

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs L. Davies and Cllrs J. Brown, J. Callan, Mrs H. Pechey, Mrs V. Steer, D. Tamsitt and D. Wood.

044/2009 Public Speaking:

Three Parishioners attended the meeting.

Matters raised and discussed were as follows:

The removal of the dog bins on the Village Green and the signs that have been placed there stating no dogs are allowed on the Village Green, the railings opposite Fox Way and whether the railings around the culvert could be painted to blend in with the surroundings.

045/2009 Apologies: Vice Chairman E. Mullett due to a prior engagement and Cllr M. Simpson due to work commitments.

046/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs V. Steer

047/2009 Matters Arising: None

048/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 31 March 2009

Current Account.....	£ 5,816.49
Capital Reserve Account.....	£22,679.78
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 2,424.35
Includes Grant from Kent County Council.....	£ 3,888.00

(b) To pay any Accounts received prior to the meeting:

(i) Clerk's salary/administration expenses for period 01/01/2009 to 31/03/2009 - £1,638.32;

(ii) KALC Annual Subscription - £402.78;

(iii) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:

(1) Shaw & Sons Ltd re binding of Minutes for period January 2003 to December 2008 - £116.15;

(2) Grassmow re Village 01/04/2009 & Churchyards 01/04/2009 - £472.15;

(3) EDF Energy for period 01/01/2009 to 31/03/2009 - £780.00;

(c) Any other financial matters:

(i) The Application to Kent County Council for a Grant to Address a Community Broadband Notspot had been completed and sent to Cllr Richard Parry;

(ii) A full set of Accounts for the year 01/04/2008 to 31/03/2009 were handed to all Councillors and were approved by all. Proposed by Cllr J. Brown and seconded by Cllr J. Callan.

049/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/09/TEMP/0003 – Barham C of E Primary School, Valley Road, Barham – Retention of existing mobile classroom unit – No objections;
- (b) CA/09/00184/FUL – Barham Business Park, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Erection of seven light industrial units (682 m² gross) – Council objected on the grounds that the access from the A2 to the site was not satisfactory, especially for HGV's;
- (c) CA/08/00163/BAR – Sussex Farm, Railway Hill, Barham – Single-storey extension to dwelling – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (d) CA/08/01156/BAR – Derringstone, Barham – Re-conductor existing low voltage overhead line with aerial bundled conductor and renew poles and fittings as necessary - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (e) CA/09/00071/FUL – 22A The Grove, Barham – First-floor extension to side of dwelling - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (f) CA/09/00072/FUL – Broome Quarry House, Canterbury Road, Barham – Alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of detached garage - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (g) CA/09/00127/ELE – Rectory Lane, Barham – Replacement overhead electricity lines - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (h) The Chairman reported that David Sime of Canterbury City Council will be having a meeting with the owners of the Manor to ascertain their reasons for creating the new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills;
- (i) It was reported that a further mobile home had been placed on the site at Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road. Terry Dawson would investigate this and revert back to us;
- (j) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting: None

050/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) An extremely large pothole $\pm$ 15 yards from the rear entrance to Sparrow Court in Rabbit Hole;
 - (ii) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10402000 re potholes in Brickfield Road;
 - (iii) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10402001 re potholes in Out Elmstead Lane;
 - (iv) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10402002 re potholes in Church Lane;
 - (v) Potholes in Derringstone Hill;
 - (vi) Edge of Valley Road breaking up.
- (b) Copy of letter from Kent County Council re Potholes on Kent's Roads with all Councillors;
- (c) Melvyn Twycross the Area Public Rights of Way Officer reported that he had looked at Bridleway CB261 that runs from Gravel Castle up to the A260 and could not see any way of reducing the slope between the road and the field. However, he did notice that part of the step across the full width of the gap has collapsed and will arrange for volunteers to carry out repairs;
- (d) The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Kent Highways who will arrange for the words "SLOW" to be painted onto the road surface of Gravel Castle Road and Church Lane's junction.

051/2009 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;
- (b) The Chairman has spoken to Jan Uden about the street nameplate that said "South Barham Hill", which has now been replaced with one saying "Red Oak Lane". It has also been mentioned that the street nameplate at the bottom of "Greenhills" is incorrect in that it has been made two words instead of one;
- (c) The Chairman reported that she had spoken to Kent Highways who will be placing a directional sign to the Crematorium at the T-Junction after the flyover on the A260;
- (d) The Chairman advised that the directional sign to St. John's Church, which was on the pole with the directional sign to the Crematorium on Valley Road pointing up Church Lane has still not been replaced.

052/2009 Social:

- (a) Cllr David Tamsitt is to provide the Clerk with the name of the person he had dealings with in respect of the Christmas Lights as despite requests by the Council, the lights have not been returned.

053/2009 Village Hall: Nothing to report.

054/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

055/2009 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr D. Wood reported that the Nailbourne Community Store Committee Ltd had now been appointed a Sub Post Mistress, Mrs Alka Patel, who is currently runs the Littlebourne Post Office. Mrs Patel will also run the shop. EDF have now put in the meter and are waiting for the Post Office to deliver the equipment. The Post Office/Shop should hopefully be up and running by early May 2009.

056/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

057/2009 Open Areas:

- (a) The letter received from Canterbury City Council regarding the removal of the Dog Bins from the Village Green and the erection of Dog Ban signs was read out. The Council had not received any notification that this was to happen to the Village Green. A letter is to be sent to Canterbury City Council advising them of this and to ask who originally made the request and that the Council wish to have the Dog Ban signs removed;
- (b) Interest in allotments has been received from a notice being placed on the Council's website. The notice has only gone into this month's Parish Magazine, therefore the matter is to be held over until the next meeting to see what response has been generated;
- (c) Donation by Horticultural Society – Hold over to next Agenda;
- (d) Copy of Nailbourne and Little Stour Groundwater Newsletter March 2009 with all Councillors.

058/2009 Village Plan: Nothing to report.

059/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since the 06/03/2009 to 02/04/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 378 other visits recorded to the website.

060/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) KALC – Parish News Issue 338 of 11 March 2009 with Representatives;
- (b) CPRE – Fieldwork March 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (c) CPRE – Viewpoint Kent Spring 2009 with all Councillors;
- (d) CPRE – Countryside Voice for circulation with Councillors;
- (e) ACRK – Rural News No. 89, March 2009 with all Councillors;
- (f) CPRE – E-mail dated 01/04/2009 with all Councillors;
- (g) KALC – Agenda for a Meeting on 08/04/2009 with Representatives.

061/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) District Life Issue 34 Spring 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (b) Copy of Minutes of Police Parish Council Forum held on 28/02/2009 with all Councillors.

062/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

- (a) Annual Parish Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 16th April 2009;
- (b) Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 7th May 2009 at 7.30 p.m..

Meeting ended at 8.28p.m.