

MINUTES
OF THE BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2013
 in THE BARLING VILLAGE HALL.

206_{12/13} **To Record the Members Present:**

7.28 pm.

Chairman: Councillor Mr R Gardiner

Councillors: Mr J Allen, Mrs J Bulman, Mr J Edmunds, Mr A Jones, Mr M Pearmain and Mr M Steptoe.

Also present:

Members of the public: Mr P Bulman, Mr and Mrs T Norman.

The Parish Clerk, Mr B Summerfield.

207_{12/13} **Apologies and reasons for absence:**

Received by the Clerk in person via: email, letter and telephone.

Councillors : Mrs I Knight (away).

208_{12/13} **To Receive Declarations of Interests:**

i All Councillors (as the Parish Council) declare an interest in the item: Village Hall Committee (as Trustees).

ii All Councillors as the Parish Council declare an interest in the item: Playspace.

iii All Councillors as the Parish Council declare an interest in the item: Barling Wildlife Reserve.

iv Councillor Mr M Steptoe has declared an interest as a governor of the Barling Primary School.

v District and Barling Magna Parish Councillor Mr M Steptoe has declared a possible conflict of interests in planning applications when representing the Parish Council at District level and therefore would:

i judge each Planning application with that in mind

ii declare the personal interest conflict, when it arose

iii will not make up his mind (for or against) until the application comes before the District Council.

iv reserves the right to change his mind.

vi i Councillor Mr M Steptoe declared an interest in Agenda item Highways, as a member of the Rochford Highways Panel.

vii Councillor Mr A Jones declared a non pecuniary interest in item 12 the Village Sign 'post' as a quotation was from his neighbour.

209_{12/13} **Guest Speaker:** None.

210_{12/13} **Public Forum:** 5 minutes only set aside for each Councillor, visiting Councillors and members of the public.

i Mr T Norman spoke of his concerns re: building now known as Old Timbers Farm next to his property – The land owner to put 40 hives on the site – new structures inc: Green house, etc and an agricultural use application is possible – may set a precedent.

ii Ward Councillor Mr M Steptoe reported: Enforcement were aware of the change of name to Old Timbers Farm and gave advice on the planning processes at this time – there are a number of similar applications with the RDC planning.

iii Ward Councillor Mr M Steptoe reported: Population census reports – public information evening – new build in green belt – JAAP report on the table – Parliamentary boundary changes – Housing requirement in the district – cross border co-operation – FP 2 issues re: a bridge over the Burrowdike by the sea wall – Rising road water levels at Kingsmead cottages may be caused by a drain/ditch blockage – Duck pond flooding – gully not big enough and was partially caused by a blockage downstream – Mucking Hall Road flooding by Banisters' may be caused by an over full ditch - Yellow lines at the junction of Church Road and LWR to be raised at the Highways Panel, at the end of the month.

211_{12/13} **A new proposed replacement Agenda from Councillor Mrs J Bulman.**

i The Chairman allowed Councillor Mrs J Bulman to circulate her proposed replacement version of the Meeting Agenda.

ii The Council rejected the proposed replacement Agenda.

lii The Chairman asked that the Council Administration sub committee to look at Councillor Mrs J Bulman's Agenda.

212_{12/13} **Private and Confidential Request**

i Councillor Mr J Allen asked that the Clerk be asked to leave the Meeting so that the following could be covered:

Councillor Mr J Allen raised a concern re: an email sent to all members by Councillor Mrs J Bulman that had made some serious accusations.

ii Councillor Allen asked that the meeting Agenda be suspended and the Council to be taken into Private and Confidential.

iii This was proposed by Councillor Mr J Allen, seconded by Councillor Mr M Steptoe.

The Chairman called for a vote and it was agreed.

213_{12/13} **Private and Confidential:**

The Chairman read out the Private and Confidential Act below and the members of the public and the Clerk left the meeting.

i **Pursuant** to the provision of section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: (A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies)

ii **Therefore:** Pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw to allow the discussion on exempted items:

iii In the interest of clarity the exempted items are, as before;

1) Employment matters:

Engagement, terms of service, conduct and dismissal of employees.

2) Tenders and contracts:

terms of tenders and proposals and counter proposals in negotiations for contracts

3) Early stages of any dispute.

4) Legal proceedings:

Preparation of cases in legal proceedings.

214_{12/13} Standing Orders:

The PC resolved to override the Standing Order (10.30pm finishing time) to complete business.

215_{12/13} FINANCE

It was agreed that agenda item (17) Finance was agreed and that cheques would be signed.

216_{12/13} PRECEPT

i It was resolved that the Precept figure on the RDC will be the same figure as last year @ £35,840 plus 3%, as the government is not capping PC's for 2013-2014.

ii The Clerk advised that the RDC balances based on the above and sent as part of the BMPC Precept application, must be seen and agreed by the Council.

217_{12/13} Date and time of the next Parish Council Meetings.

All Agenda business was not completed and it was agreed that a further extraordinary meeting is called for 21st January 2013, to complete the advertised business of 10th January 2013.

Agreed: **21st JANUARY 2013.**

7.30pm at the Village Hall, Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna.

16th January 2013.

B Summerfield.
BMPC Clerk.