MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

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<u>Item.</u>	Councillor Maggie Dunn chaired the meeting along with Councillors Kate Trevitt, Peter Fisk,					
	Diana Boys, Nick Ellis and Philip Reeve.					
1.0	2 Members of the public were present. Chairman's welcome, reminder about the filming of meetings and to receive apologies					
1.0	for absence					
	Councillor Maggie Dunn welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were					
	accepted from Councillors Stephen Haynes and Matthew Parker.					
<u>2.0</u>	Open Public Session The comparable of March Comparable desired by the comparable desired by the development of the comparable desired by the compar					
	The ownership of Maple Green was raised. It was originally owned by the developer but					
	has since defaulted to The Crown Estates. There was a discussion on maintenance, the					
	options to protect against unwelcome visitors and funding options.					
	The clerk will contact SALC to find out if any other villages have been in the same situation.	LJH				
	The clerk will contact Community Action Suffolk regarding funding.	LJII				
	The clerk will contact West Suffolk and ask if they would accept a gift of land, if they are	LJH				
	able to maintain land not owned by themselves and if they will continue to maintain Maple					
	Green.					
	A meeting will be arranged with residents around the green being invited. Councillors					
	Sarah Broughton and Rebecca Hopfensperger confirmed that they support West Suffolk					
	Council continuing to maintain the area.					
<u>3.0</u>	Report from Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger					
	Councillor Hopfensperger reported:					
	Fornham Road – Speed Survey has been ordered but as yet a time has not been allocated.					
	Road Layout – West Suffolk Operational Hub - Residents have raised their concerns over					
	the new road layout and issues of safety. Councillor Hopfensperger confirmed that she					
	has taken this up with Highways Road Safety Team and they have raised it with					
	Morgan Sindall who have committed to make improvements. DC/19/1117/FUL High Trees Gt Barton - This application was refused at the development					
	control committee on the 4 th September.					
	Idling outside the school – Councillor Hopfensperger confirmed that she has requested					
	that Gt Barton Primary School is considered as a pilot for an anti-idling campaign and					
	monitoring by West Suffolk Council. She is also in the process of arranging a visit with the					
	school to talk about this issue and parking/safety around the roads at the school. She is					
	intending to speak with the schools Junior Road Safety Officers about the issues.					
	Consultations - West Suffolk are undertaking a lot of consultations at the moment.					
	Work to install the new Puffin Crossing on the A143/The Street will begin on 23/9/19. The					
	clerk will contact Suffolk County Council for the plans to the changes to the footpath by	IJH				
	the Church Institute. Issues were raised with regard to Suffolk County Council's verge trimming this year with					
	the north side of the A143 having not been flailed.					
	Report from Borough Councillor					
<u>4.0</u>	Councillor Sarah Broughton reported that West Suffolk's next local plan will go out for					
	consultation next year and she has raised the issue of the Fornham Roundabout narrowing					
<u>5.0</u>	of lanes following the					
3.0	(i)To receive members Declarations of Interest – Members are reminded of their					
	responsibility to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests which they have in					
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any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached &, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item. (ii)

Council to consider any new written requests for dispensation and/or requests which have been received prior to the meeting

There were no Declarations of Interest or requests for dispensation.

6.0 Ownership of Maple Green

This had already been discussed under the public session.

7.0 7.1 To sign the minutes of the council meeting on Monday 15th July 2019 to stand as an accurate record

Councillor Kate Trevitt proposed the minutes from the council meeting on 15th July 2019 to stand as an accurate record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Diana Boys, unanimous decision.

8.0 FINANCE: Council to consider -

(a) Payment of Accounts – The Council resolved to pay the following accounts. Proposed Councillor Diana Boys, seconded Councillor Nick Ellis, unanimous decision.

PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ	INVOICE	VAT	POWER TO PAY
		NO.	TOTAL		
August					
L J Harley	Clerks salary	S/O	£938.75		LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	PAYE and NICS	D/D	£124.68		LGA 1972 s.112
	Village Hall			£	LGA 1972 s.111
ВТ	Line	D/D	£59.97	9.99	
	Confirm land				LGA 1972 s.111
	ownership in				
Land Registry	village	2104	£42.00		
NEST	Pension	D/D	£33.63		LGA 1972 s.112
Total					
Payments			£		
August			1,415.03		
September					
			£		LGA 1972 s.112
HMRC	PAYE and NICS	D/D	124.68		
			£		LGA 1972 s.112
NEST	Pension	D/D	33.63		
			£		LGA 1972 s.112
L J Harley	Clerks salary	S/O	947.15		
Information					LGA 1972 s.111
Commissioners	Data		£		
Office	Protection Fee	D/D	35.00		
					Localism Act 2011,
					Sch9; Town &
					Country Planning
	Neighbourhood				Act 1990 s.61f(1) &
	Plan Clerk salary		£		and Planning &
S Deare	& expenses	2104	253.82		Compulsory

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					Purchase Act 2004
					s.38C(2)
	Expenses June		£	£	LGA 1972 s.112
L J Harley	- September	2105	251.48	30.35	and s.111
					Public Health act
			£	£	1875 s.164
Vertas	Grass cutting	2106	1,543.82	257.30	
					Publishing
					information
	Newsletter		£		LGA 1972 s.142
Kallkwik	printing	2107	460.00		
Gt Barton					LGA 1972 s.111
Thanksgiving	Hall Hire - July		£		
Fund	August	2108	40.00		
PKF Littlejohn			£	£	LGA 1972 s.111
LLP	External Audit	2109	240.00	40.00	
Came and			£		LGA 1972 s.111
Company	Insurance	2110	1,189.13		
Fenland					LGA 1972 s.111
Leisure	Replacement		£	£	
Products Ltd	playground part	2111	21.60	3.60	
Total					
payments			£	£	
September			5,140.31	331.25	

*Local Government Act

(b) The Financial report from the Responsible Financial Officer including details of bank balances, receipts, reserve budgets and spending against them, checking of the bank reconciliations and any items arising from risk assessments was approved by councillors.

Bank balances at 30/6/19:

Current account	£39,934.64
Business Reserve account	£60,495.79
TOTAL	£100,430.43

Items paid/owed from newsletter	£300 of newsletter advertising revenue received
Other Credits received	£0
Business reserve account interest	£0
Payments made under \$137	£0

RESERVES	BALANCE
Small Projects	£19,532 Earmarked: £3,000 School Lane footpath, , Replacement tree for Conyers Green £150
Neighbourhood Plan	£6,653 — Earmarked: £150 for CAS technical help & £1,040 SD salary to Jan 2020

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Neighbourhood Plan	f0
Grant	
Youth Project	£938
General	£20,563
Allotments	£10
Asset maintenance	£ 6,464
Asset acquisition	£9,160(Earmarked : Community Speed Watch £1,007)
Icepits Wood	£19,060 (earmarked : £15,000 S106 funds)
Total reserves	£82,380

The meeting of the Finance committee has been changed to 26th November.

Following receipt of the report from the external auditor, the Notice of Conclusion of audit has been published on the website and the notice boards. No items were raised.

Councillors are reminded to update their Register of Interest forms if any changes and their responsibilities under the Data Protection Act, that personal data should only be accessed for business purposes.

A reminder that any village groups wishing to apply for a grant from the 2020 precept should complete the grant application form and send to the Clerk by 11/11/19.

No new items raised from the monthly playground report.

Councillors were asked how to proceed with the football net's rusty posts by the Scout hut – no responses.

The Project Management Course that Councillor Maggie Dunn and the Clerk were due to attend was cancelled.

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(c) A list of the Councils aggregate receipts and payments for the year to date including comparison with budgets and any over spends had been circulated. There were no questions.

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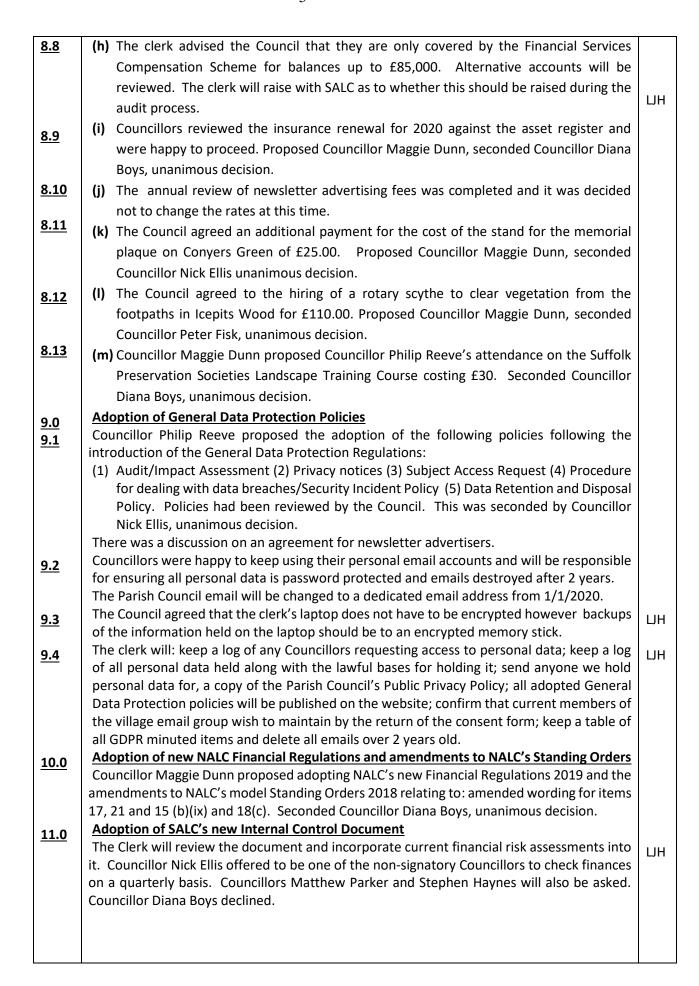
(d) Cost and location of 'Take your litter home' signs designed by the children at the school – Councillor Philip Reeve is reviewing the signs with a printer to see if they can be made brighter and bolder. 4 of these signs will be ordered, 2 for School Road and 2 for the playing field. Councillor Diana Boys offered to provide the posts and mounts.

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- (e) Playground The cost of the covers for Little Hamlet is still awaited.
- (f) The Council will arrange the specification and tender letter ready for applications for the 2020-2023 grass cutting process. The Holy Innocents Church will be included at the present time although the Council are aware that there is not a power for them to pay for this service at the present time. The church has been advised of the 1894 Act which prohibits Council's involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvements of buildings or land or contributing to the costs. It was confirmed that the 2 greens on Church Road are currently maintained under this schedule.

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(g) SALC have confirmed that a Parish Council can contribute towards a Churches insurance under S137 of the Local Government Act.



12.0 Newsletter – Content and proof reading

A new newsletter working party will be set up with Councillors Maggie Dunn, Peter Fisk, Nick Ellis and the editor. They will proof read the newsletter and check the content. The clerk will look after the advertising.

13.0 Nominating a Councillor to cover the playground accident procedure

Councillor Nick Ellis volunteered to cover the playground accident procedure when the Clerk is on holiday or absent.

14.0 Volunteers to review policies and risk assessments

Councillors volunteered to review the Council's policies. The risk assessments will be reviewed next month in line with the adoption of the new internal control document.

15.0 Chairman and Councillor's Reports

Councillor Maggie Dunn apologised for leaving the meeting early in July due to illness and thanked Councillor Philip Reeve for taking over as Chair. An update was given on the meeting with Matthew Lee, County Farms on the land adjacent to Icepits Wood, a piece of land for the Community Woodland Group and a footpath from Cox Lane to the wood. Matthew Lee will look into: A quote to clear the land adjacent to Icepits Wood and the A143; The cost of the lease for this piece of land and the length of the lease; Whether the lease would require the land to be returned to its original state after the lease expires; If a piece of land is available for the Woodland Group of 2-3 acres; If a permissive footpath might be possible from Cox Lane to the wood.

Icepits Wood – (i) Councillors reviewed the committee meeting minutes from 9th July, there were no questions (ii) Councillors agreed that an extra S106 receipt of £102.40 could be used to apply for wood signage (iii) the Icepits Wood Committee terms of reference were reviewed and changed to allow spending of up to £200 without reference to the Parish Council. Proposed Councillor Peter Fisk, seconded Councillor Maggie Dunn, unanimous decision. (iv) The Parish Council agreed to pay for a new dog bin and weekly emptying at the junction of the bridleway and Green Lane. Proposed Councillor Peter Fisk, seconded Councillor Kate Trevitt, 5 votes for and 1 vote against (v) The council agreed that Martin Jackson, the member of the Gt Barton Community Woodland Group who is on the Icepits Wood committee, can use his chain saw for ground works in the wood. The Council had seen his City and Guilds Chainsaw Licence. A full risk assessment will need to be undertaken for all works (vi) Members of the Scout Group had attended the Icepits Wood committee meeting to share how they would like to use the wood including overnight camping, camp fires and for activity badges and games, signage is being looked into.

17.0 Consider the piece of land adjacent to the A143/Icepits Wood

This item is carried forward pending information from County Farms.

18.0 Update on Village projects : (i) Neighbourhood Plan – Philip Reeve (ii) School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath – Matthew Parker (iii) New Puffin Crossing on The Street/A143 (iv) Maple Green (iv) Radarlux substitute batteries update – P Reeve

(i) Councillor Philip Reeve requested that Councillors return their comments to the policies presented to the Council in July. A Grant application has been submitted for the second tranche of funding for this project. Following the open exhibition by Berkeley Homes, they have been advised that a 'pavilion' type community building would not be adequate for a population of that size. The Cattishall green buffer has been proposed for phase 3 of the development but this should be put in place at phase 1. Councillor Philip Reeve has completed a lot of research into garden sizes relative to the build area, in different parts of the village. It is still hoped that the alternative crossing (bridge/underpass) will be ready to use on the day the crossing

- is closed. Councillor Philip Reeve is liaising with network rail to try to ensure this happens.
- (ii) There was no update on the School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath.
- (iii) Councillor Philip Reeve is reviewing the type of box to hold the battery for the Radarlux VAS.
- (iv) The full application for the war memorial repair grant is being completed. Updated quotes for cleaning are awaited.
- (v) Councillors Diana Boys, Nick Ellis and Kate Trevitt volunteered to carry out the weekly playground check. A new rota will be issued.
- (vi) School Lane has been satisfactorily resurfaced.
- (vii) Councillor Kate Trevitt raised the issue of the surface of the grass footpath from Bunbury Avenue to The Park, which gets very muddy over winter. This is the main route for children from Diomed Drive area and Fornham Road walking to School and the main route for residents from these areas to access the facilities of the Post Office, petrol station and village hall. West Suffolk Council will be contacted, as the land owner, to see if they will improve the surface.

19.0 Consider ownership of Parish Council land in village at Conyers green, Church Lane and Land adj to School Lane.

Confirmation had been received from Land Registry that the following pieces of land have no registered estate and no records are held for them: 2 pieces of land at Conyers Green, Church Road/A143 junction, Church Road/Green Lane junction, Land adj to School Lane, Land adj to Holy Innocents Church. The clerk will confirm the cost of registering these pieces of land.

20.0 Planning – (i) The minutes of the planning committee meetings on 1st July, 5th and 29th August 2019 were signed as an accurate record of the meetings. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Peter Fisk, unanimous decision.

The following applications were supported:

Vivienda, Mill Road	DC/19/1077/TPO	Installation of fence posts adjacent to 1 Maple
Land adjacent to High	DC/19/1117/FUL	- (i) 1 dwelling (ii) detached double
Trees, The Park		garage and (iii) creation of a shared access
12 Diomed Drive	DC/19/1200/HH	Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear sun room)
Fieldfare House, Mill Road	DC/19/1239/HH	(i) Single storey extension side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) (ii) Double cart lodge
Trevone, Fornham Road	DC/19/1320/HH	(i) Two storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear extension) and (ii) single storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage)
Harefield, Cox Lane	DC/19/1245/HH	Single Storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory)

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Telephone Bo	DC/19/1398/TE3	Notification under section 4 of the
The Street	DC/19/1398/113	Communications Act 2003 - Removal of public payphone
Manorford, 4 Moorland D	DC/19/0813/HH Drive	Single storey side and rear extensions including integral garage/store
Rawlins, School Lane	DC/19/1437/TPO	-(i) 1 Beech fell (ii) 1 Oak reduce lateral limb on the south elevation by up to 6 metres and (iii) 1 Oak fell
Icepits Farm, Ixworth Road		Removal condition 9 of planning permission E/83/1996/P to allow dwelling to be occupied independently of the adjacent agricultural haulage business
	DC/19/1573/VAR	Variation of condition 3 of E/78/2841/P to remove restriction of land use for use of land and construction of building to accommodate 3 haulage vehicles and agricultural machinery
Orchard Gate Pakenham Ro		(i) Replacement front porch (ii) single storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage) (iii) 1 detached cart lodge (iv) removal and infill of chimney (v) alternation to external elevations from render to weatherboard cladding
*By Ways, Livermere Ro	DC/19/1679/HH ad	Single storey open fronted double bay garage with attached Gym
Cherry Trees, The Park	DC/19/1536/TPO	(i) 1 Oak - Overall crown reduction by 50% including low lateral limbs (ii) 1 Oak - Overall crown reduction by 50% (iii) 1 Beech - Reduce lateral branches overhanging garden to a height of 10 metres
Barton House The Park	e, DC/19/1535/TPO	Works to trees as per specification of works (i) 1 Oak - Remove 2 lower branches overhanging young walnut tree (ii) Evergreen Oak - Cut back lower section of crown over lawn by approx. 3 metres (iii) Yew Tree - Pollard to 2 metres above ground level

Councillors supported the application for Land adj to High Trees and would recommend that the biodiversity report recommendations are implemented. It was noted that the query relating to rights of access is a legal matter.

* After reference to the case officer for By Ways, who confirmed that the gym is for personal use only, the Council commented that they have concerns relating to the noise from amplified music within the gym premises.

High Trees, The Park DC/19/1129/TPO Fell 4 Sycamore trees

The Council support this application, if the Tree Protection Officer at West Suffolk Council is in agreement that the trees are diseased and should be felled.

Woodview,	DC/19/1179/HH	(i) Replacing and raising of roof to allow for
Thurston Road		floor habitable rooms (ii) Single storey fron
		and side extensions (demolition of side gar
		Installation of external wall insulation and
		(iv) alterations to driveway

The Council support this application but have concerns that there is no indication of the extent of the increased driveway.

An objection was made to the following application for the site adj to Greenover: Great Barton Planning Committee objects as this is a substantial change to the schedule attached to the Secretary of State's decision. There seems to be several associated amendments to this application which have not come before the GB Planning Committee. For example, there is a driveway which has been relocated, unbeknown to GB Planning Committee and that necessitated the felling of several trees which have TPOs. The original driveway did not impact on any of the trees.

Site Adjacent	DC/19/1252/VAR	(i) Variation of condition to remove
to The		Condition 20 of DC/15/0700/FUL and
Greenover,		(ii) Application to Discharge Condition
The Park		19 (Arboricultural Method Statement)
		of DC/15/0700/FUL

The committee did not comment on the following application:

Land South West of	DC/19/03486	Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved - access to be
Beyton Road, Thurston		considered) - Erection of up to 210 dwellings, means of access, open space and associated infrastructure, including junction improvements (with all proposed
		development located within Mid Suffolk District, with the exception of proposed improvements to Fishwick Corner being within West Suffolk).

(ii) The following applications were approved by West Suffolk Council:

The Oaks School	DC/19/0932/TPO	(i) T1 - Oak - Reduce lateral growth by 2m (15-
Road		20%), (ii) T2 - Oak - Crown thin by 20% of overall
		canopy , (iii) T3 - Oak - Crown raise by 3m
12 Diomed Drive	DC/19/1200/HH	Single storey rear extension (following
		demolition of existing rear sun room)
	DC/19/1179/HH	(i) Replacing and raising of roof to allow for
Wood View,		first floor habitable rooms (ii) Single storey
Thurston Road		front, rear and side extensions (demolition of
		side garage) (iii) Installation of external wall

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		insulation and render (iv) alterations to
		driveway
High Trees, The	DC/19/1129/TPO	Fell 4 Sycamore
Park		
Land adj to	DC/19/1077/TPO	Installation of fence posts adjacent to 1 Field
Vivienda, Mill		Maple
Road		
Green Gables, The	DC/19/0690/HH	(i) Construction of single storey side
Park		extensions and cart lodge (Demolition of
		garage)
Westfield Farm,	DC/18/2531/FUL	Conversion, alterations and extensions of
Compiegne Way		agricultural buildings to create office (Class B1)
		units
Trevone, Fornham	DC/19/1320/HH	(i) Two storey rear extension (following
Road		demolition of existing rear extension) and (ii)
		single storey side extension (following
		demolition of existing garage)
Oak Apples, 9 The	DC/19/1255/TPO	Fell 1 Ash
Coppice		
Harefield, Cox	DC/19/1245/HH	Single storey rear extension (following
Lane	, , ,	demolition of existing conservatory)
Fieldfare House,	DC/19/1239/HH	(i) Single storey extension side extension
Mill Road		(following demolition of existing conservatory)
		(ii) Double cart lodge
Manorford, 4	DC/19/0813/HH	Single storey side and rear extensions including
Moreland Drive	. , ,	integral garage/store
Orchard Gate,	DC/19/1518/HH	(i) replacement front porch (ii) single storey
Pakenham Road		side extension (following demolition of existing
		garage) (iii) 1 detached cart lodge (iv) removal
		and infill of chimney (v) alterations to external
		elevations from render to weatherboard
		cladding
Rawlins, School	DC/19/1437/TPO	(i) 1 Beech fell (ii) 1 Oak reduce lateral limb on
Road		the south elevation by up to 5 metres and
		reduce remaining crown by up to 4 metres (iii)
		1 Oak fell

The following application was refused by West Suffolk Council:

Land Adj to High	DC/19/1117/FUL	(i) 1 dwelling (ii) detached double garage
Trees, The Park		

Correspondence

21.0

1 item of correspondence had been circulated.

22.0 Items to be carried forward to next meeting

Councillor Kate Trevitt raised the issue of Atrial fibrillation. The Parish Council would support a session being held in the Village Hall.

The brambles on School Road have been cut back by volunteers and reported to Suffolk County Council.

Havebury Housing will walk around the properties they own in Gt Barton with Councillors. A quote could not be obtained for maintenance to the concrete and wooden benches on the Village Hall Playing Field as it would be cheaper to replace them.

<u>23.0</u>	Closing Public Session					
<u> 23.0</u>	No further items were raised.					
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<u>24.0</u>	Date of next meeting					
	The next full Council meeting will be on Monday 7 th October 2019.					
	There being no further business the meeting finished at 10:45 pm.					
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