

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Chairman Mrs L. Davies, Vice Chairman Mr E. Mullett and Cllrs J. Brown, Mrs H. Pechey, Mrs V. Steer, D. Tamsitt and D. Wood.

103/2009 Public Speaking:

Five Parishioners attended the meeting.

Matters raised and discussed were as follows:

Nancy Ball wanted to know what was happening about the removal of the dog bans signs. The Clerk advised that Canterbury City Council are insisting that we received notifications of the proposals of the Orders, which we did not, and that we will need to pay for the cost of reversing the Orders. The Clerk to bring this matter before Martin Vye.

104/2009 Apologies: Cllr M. Simpson due to work commitments.

105/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr Mrs H. Pechey and seconded by Cllr E. Mullett.

106/2009 Matters Arising: None

107/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 30 June 2009

Current Account.....	£43,135.91
Includes Broadband Grant.....	£34,625.00
Capital Reserve Account.....	£42,686.39
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 2,443.60
Includes Grant from Kent County Council.....	£ 9,179.00

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

- (i) Clerk's salary/administration expenses for period 01/04/2009 to 30/06/2009 - £1,473.75;
- (ii) Barham Village Hall Hire re Youth Club for February to June 2009 - £153.00;
- (iii) Barham Village Hall Hire re PC Meetings for March to May 2009 - £44.00;
- (iv) Canterbury City Council for Youth Sessions for 01/04/2009 to 30/06/2009 - £741.89;
- (v) KALC for 8th Edition of Local Council Administration Book - £59.00;
- (vi) Mowll & Mowll re disbursements for registration of Derringstone Green as Village Green - £16.00;
- (vii) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1) Dynamic Fireworks - £1,870.00;
 - (2) Grassmow re Village & Churchyards June 2009 - £472.15;
 - (3) EDF Energy for period 01/04/2009 to 30/06/2009 - £727.12.

- (c) Any other financial matters:
 - (i) VAT Refund of £2,308.69 received;
 - (ii) Cllr J. Brown reported that the leaflets for Vfast are being printed tomorrow and will be double sided. One side will advertise the Vfast offer and the other side the opening hours of the shop.

108/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/09/00554/FUL – Little Breach Farm, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Formation of tennis court with associated fencing – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (b) CA/09/00572/FUL – Sunnydowns, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Replacement porch to front and garage to side of dwelling – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (c) Report on new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills – The Clerk reported that no replies had been received from David Sime to e-mails, letters or telephone messages. Clerk to pursue this matter.
- (d) Report on alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road – The Clerk reported that Terry Dawson had undertaken to give us a report for the meeting, which was never received. Clerk to pursue this matter;
- (e) Report on alleged breach re change of use of land to stationing of mobile home – Greenhills Farm, Greenhills – The Clerk reported that she had reported this matter and an acknowledgement received from David Sime. No further correspondence received. Clerk to pursue this matter;
- (f) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) Copy of e-mail dated 20/06/2009 from The Whitstable Society with all Councillors. The Clerk is to advise The Whitstable Society that the Parish Council supports their letter. The Clerk is to write a letter in this respect and to copy to Martin Vye;
 - (ii) CA/09/00184/FUL – Barham Business Park, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Erection of seven light industrial units (B1 Use Class) (682 m² gross) – Planning Application Granted – Noted.

109/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Chairman read out a letter from Terry Elvey of Kent County Council addressed to a parishioner re 30mph speed limit in Out Elmstead;
- (b) The Clerk to report to the gas board that half of an inspection cover is missing and needs replacing at the end of the footpath between Valley Road, ending at Greenhills, at The Manor end;
- (c) The Clerk to report that the ground alongside the footpath outside 16 The Grove, Barham is being pushed up by tree roots, causing a large mound over which parishioners can trip;
- (d) The Clerk provides Councillors with details of where the Bridleway Bridge will be placed. The Clerk is to request what the cost of the Bridleway Bridge will be.

110/2009 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;

(b) The Clerk reported that Kent Highway Services have reported that there is a very large backlog of signage jobs – white lining, road markings, installation of new and replacement of old signs. The ‘Signage and Lining’ team is working their way through them.

111/2009 Social:

The Chairman reported that fireworks had been ordered for Bonfire Night, which will be held on Saturday 7 November 2009 at 6.30p.m.

112/2009 Village Hall:

Roger Allin reported that there have been the following resignations from the Village Hall Committee:

The Chairman Pauline Greenman
Treasurer
Secretary

Roger Allin has agreed to act as Chairman until the AGM in September 2009. It is hoped that there will be people to take up these posts otherwise the Village Hall could close without the required support. Roger Allin thanked the Nailbourne Community Store Association Ltd Committee for getting the shop and post office up and running.

113/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

114/2009 Post Office/Shop:

- (a) Copy of letter dated 15/06/2009 from Post Office with all Councillors;
- (b) Cllr J. Brown reported on behalf of the Nailbourne Community Store Committee Ltd that the shop and post office opened on Thursday 25/06/2009 and that it would be closed on Wednesday afternoons.

115/2009 Youth Club:

Roger Allin reported that the Youth Club have some more younger children attending. There had been some trouble at the Youth Club with two older boys causing trouble and the PCSO had to be called out to remove them. The Clerk is to seek clarification from Canterbury City Council as to why the Parish Council has to give 4 weeks notice to use the small hall if the Youth Club is in session. Clerk is to also ask for a report on the Youth Club.

116/2009 Open Areas:

- (a) The Clerk is to bring the matter of the dog ban signs before City Councillor Martin Vye;
- (b) The Clerk reported that Ian Fleming had advised that he would be better able to give us advice on starting up allotments after he had seen the area that we proposed having. The Chairman will telephone Ian Fleming to arrange a site visit;
- (c) Donation by Horticultural Society – Hold over until September 2009;
- (d) Refurbishment of toddlers play area – Hold over until September 2009 for report from Cllr M. Simpson;

- (e) The Clerk reported on the cost for removal of the moles on the Village Green in Valley Road. The Clerk is to contact Access Pest Control to arrange a site visit, so that a precise quote can be given for the work to be carried out;
- (f) The Clerk reported that village entrance signs for both ends of the village have been ordered. The Clerk read out a letter from Kent Downs AONB explaining why the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty logo cannot be incorporated in the village entrance signs or purchased on their own;
- (g) The Clerk reported that the registration of Derringstone Green as a Village Green was now complete. The Clerk to place on the next Agenda – Consideration of ‘Designated Village Green’ signs;
- (h) Copy of River Basin Bulletin June 2009 with all Councillors;
- (i) The Chairman read out a letter from John Wilson, Chapel Steward of Barham Methodist Church. The Clerk to report back to John Wilson that an advert would be placed in the Village Magazine asking for any ideas for the use of the Chapel in the community and would refer back to him in this regard.

117/2009 Village Plan:

- (a) Copy of e-mail dated 18/06/2009 from Chris Jelly on behalf of Elham Environment Group with all Councillors for consideration. The Clerk is to ask when their next meeting will be so that someone could attend from the Parish Council.

118/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 05/06/2009 to 02/07/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 331 other visits recorded to the website.

119/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) CPRE – E-mail dated 05/06/2009 with all Councillors;
- (b) KALC – Parish News Issue No. 340 of 05/06/2009 with Representatives.;
- (c) CPRE – E-mail dated 01/07/2009 with all Councillors;
- (d) Cllr D. Tamsitt advised that he had attended the ‘Power of Well-Being’ training held at Wingham Village Hall on Tuesday 30/06/2009 and gave a brief report.

110/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Copy of letter from Kent Police Authority dated 19/06/2009 with all Councillors;
- (b) Canterbury City Council e-Newsletter Issue 20 June 2009 with all Councillors;
- (c) Kent County Council Environment, Highways and Waste Directorate: Statement of Community Involvement Scoping Consultation for circulation with Councillors;
- (d) Parish News Newsletter Issue 28 – June 2009 with all Councillors;
- (e) Explore Kent Issue 17, Spring 2009 with all Councillors;
- (f) District Life Issue 35 Summer 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (g) Copy of letter dated 08/06/2009 from Government Office for the South East re Formal Submission of Partial Review to the South East RSS in relation to: Somewhere to Live: Planning for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople in the South East for circulation with Councillors;

(h) The Clerk read out an e-mail dated 27/06/2009 from the Parish Magazine requesting that one of the Council members pick out relevant items for publishing. It was agreed that the Clerk would do a bullet point list of items from the Minutes to be published;

(i) LCR Summer 2009 for circulation with Councillors.

111/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 3rd September 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.00p.m.