

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16 September, 2019 at the Methodist Church Hall

- 09.19.00 **PRESENT:** Alan Newman in the chair, Nick Bird, Stan Coram, John Sones Andrew Woodgate, Andrew Morton, Fiona Watt, District Councillor L Jamieson the Clerk, and 2 members of the VHMC.
- 09.19.01 **APOLOGIES:**, County Councillor R Lindsay
- 09.19.02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 09.19.03 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 August were signed as an accurate record.
- 09.19.04 **4.1 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** Robert was unable to attend the meeting. His report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**5.2 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Leigh Jamieson reported  
**Neighbourhood Plan** Firstly he congratulated the parish council and members of the village who have been key in producing the neighbourhood plan. Approval by Cabinet last week was great news and hopefully the referendum will be a formality in getting this plan fully adopted as soon as possible. He has already highlighted this to the planning officer dealing with the Whatfield Road application and also written to the planning inspectorate regarding the appeal.

**5 Year Housing Land Supply** Babergh District Council has now published a new annual five-year housing land supply position statement which demonstrates a 5.67-year supply, alongside the Joint Annual Monitoring Report with Mid Suffolk District Council.

**Housing Land Supply Components**

Housing Land Supply 2019-2024 Total 2,499

Requirement Scenario - Dwellings Per Annum 441

**Elmsett Supply**

Land East Of Hadleigh Road, Elmsett, Suffolk

Land At Shrubland Nursery, Whatfield Road, Elmsett Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6LZ

Red House Farm, Flowton Road, Elmsett Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6PF

The Malting, Whatfield Road, Elmsett

Mill Farm, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6ND

Little Wings, Whatfield Road, Elmsett,

Aldham End, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett

**Joint Local Plan Drop in Events** Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been running a number of drop in events over the last month. The events will allow residents with questions about the draft Joint Local Plan to put those questions to members and officers from the two councils.

**Community Infrastructure Levy** The 2<sup>nd</sup> review of the community infrastructure levy (CIL) is now underway.

**Council Merger** There have been rumours on the merger of Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils. It is clear that this is something that is not wanted by residents and at the moment there are no plans to do this. However, there are early discussions about the possible name change of Babergh council to South Suffolk Council. This is still in the very early stages and again no firm plans are in place.

Members of the Parish Council were really disappointed to hear that Babergh was considering a name change.

Members of the Council were pleased to hear about the Infrastructure Levy and would give consideration as to how they might benefit and make use of any Levy.

09.19.05 **VILLAGE HALL UPDATE:** Members of the VHMC updated the meeting and said that some redecorating of the hall has taken place and the carpet in the foyer has been cleaned. Discussions mainly with the playgroup are still ongoing with regard to major improvements incorporating the use/renovation of the pavilion.

09.19.06 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** The chairman reported that he had attended the recent Cabinet meeting at Babergh DC when the plan was approved for Referendum. It was anticipated that this would take place at the end of October early November. The Referendum being the last stage before formal adoption by the District Council.

09.19.07 **RECESS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There was a recess for public comments

05.19.08 **FINANCE:** Accounts Due – invoices were verified and cheques were signed as shown below.

Payee	Sum	Purpose	Powers for expenditure
T Hitchcock Community Action Suffolk	120.00	Grasscutting 15 & 29 August	Open Spaces Act 1906
	198.87	Insurance Prem. Renewal	LGA 1972

Purchase of Wreath – it was agreed that the council make a donation to the Royal British Legion and purchase a wreath to be laid at the Remembrance Service. Clerk to place order as soon as possible.

Precept – the parish council has received the second instalment of the precept of £5,200 from Babergh DC.

05.19.09 **PLANNING: Application DC/19/03984** - Installation of swimming pool and erection of boundary wall (Retention of) Greatfield House, Ipswich Road – Parish Council did not object to the application.

**Application DC/19/03784** - Severence of garden and erection of 1 No. single storey dwelling and garage. Pump House, The Street, Elmsett. – The parish council agreed to forward the following comments to Babergh District Council - The parish council is concerned that the plans do not show sufficient turning space within the site to enable vehicles to enter and leave the highway in a forward gear. As the site is adjacent to the Post Office and village stores there is considerable pedestrian and vehicular movement across the frontage of the access which could lead to road safety dangers.

**Application DC/19/04133** - Siting a mobile home to provide additional living accommodation, Manor Cottage, Manor Road, Elmsett – the parish council were informed by Babergh DC that

this was not a planning application as such, therefore it was not for the PC to discuss at this stage. Babergh DC is taking a legal view on the status of the submission.

05.19.10 **DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS:** 28 October & 9 December.

The meeting closed

Signed:-..... Dated:-.....  
Chairman