

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall on Thursday 5th February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

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

006/2009 Public Speaking:

Three Parishioners attended the meeting.

(a) County Councillor Michael Northey gave a short report. Kent County Council has set a budget of 2.3 Billion, saving 35 Million with no loss of services. They have put an extra 5 Million into Highways. There has been an increase in Council Tax of 2.44%, which is below national average and is the lowest ever.

(b) Paul Smith gave a report regarding the obtaining of funding to improve Broadband access in Barham. BT declined to bid and as a consequence thereof, he met with a representative from Vfast regarding the proposals for the village. Vfast can provide the village with what is wanted. The grant application needs to be sent in by the Parish Council. Paul Smith had a draft of what information was required and it was agreed by the Parish Council that the Clerk will prepare a letter for Kent County Council, which will be sent by e-mail the next morning and a hard copy sent in the post. Sincere thanks and appreciation was conveyed to Paul Smith for all his hard work in this matter.

(c) A parishioner was pleased to see that the pavement had been re-instated in Fox Way.

007/2009 Apologies: Cllrs J. Callan due to illness and M. Simpson due to work commitments.

008/2009 Minutes:

(a) Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 04/12/2008

Proposed by Cllr E. Mullett and seconded by Cllr D. Wood;

(b) Minutes of a Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 08/01/2009

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

009/2009 Matters Arising: None

010/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 31 January 2009

Current Account.....	£ 2,820.77
Capital Reserve Account.....	£30,679.78
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 3,678.55
Includes Grant from Kent County Council.....	£ 3,888.00

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

- (i) Mrs N. Ball re annual subscription for Parish Magazine - £3.00;
- (ii) Mr P. Wilson re work at bus shelter in Elham Road - £326.86;

- (iii) Canterbury City Council re youth sessions for 01/10/2008 to 31/12/2008 - £624.04;
- (iv) ACRK annual subscription for the period 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010 - £35.00;
- (v) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1) EDF Energy re transfer of electricity supply from 4 old street lamps to 4 new street lamps - £763.60;
 - (2) Village Hall hire for Parish Council from September 2008 to February 2009 - £66.00;
 - (3) Village Hall hire for Youth Club from September 2008 to January 2009 - £119.00;
 - (4) Serco re erection, maintenance and removal of Christmas Lights - £546.86;
 - (5) Nailbourne Community Store Association Ltd - £500.00.
- (c) Any other financial matters:
 - (i) Wayleave of £11.30 received from EDF Energy re TR2149 Derringstone;
 - (ii) The Clerk advised that she was in receipt of grass cutting quotations from Grassmow and AJL Garden Services, with two more quotations to follow. The Clerk to request two testimonials from AJL Garden Services.

011/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Little Oak Hall, Church Lane, Barham – Pollard the tops off six self seeded Sycamore trees located on the road side adjoining the garage – No objections;
- (b) CA/09/00013/FUL – Barham Village Hall, Valley Road, Barham – Temporary siting of containerised building to provide post office/community store for three years – Copy of a letter of support dated 12/01/2009 from CPRE with all Councillors – Cllrs J. Brown and D. Wood declared a personal interest as they are on the Nailbourne Community Store Association. Cllr J. Callan's views were read out on the reason why he wished to abstain. - No objections;
- (c) CA/09/00072/FUL – Broome Quarry House, Canterbury Road, Barham – Alterations and extensions to dwelling and erection of detached garage – No objections;
- (d) CAL08/00134/BAR – The Yard Cottage, The Street, Barham – Internal alterations – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (e) CA/08/01439/BAR – Walderchain Wood, Barham – Removal of condition 01 of Planning Permission CA/94/1118/BAR relating to access – Planning Application Granted – Copy of Decision Notice with all Councillors - Noted;
- (f) Report by the Chairman on new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills. The Chairman will chase Jim McEwen at Canterbury City Council for a reply;
- (g) Report on alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road – Copies of an e-mail dated 17/11/2008 from Terry Dawson and letter dated 23/11/2008 from Martin Vye with all Councillors – The Clerk read out the reply dated 04/02/2009 received from Terry Dawson of Canterbury City Council with regards their findings and the action they are to take. Clerk to request a copy of the map of Barham's conservation area;

(h) CA/08/00828/BAR – Land South of Old Coach House, Dover Road, Barham – Infill of inert material, contouring of land surface and laying of hard core track to facilitate the change of use of the land for micro-light flights in addition to continued agricultural use – Place on next Agenda;

(i) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:

(i) CA/09/00127/ELE – Rectory Lane, Barham – Replacement overhead electricity lines – No objections;

(ii) CA/09/00071/FUL – 22a The Grove, Barham – First-floor extension to side of dwelling – No objections;

(iii) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Barham Court Farms, Church Lane, Barham – Fell a dangerous leaning Weeping Willow, located over the entrance drive and replace and fell a large Shumac likely to fall in the neighbours garden and replace – No objections.

012/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

(a) The Clerk is to report the following:

(i) On the Valley Road from Out Elmstead Lane to Mill View Court, the road is riddled with potholes;

(ii) There is a long pothole at the bottom of Derringstone Hill;

(iii) There are a lot of potholes the whole stretch of Brickfield Road;

(iv) There are a lot of potholes the whole stretch of Out Elmstead Lane;

(v) There are a lot of potholes the whole stretch of Church Lane;

(vi) Request that a survey of the condition of the roads in Barham be undertaken as many are in dire need of proper repair/work.

(b) Copy of letter from Canterbury City Council re Parking Regulation Review 2008 for outside the Duke of Cumberland, The Street, Barham with all Councillors – The Clerk to advise Canterbury City Council that they are in agreement with the yellow lines in front of the Duke of Cumberland, but not those that are proposed for in front of The Old Bakehouse and that the yellow lines for in front of The Old Bakehouse should be placed directly opposite the Duke of Cumberland, as this would prove more sufficient and safer;

(c) Copy of e-mail dated 19/01/2009 from Mr R. Sanders re car parking at school drop off and collection times with all Councillors – The Clerk to pass a copy of this e-mail to PC Paul Gibson who has been dealing with this matter;

(d) Clerk to ask Kent County Council Footpaths Officer to assess the risk of the footpath/bridle that runs from Gravel Castle up to the A260 by Cedar House.

013/2009 Parish Maintenance:

(a) The Clerk to obtain a quote for a new streetlight to be placed at the footpath between ‘The Grove’ and ‘Old Valley Road’. The Clerk reported that the cost for the supply and erection of a new streetlight would be £3,516.84. It was decided to place this matter on hold for the time being;

(b) The Clerk to ascertain from Jan Uden as to when the street nameplates “Elham Valley Road” and “Derringstone Hill” will be relocated to their correct positions;

(c) Clerk to report that the “Valley Road” street nameplate near the junction of “Green Hills” on the Canterbury side has fallen over and requires re-instating;

(d) Clerk to report that the crematorium part of the directional sign pointing to the Church/Crematorium is missing and needs replacing. Clerk also request that a directional sign to the crematorium be placed opposite the T-Junction after the flyover on the A260, as traffic is tending to go through Barham when looking for the crematorium.

014/2009 Social:

(a) The Pensioners Luncheon will take place on the 14/02/2009. The Chairman advised that all was ready and that they had received 68 acceptances so far. The new Reverend of Barham, Stephen Hardy and his wife Lesley were invited to attend.

015/2009 Village Hall: Nothing to report.

016/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

017/2009 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr D. Wood reported that the Nailbourne Community Store Committee Ltd now have a bank account. An amount of approximately £30,000.00 has been raised so far, which will just about see them through the first phase. The £2,000.00 plus the Committee Members put up can now be repaid. It is hoped that the candidate for Post Master will be approved soon, whereafter all going well with electricity connections, etc. they would hope for the Post Office to be up and running from the beginning of April 2009.

018/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

019/2009 Open Areas:

(a) Purchasing of Beech trees from the proposed donation from Barham & District Horticultural Society. Leave until Spring;

(b) Clerk to report on visit by William Lee of Charlton Athletic Community Scheme re a one-off demonstration and talk. Cllr E. Mullet said that he has got names of 14 boys so far of the 40 boys required;

(c) The Clerk advised that with the help of Cllr M. Simpson and Simon Cavalier, an application for a grant from the Canterbury City Council in respect the refurbishment of the juniors play area has been made;

(d) The Chairman reported that she is still to put up the Dog Ban and Ownership signs in the play areas;

(e) The Clerk advised that Bob Parsons had requested a copy of a map of the boundaries of Barham, which she had requested and was currently awaiting. Once the map had been received, Bob Parsons would continue with the local research re boundary markers;

(f) The Clerk provided a copy of the plan of the Recreation Ground to the Chairman;

(g) The Clerk reported that the Kent County Council had advised that work is now commencing on the application to register Derringstone Green as a Village Green. As part of the applications process, a notice would appear in the Kentish Gazette on 13/02/2009. The deadline for objections would then be the 30/03/2009.

020/2009 Village Plan:

The Clerk is to ascertain from Cllr M. Simpson when he will be back to review the Village Plan.

021/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since the 02/12/2008 to 03/02/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 599 other visits recorded to the website.

022/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) KALC – Parish News Issue 336 of 10/12/2008 with Representatives;
- (b) CPRE – E-mail dated 03/12/2008 with all Councillors;
- (c) CPRE – E-mail dated 11/12/2008 with all Councillors;
- (d) CPRE – Fieldwork December 2008 for circulation with Councillors;
- (e) ACRK – Rural News No. 88 December 2008 with all Councillors;
- (f) CPRE – E-mail dated 07/01/2009 with all Councillors;
- (g) Oast to Coast Winter 2008 for circulation with Councillors;
- (h) KALC – Minutes of Canterbury Area Committee Meeting of 14/01/2009 with representatives.

023/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Copy of letter dated 09/12/2008 from Canterbury City Council re Draft Environment Policy with all Councillors;
- (b) Copy of letter dated 03/12/2008 from Canterbury City Council re Standards Committee – Annual Report 2007/08 with all Councillors;
- (c) Copy of Kent Police Working with you in Kent and Medway for December 2008 with all Councillors;
- (d) Canterbury City Council Parish News Newsletter Issue 26 for November 2008 with all Councillors;
- (e) Canterbury City Council e-Newsletter Issue 14 dated 10/12/2008 for circulation with Councillors;
- (f) Groundwork News Issue 14 – Autumn 2008 for circulation with Councillors;
- (g) Policing Kent December 2008 for circulation with Councillors;
- (h) District Life Issue 33 – Winter 2008 for circulation with Councillors;
- (i) LCR Volume 60, No 5 – January 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (j) Around Kent Winter 09 for circulation with Councillors;
- (k) ELF Line Autumn/Winter 2008 Newsletter for circulation with Councillors;
- (l) East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust A Review of the Year 2007-08 with all Councillors;
- (m) Environment Agency Newsletter January 2009 with all Councillors;
- (n) Kent Link Bulletin Issue 5 of 16/01/2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (o) East Kent Sustainable Community Strategy Public Consultation for circulation with Councillors;
- (p) Dover District Local Development Framework : Publication of Dover District Core Strategy for circulation with Councillors;
- (q) Canterbury City Council e-Newsletter Issue 15 dated 27/01/2009 for circulation with Councillors.

024/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

- (a) Date was arranged for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 16th April 2009;
- (b) Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 5th March 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.40p.m.