

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 3rd December 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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

175/2009 Public Speaking:

Five Parishioners attended the meeting.

(a) Simon Cavalier spoke on behalf of the Tennis Club, advising that he is raising funds for the Recreation Ground in co-ordination with the Tennis Club. Before the donors will release funds for the resurfacing of the Courts, they wish to see that the Parish is supporting them. A request was made for the support of the Council in the sum of £2,000.00 and the Tennis Club will be prepared to pay for works carried out by the Parish Council in the sum of £1,600.00. It was agreed that the Clerk will send to Simon Cavalier a letter of support for £2,000.00 and will also confirm that the Parish Council supported the Tennis Club in the restoration of the Practise Court and two Main Courts. Simon Cavalier advised that with the work already carried out at Tennis Courts, membership has increased by one-third;

(b) Ray Sanders enquired as to what was happening with the barriers at the top of Derrington Hill that had been set up to protect the badgers. The Clerk will write to Kent Highway Services to find out when the barriers will be moved.

176/2009 Apologies: Cllr J. Brown due to illness.

177/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr E. Mullett and seconded by Cllr D. Tamsitt

178/2009 Matters Arising: None

179/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 30 November 2009

Current Account.....	£31,650.08
Includes Broadband Grant.....	£28,022.00
Capital Reserve Account.....	£22,695.30
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 3,877.72

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

(i) Vfast Internet re 11 installations at 10/11/2009 - £2,694.45;

(ii) Clerk's salary/administration expenses for period 01/10/2009 to 31/12/2009 - £1,230.47;

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

(1) Grassmow re Village & Churchyards November 2009 - £487.15;

(2) Mr E. Mullett for charcoal on bonfire night - £22.88;

(c) Any other financial matters:

(i) Bonfire Night proceeds - £3,060.21;

- (ii) Letters of anticipated income and expenditure had been sent to all Councillors. It was agreed that a Precept be set at £20,000.00 as per the previous year. The Chairman handed the Clerk paperwork received at the Canterbury District Parish Forum Meeting on 21/11/2009 with regards the different areas Parish Councils could save money. The Clerk confirmed that the only area that a saving could be made was to change the Play Area Inspection from ROSPA to Digley Associates;
- (iii) Wayleave payment for Derringstone received in the sum of £11.54.

180/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) ENF/09/00052 - Report on new driveway/entrance at The Manor onto Greenhills, Barham – The Clerk reported that Jim McEwan had now handed this matter to Alison Gravett who will report back to me in due course regarding their investigations;
- (b) ENF/09/00233 – Report on alleged breach re change of use of land to stationing of mobile home at Greenhills Farm, Greenhills, Barham - The Clerk reported that Jim McEwan had now handed this matter to Alison Gravett who will report back to me in due course regarding their investigations;
- (c) ENF/08/00265 - Report on alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes at Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road, Barham – The Clerk reported that the Planning Contravention Notice had been produced and was to be served. Terry Dawson has asked a colleague to take the case over due to an increase in workload and will shortly advise me of who is dealing with the matter;
- (d) ENF/09/00412 - Report on alleged breach re hardstanding on Ground behind Springfield and Theberton House, The Street, Barham – To be removed from Agenda;
- (e) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) CA/09/01696/FUL – Greenhills Farm, Greenhills, Barham – Change of use from farm shop to retail shop – No objections.

181/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) There are many potholes in Out Elmstead that require attention;
 - (ii) There is a large pot hole that is breaking up just after the Cricket Pitch in Rabbit Hole plus a few others that require attention;
 - (iii) Enquire as to when the barriers at Derringstone Hill will be removed.
- (b) It was agreed that the Clerk was to purchase a dog bin with an extended base post at a cost of £124.85, which is inclusive of carriage and VAT. It is to be delivered to the Chairman, whereafter arrangements can be made with Christopher Paine of Canterbury City Council to install the one purchased as well as the one removed by them that requires re-instatement;
- (c) The Chairman reported that she had attended the Kent Highways Parish Seminar held on 25/11/2009. The Chairman advised that it was a very interesting seminar with 9 speakers reporting on various such as the new way of gritting the roads so that the salt remains on the roads longer, inspection of trees, permits required by utility companies for digging up roads, etc. It was said that Barham was one of the next areas to have their speed limits reviewed and surveys would be sent out;

(d) The Clerk reported that John Newsome was no longer the project manager for the culvert and had been replaced by Geoff Blatchford, who has undertaken a review to determine the amount of work still to be done in order to produce a reasonable program for the works. His recommendations have to be submitted to Kent County Council for their acceptance and due to this, it is not feasible that the works will be commenced in January 2010. However, it is anticipated that the earliest start date would be Spring to Summer 2010.

182/2009 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;
- (b) No street nameplates and/or direction signs to be reported.

183/2009 Social:

- (a) It was suggested by the Chairman that the Christmas lights that were previously placed on the tree opposite the School be donated to the shop. Cllr D. Wood would speak to the Nailbourne Community Store Committee in this regard;

The next event would be the Pensioners Luncheon, which is to take place on 13/02/2010.

184/2009 Village Hall:

Cllr E. Mullett advised that a survey on all trees was to be carried out in respect of the proposed extension to the Village Hall.

185/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

186/2009 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr D. Wood reported that there was a couple of interested people for the position of sub post master/mistress but that the decision rested with the Post Office.

187/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

188/2009 Open Areas:

- (a) The Clerk reported that the Dog Bans for the Village Green and the Cricket Ground were to be revoked;

- (b) Allotments – Place on next Agenda;

(c) As the offer of a donation by the Horticultural Society was some two years ago, it was with regret that the offer had to be retracted due to the lack of funds. It was agreed by Council that two Beech trees and a flowering Cherry still be purchased. The Chairman to arrange this. The Chairman advised that she had collected the 25 free trees from the University. As these trees were very small, they would be planted in pots to enable them to grow a bit before planting them at the Cricket ground;

- (a) Discuss land adjoining Village Green on Valley Road – To be removed from the Agenda as nothing to discuss.

189/2009 Village Plan:

Cllr M. Simpson handed all Councillors a copy of the Barham Parish Plan Review Milestone Document. As set out in the Barham Parish Plan Review Milestone Document, various core priorities will be discussed over the next six months with a presentation of the Full Parish Plan Review Document in July 2010. Cllrs D. Wood, J. Brown and M. Simpson had been appointed as a sub-committee.

190/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 05/11/2009 to 04/12/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 457 other visits recorded to the website.

191/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) CPRE – E-mail dated 04/11/2009 with all Councillors;
- (b) CPRE – E-mail dated 02/12/2009 with all Councillors.

192/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Lord-Lieutenant's Civic Service at All Saints Church, Maidstone on Thursday 22/04/2010 at 11h00 – The Chairman will attend;
- (b) Kent Fire & Rescue Service Making Kent Safer – Integrated Risk Management Plan 2010/13 for circulation with Councillors;
- (c) Copy of Policing Matters Newsletter Issue 2 – October 2009 with all Councillors.

193/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 4th February 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.43p.m.