gap between the groups has narrowed by 7% points.

It is particularly pleasing to note the improvement seen for children eligible for free school meals across the county. The results include a group of children who first received a free place at two years old rather than aged three, because their parents were eligible, for economic reasons. This national policy seems to be making a difference to the children whose families are less well off, because we can see they have achieved more compared to children with similar backgrounds who did not have a place at two in previous years.

To find out if a two year-old is eligible for free childcare, visit <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare-information-and-support-for-parents-and-providers/guidance-for-parents-and-carers/free-early-learning-for-2-year-olds/>

All children, no matter their family circumstances, are entitled to free early education (childcare) from the term after their third birthday up until they start school full time. More information and details of how to apply can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare-information-and-support-for-parents-and-providers/guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

### ➤ **Delivery of the new Greater Anglia rail franchise is key focus at this year's Suffolk Rail Conference.**

Rail network infrastructure requirements needed to deliver the new Greater Anglia Rail Franchise were the key topics discussed at this year's rail conference held on Monday 24 October in Ipswich.

The phasing of rail infrastructure was one of the issues delegates explored with rail industry leaders and representatives from Government departments including Network Rail. Improving track capacity, signals and level crossings are just some of the areas required for improvement to support new rolling stock and additional train services, which have been confirmed as part of the new Greater Anglia rail franchise contract announced in August.

The conference was attended by speakers from Greater Anglia, Network Rail, and the Department for Transport. Representatives from the Transport Research Laboratory, Crossrail and The East West Rail Consortium also provided presentations on rail innovation and new opportunities for businesses that wish to use this opportunity to benefit from faster, more reliable services.

This annual conference is a key date in the diary each year in helping to lobby Government and rail organisations to deliver better East Anglian passenger and freight rail services. The new passenger franchise is the reward for this effort but there is still more to do for the Suffolk's residents and businesses to make it a reality in the next decade.

### ➤ **Be Safe and Seen in Suffolk - Thousands of children to receive free safety reflectors as part of new road safety campaign**

Suffolk County Council has worked in partnership with BBC Radio Suffolk to launch a new road safety campaign this autumn – 'Be Safe and Seen in Suffolk.' The campaign will see over 12,000 badge reflectors given to primary school aged children, which can be worn on their coats or backpacks to reflect the beam of vehicles in darker conditions to ensure that children are seen as they walk with friends and parents.

The idea and concept for the campaign was developed earlier this year through discussions with BBC Radio Suffolk. A design competition took place as part of the events and activities at this year's Suffolk Show with the winning design selected from over 190 entries. A major part of undertaking this campaign was the determination to promote exercise, walking and physical activity amongst young people. It was

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understood that to achieve this, the children and their families needed to feel safe before stepping out during the darker months. So the reflector campaign was born! The campaign is part of Suffolk's Year of Walking, which celebrates walking in Suffolk, promotes walking events and encourages new walking opportunities. Children are most active during the spring and summer months. An average of around 65 minutes of activity a day in April drops to around 48 minutes during the colder months of January and February. Staying active promotes physical and emotional wellbeing and it is important that young people stay active as there is emerging evidence that suggests links between physical activity and better academic attainment and attention. Suffolk County Council's Road Safety Team and Public Health Team have invested £9,550 into the campaign to deliver enough reflectors to benefit over 60 primary schools across the county. I officially launched the campaign at the Suffolk Show with BBC Radio Suffolk.

➤ **Priory Hill / Mill Hill / A1141 Crossroads Tree surgery for Better Visibility.**

Removal of trees on the southwest side of this junction is planned. Discussions with the Highways team believe that better visibility could be achieved by taking some more land and grading the bank. Suffolk Highways would like to speak to the landowner as soon as possible.

## Appendix B - Financial Report

### Items to be Authorized for Payment

Expenditure	Description	Nett	VAT	Gross	Ref	Power
09.11.2016	V Waples - Clerk's Salary & Expenses			251.72	397	LGA 1972 s111&112
	D Waldron - Village Summer Event Exp.			100.00	398	LGA 1972 s144

### Financial Report

	Date	£
Opening Balance	21 <sup>st</sup> September 2016	1055.34
Add Income Received	October - November	0.00
Less Expenditure Incurred	October - November	0.00
Less Expenditure from verified list	9 <sup>th</sup> November	351.72
Closing Balance	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	<b>£703.62</b>

### Bank Reconciliation

Community Account	Statement 92	1883.47
Less unlogged cheques	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	1179.85
Plus unaccredited income	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	0.00
Reconciled Total		<b>£703.62</b>

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