

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 24th September 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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

137/2009 Public Speaking:

Two Parishioners attended the meeting.
No matters were raised or discussed.

138/2009 Apologies: Cllr M. Simpson due to work commitments.

139/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs H. Pechey

140/2009 Matters Arising: None

141/2009 Finance:

- (a) Balances as at 24 September 2009
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| Current Account..... | £38,863.65 |
| Includes Broadband Grant..... | £31,643.00 |
| Capital Reserve Account..... | £27,690.97 |
| Includes Social Fund Balance of..... | £ 817.51 |
| Includes Grant from Canterbury City Council..... | £ 2,854.00 |
- (b) To pay any Accounts received prior to the meeting:
- (i) Vfast Internet re 7 installations at 09/09/2009 - £1,714.65;
 - (ii) Clerk's salary/administration expenses for period 01/07/2009 to 30/09/2009 - £1,441.05;
 - (iii) EDF Energy for period 01/07/2009 to 30/09/2009 - tbc;
 - (iv) Canterbury City Council for Youth Sessions for 01/07/2009 to 30/09/2009 - tbc;
 - (v) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1) Grassmow re Village & Churchyards September 2009 - £487.15;
 - (2) Suttons re carriage for anti-mole bulbs purchased - £3.95.
- (c) Any other financial matters:
- (i) Cllr J. Brown enquired as to why there were more monies in the Current account than in the Capital Reserve account. The Clerk advised that £31,643.00 was the Broadband Grant and was left in the Current account for easy accessibility for paying the installation fees as it takes two weeks for a transfer from the Capital to Current account. This was not a problem as the bank interest fees were minimal at present.

142/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/09/01258/FUL – Millfields Farm, Railway Hill, Barham – Erection of hay, cattle and sheep shed – No objections;
- (b) CA/09/00977/FUL – Bella Vista, Mill Lane, Barham – Alterations and extensions to provide first-floor living accommodation - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (c) CA/09/01102/FUL – The Wrekin, Railway Hill, Barham – Single-storey extension and erection of a detached garage to rear of dwelling – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (d) Report on new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills, Barham – Clerk to write to head of Planning Enforcement about lack of reply to communications with David Sime and to copy to City Councillor Martin Vye;
- (e) Report on alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road, Barham – Clerk reported;
- (f) Report on alleged breach re change of use of land to stationing of mobile home – Greenhills Farm, Greenhills, Barham - Clerk to write to head of Planning Enforcement about lack of reply to communications with David Sime and to copy to City Councillor Martin Vye;
- (g) Report on alleged breach re hardstanding – Ground behind Springfield and Theberton House, The Street, Barham – Clerk reported. The Chairman provided the Clerk with a copy of a Proposed Caravan Club Certificated Location (CL) notice, which is to be copied to the Planning Enforcement Officer and advising that the Council is seriously concerned about access issues and that there will be no monitoring of the site;
- (h) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Coachmans Cottage, Valley Road, Barham – Fell a Sycamore located in the back garden in the hedge, fell a willow located in the back garden behind the pond and replace and a hedge made up of Hazel Stock, Field Maple and Beach trees located at the rear of the garden is to be crown lifted and the fringe of the canopy cut back to allow clearance of approximately 3.6m from the ground – No objections;

143/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) Footpath opposite The Shrubbery going to Out Elmstead Lane is impassable;
 - (ii) Between 8 and 9 The Grove the trees are overgrown and covering the streetlight so that it remains on all day.
- (b) The Clerk reported on dog litter bins to be placed on the grass verge in Valley Road. Cllr E. Mullett reported that Mr Biddolph was having serious problems with dog fouling along the grass verge on Valley Road, which is causing him problems with his equipment. Clerk to place a notice in the Parish Magazine requesting the co-operation of Parishioners whilst dog bins were being arranged for this area.

144/2009 Parish Maintenance:

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

- (b) The Clerk is to report the following:
- (i) Clerk to convey the Councils gratitude for the swift response in replacing the 'Church Lane' street nameplate;
 - (iii) By the footpath in Old Valley Road and The Grove the green footpath sign and the blue 'no cycling' sign have broken off and are both missing.

145/2009 Social: Nothing to report.

146/2009 Village Hall:

AGM to be held on 28/09/2009.

147/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

148/2009 Post Office/Shop: Nothing to report.

149/2009 Youth Club:

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council does not need to give a months notice to Canterbury City Council for Council Meetings that coincide with the Youth Club although they do request that they are given a few days notice due to toilet facilities as they have to take the children's safety and wellbeing into consideration.

150/2009 Open Areas:

- (a) The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from City Councillor Martin Vye who had advised that he had spoken to Chris Wallis and asked a few more questions re the Dog Ban Signs. Further correspondence is awaited;
- (b) Clerk to write to the Parishioners on the allotment waiting list to attend the next Council Meeting at 7.15p.m. to discuss possible locations. Cllr D. Tamsitt will speak to Tim Bines of the Horticultural Society to attend to give his views on locations.
- (c) Donation by Horticultural Society – The Chairman will sort out what trees needed;
- (d) The Chairman reported that the refurbishment of toddlers play area was complete and that all faults had been corrected;
- (e) Bollards on old Recreation Ground are being installed;
- (f) The Chairman and Cllr E. Mullett will work on the items needing attention per the ROSPA report;
- (g) Place on next Agenda – Discuss land adjoining Village Green on Valley Road.

151/2009 Village Plan:

Cllr J. Brown reported that a draft review of the Village Plan should be available at the next meeting.

152/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 03/09/2009 to 23/09/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 268 other visits recorded to the website.

153/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) KALC – Parish News Issue No. 342 of 08/09/2009 with Representatives.

154/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Parish News Newsletter Issue 29 – September 2009 with all Councillors;
- (b) Copy of Minutes of Dover District Local Development Framework Core Strategy Examination Pre-Hearing Meeting and Agendas for the Hearings with all Councillors;
- (c) Copy of Kent County Council Community Safety Newsletter June 2009 with all Councillors;
- (d) Copy of letter dated 01/09/2009 from Kent County Council re Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Consultation on the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment with all Councillors.

155/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 5th November 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.45p.m.