

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at The Chapel, Derrington Hill, Thursday 4th June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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

084/2009 Public Speaking:

Two Parishioners attended the meeting.

Matters raised and discussed were as follows:

Copy of letter received by Nancy Ball from Chris Wallis of Canterbury City Council re the removal of dog bins and the placement of dog ban signs handed to the Clerk. This was read out by the Clerk.

085/2009 Apologies: The Chairman L. Davies who is recuperating from an operation.

086/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr Mrs V. Steer and seconded by Cllr Mrs H. Pechey.

087/2009 Matters Arising: None

088/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 31 May 2009

Current Account.....	£54,721.10
Includes Broadband Grant.....	£50,000.00
Capital Reserve Account.....	£42,686.39
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 2,443.60
Includes Grant from Kent County Council.....	£ 3,888.00

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

- (i)** Vfast Internet re Broadband backhaul - £17,681.25;
- (ii)** Folkestone & Dover Water for the period 01/04/2009 to 30/06/2009 - £11.48;
- (iii)** Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1)** Grassmow re Village & Churchyards May 2009 - £472.15;
 - (2)** Kent County Playing Fields Association annual subscription - £20.00;

(c) Any other financial matters:

- (i)** Copy of letter dated 12/05/2009 from Kent County Playing Fields Association with all Councillors;
- (ii)** Copy of e-mail re Power of Well Being Training with all Councillors. Clerk to enquire whether it is compulsory for the Parish Council to obtain a Certificate and if so, whether the training can be undertaken electronically or whether training could be held at a venue closer to Barham;

(iii) Cllr D. Wood requested a contribution from the Parish Council for the Nailbourne Community Store Association Limited, explaining in detail what funds were still required and for what. It was agreed by all Councillors to give a contribution of £1,000.00.

089/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/09/00589/LB – Black Mill Cottage, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Replacement cladding and alterations to flat roof – No objections;
- (b) The Clerk reported that she had been unsuccessful in obtaining a reply to e-mails sent and telephone messages left regarding a report on the site visit David Simes had re the new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills. The Clerk will continue to pursue the matter;
- (a) The Clerk reported that Terry Dawson would provide a report on the alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road by the 02/07/2009;
- (b) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Oast Court, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Removal of 6 Conifers in rear garden to enable planting of mixed native hedge – No objections.

090/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to copy all future reports on pot holes to Michael Northey at Kent County Council;
- (b) The Clerk reported that Wendy of InterRoute was unable to provide the information requested on the Bridleway Bridge until after the meeting to be held on 10/06/2009 and has undertaken to contact me on the 11/06/2009 in this respect;
- (c) Following a request in the Parish Magazine for footpath walkers, Stephen and Liz Dallison have undertaken to take on this annual task;
- (d) The Clerk to pursue Kent Highways who had agreed to arrange for the words “SLOW” to be painted onto the road surface of Gravel Castle Road and Church Lane’s junction.

091/2009 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;
- (b) The Clerk to look into the replacement of directional signs on the A260, which had some time ago been reported and could not at that stage be replaced due to funding;
- (c) Clerk to report that the ‘Give Way’ sign from the A2 to top of Gravel Castle is hidden by the hedges as well as the sign at the top of Church Lane going to the A260, which is currently unidentifiable as it is totally hidden. Request for the shrubbery to be cut back;
- (d) The Clerk to chase the replacement of 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, which has been reported on a couple of occasions.

092/2009 Social:

(a) The Christmas Lights have now been returned by Serco to the Vice Chairman E. Mullet.

093/2009 Village Hall:

Pauline Greenman has resigned as Chairman to the Village Hall. Roger Allin is now acting Chairman until a replacement can be found.

094/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

095/2009 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr D. Wood reported on behalf of the Nailbourne Community Store Committee Ltd. The shop should open around about the 24/06/2009 with the possibility of the Post Office opening a month later. The opening of the Post Office is now reliant on the telephone line being laid, which they are having problems with.

096/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

097/2009 Open Areas:

(a) The Clerk advised that she had written to Chris Wallis at Canterbury City Council advising him that on referral back to Parish Council records from September 2007, no record can be found of any proposal having been received in respect of the proposed dog ban signs and for details on how to reverse the procedure. Information has been received that states to revoke a dog control order a notice must first be placed in a local newspaper. At the end of the consultation period, a further notice must be published in a local newspaper stating the date on which the dog control order will cease to have effect. Clerk to hold this matter over until next month;

(b) The Clerk reported that she was currently seeking advice from Canterbury City Council with regards starting up allotments;

(c) Donation by Horticultural Society – Hold over until September 2009;

(d) Cllr M. Simpson reported that a site meeting had been held with Gill of Playdale who had refurbished the toddlers play area. An order has been placed and the delivery and installation of the play equipment for the junior play area should take place 5 to 6 weeks. Cllr Simpson described what equipment had been ordered and how it would be installed;

(e) The Clerk read out a letter received from Mr Bissett of Barham CofE Primary School, as well as the letter received from I J Landscapes, who attend to the cutting of the Village Green. The Clerk is to enquire as to the cost of dealing with the moles on the Village Green;

(f) The Clerk is to request a village entrance sign for both ends of the village. The Clerk is to enquire as to whether the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty logo can be incorporated in the village entrance signs but if not, what the cost will be to have separate signs to be placed either end of the village with the entrance signs;

(g) The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Ray Sanders that had been sent to PCO Paul Gibson in respect of weekly cycle tours arranged through “Discover Adventure”, who meet on the village green mid afternoon on Wednesdays, using the village green as a urinal in full view of the School. The Clerk is to write to the tour operator suggesting that they stop at the Black Robin in Kingston to use the facilities and advising them that they are to stop using the village green for their ablutions. A copy of the letter is to be sent to PCO Paul Gibson;

(h) Cllr M. Simpson reported on the broadband. The infrastructure will be in by next week. Showed the Council a copy of the leaflet that is to go out to all Barham households with the Parish Magazine. New subscribers can be connected for free with a monthly charge from £17.99. Existing Vfast subscribers will be upgraded free of charge. Vfast will bill the Council for every 25 new subscribers.

098/2009 Village Plan:

Cllr J. Brown undertook to assist Cllr M. Simpson with the preparation of a draft update of the Village Plan for September 2009.

099/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since the 07/05/2009 to 04/06/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 323 other visits recorded to the website.

100/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) CPRE – Kent Voice Spring 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (b) ACRK – Rural News No. 90 May 2009 with all Councillors;
- (c) CPRE – E-mail dated 03/06/2009 with all Councillors.

101/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Copy of letter from Kent County Council dated 15/05/2009 re Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Adoption of revised Kent Minerals and Waste Development Scheme with all Councillors;
- (b) Parish News Newsletter Issue 28 – June 2009 with all Councillors.

102/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.10p.m.