

BARSHAM AND SHIPMEADOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 10th February 2025

At 7.30pm at Barsham Village Hall

Present: ZB, PH, PM

Public Attendance: East Suffolk Councillor Anthony Speca was in attendance.

Apologies: DA, ZM

Declarations of Interest: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were circulated and agreed as a true record of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2024. ZB signed the Minutes. The meeting of 8th January was cancelled, due to being inquorate.

Matters Arising:

Monthly check on Defib battery: Battery checked and fully charged

Barsham Aviation Memorial Fund: No word as yet from Barclays bank re the proposed new signatories. This fund will henceforth be managed by the Village Hall Management Committee.

Bus stop platforms: Work completed. Awaiting invoice for PC share of the costs.

Public Contribution:

74-0225: Cllr. Speca was in attendance, but was unable to discuss substantive issues due to the 'purdah' in operation during the election period. He was able to confirm that the Gray's Lane solar farm proposal in Wisset – just outside the ward – was granted planning permission on 11th February. Cllr. Speca also gave a general overview of the reorganisation/devolution proposals and timeline. There may elections in 2026, to elect a Mayor for a single unitary authority – perhaps comprising all of Suffolk and Norfolk. There will no more district elections, and currently serving East Suffolk Councillors will be the last ever appointed. More details will be given as these become available.

Planning Matters:

75-0225: BA/2024/0448/LBC - BA/2024/0449/LBC - BA/2024/0450/LBC

No objections were raised to the installation of these very necessary flood-reduction measures.

Financial Matters:

76-0225: Financial Report circulated by ZB.

Balance as at 13th January 2025: **£7,700.86**

Bank Charges for period 13th December to 12th January: **£8.00**

Bank Charges to be deducted 03rd February 2025

Balance as at 12th February 2025: **£7,692.86**

Payments to be approved:

77-0225: gov.uk domain name (2 years) + 2 mailboxes 91 year): **£66.00**.

PH. reimbursed at meeting - Cheque No. 297.

Correspondence Received: All forwarded by email.

Any Other Business:

78-0225: There has been damage to, and obstruction of, the track running past the Cottages. Who is responsible for the harvester machinery/waggons? PM to contact RB in first instance.

ZB to write a PC article for the March edition of the Sheaf.

PH mooted that we may need to link with another PC, if we cannot increase PC numbers.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 12th March 2025.

There being no more business, the meeting was drawn to a close at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Date: