

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

025/2009 Public Speaking:

Three Parishioners attended the meeting.

James Stewart of Barham Business Park gave the Parish Council a background report of the Business Park. There are currently 22 various businesses. Wish to develop the remainder of Barham Business Park by putting in an additional 7 units. There will be no large vehicles. Showed the Council the plans that he wishes to submit and said that he will be speaking to his neighbours.

026/2009 Apologies: Cllr J. Brown.

026/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs V. Steer

028/2009 Matters Arising: None

029/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 28 February 2009

Current Account.....	£ 3,274.42
Capital Reserve Account.....	£25,679.78
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 2,424.35
Includes Grant from Kent County Council.....	£ 3,888.00

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

- (i)** Mrs L. Davies re Pensioners Luncheon - £778.67;
- (ii)** Folkestone & Dover Water for period 01/01/2009 to 31/03/2009 - £9.84;
- (iii)** Salt Bin - £218.50;
- (iv)** Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1)** Grassmow re repair to entrance to field on Brickfield Road - £209.84;
 - (2)** Mr J. Callan re postage and photocopying - £19.75;

(c) Any other financial matters:

- (i)** The Clerk advised that she was in receipt of grass cutting quotations from Grassmow, AJL Garden Services and Complete Landscapes, together with testimonials. After some discussion, it was agreed that a three year contract would be given to Grassmow;
- (ii)** The Chairman received an Application to Kent County Council for a Grant to Address a Community Broadband Notspot, who will contact Paul Smith to advise us as to what is to be inserted on the one part of the form and revert back to the Clerk.

030/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/09/00013/FUL – Barham Village Hall, Valley Road, Barham – Temporary siting of containerised building to provide post office/community store for three years – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
- (b) The Chairman reported that despite chasing a reply on the matter of the new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills, no reply had been received. The Chairman will pursue this matter;
- (c) The Clerk reported that nothing further had been heard with regards the alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road. The Clerk will pursue this matter;
- (d) 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 – Cllr J. Callan provided an update on developments. It was agreed that Cllr J. Callan will brief MP Julian Brazier on this matter;
- (e) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Red Oast Cottage, Brickfield Road, Barham – Reduce a Chestnut tree, located by the back door, to its original height, which will mean reducing by approximately 12 feet - No objections;
 - (ii) CA/09/00159/FUL – Anne Court, Church Lane, Barham – Erection of a shed – No objections;
 - (iii) CA/09/00270/FUL – Partridge House, Railway Hill, Barham – Single-storey extension to front and side of dwelling. (Revisions previously approved under CA/08/0525/BAR) – No objections;
 - (iv) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Cherry Tree Cottage, Valley Road, Barham – Cut a Holly tree, located in front garden, to gutter height, reduce by one-third a Yew tree, located in the back garden, and reshape, reduce the first and third Holly tree, located in the northern hedge, down to 12 foot – No objections;
 - (v) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Magnolia Cottage, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Remove a Fir tree, approximately 25-30 feet high, but growing rapidly and approximately 2 feet from the boundary with the neighbour – No objections;
 - (vi) CA/08/00163/BAR – Sussex Farm, Railway Hill, Barham – Single-storey extension to dwelling. Revised plans to a minor amendment – No objections;
 - (vii) CA/09/00253/FUL – Greenhills Farm, Greenhills, Barham – Change of use of stable block to storage and erection of new stable block with adjacent ménage – No objections.

031/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) Pothole adjacent to the football field in Rabitt Hole;
 - (ii) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10402000 re potholes the whole stretch of Brickfield Road;
 - (iii) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10402001 re potholes the whole stretch of Out Elmstead Lane;

- (iv) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10402002 re potholes the whole stretch of Church Lane;
- (v) Chase Kent Highways Report No. 10401348 re the request for the words “SLOW” to be painted onto the road surface of Gravel Castle Road and Church Lane’s junction.
- (b) Clerk to chase on access at the A260 end of the footpath/bridle path that runs from Gravel Castle up to the A260.

032/2009 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) The Chairman reported that the street nameplates “Elham Valley Road” and “Derringstone Hill” have been relocated to their correct positions;
- (b) The Chairman reported that she had spoken to someone with regards to where a directional sign to Crematorium at the T-Junction after the flyover on the A260 was needed to be placed.

033/2009 Social:

- (a) The Chairman reported that the Pensioners Luncheon went extremely well, with 78 sitting down to lunch on the 14/02/2009. The Chairman has received many telephone calls and letters of thanks and appreciation. The new Reverend of Barham, Stephen Hardy and his wife Lesley also attended;
- (b) The Clerk is to chase the return of the Council’s Christmas Lights.

034/2009 Village Hall: Nothing to report.

035/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

036/2009 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr D. Wood reported that the Nailbourne Community Store Committee Ltd now had 156 shareholders. The containerised building for the post office/shop had now been sited in the Village Hall Car Park and a ramp for disabled access was being fitted. Subject to EDF bringing the electricity supply from the top of the pole to the building, it is expected that they should be operational from sometime in April 2009. A sub-postmaster has been appointed who has experience and therefore does not require training.

037/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

038/2009 Open Areas:

- (a) The Chairman reported that the Dog Ban and Ownership signs had been placed in the play areas;
- (b) Cllr J. Callan spoke on the act regarding allotments. It was agreed that Cllr Callan will place an advert in the Parish Magazine to gauge the interest of the Parish in having allotments. Cllr Callan will provide the Clerk with a copy for placing on the Council’s website;

(c) The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Caroline of Southern Housing Group regarding land in Barham that someone was wishing to donate for the purpose of developing housing for local people. She would not say where the land was situate or whom was wishing to donate same. It was said that without further information, the Council would not pursue this matter as in accordance with the current village appraisal, additional housing was not required;

(d) Copy of The Kent County Playing Fields Association Newsletter January 2009 with all Councillors.

039/2009 Village Plan:

On discussing the review of the Village Plan, it was agreed that Cllr M. Simpson would do a review of the actions identified and would have a draft prepared within the next two to three months. It was confirmed that there was still an amount of £330.00 to preparing this.

040/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since the 03/02/2009 to 05/03/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 390 other visits recorded to the website.

041/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

(a) KALC – Parish News Issue 337 of 23/01/2009 with Representatives;

(b) CPRE – E-mail dated 04/03/2009 with all Councillors.

042/2009 Correspondence/General:

(a) Cllr J. Callan reported on the initial meeting he attended at Nackington Police Station on 28/02/2009. The Forum was now chaired by Inspector Gareth Silcock, who has drastically redefined parameters, whereby Parishes must take control of defining the specifics of local problems and then informing the Police. There is an idea of introducing Police Surgeries to improve Police contact with residents, which so far has not been well supported. Further Forum meetings will be held on Saturday mornings between 10.00a.m. and 12 noon, four times a year;

(b) Cllr J. Callan had perused the copy of the letter dated 09/02/2009 from Kent County Council re Community Self Help Plan, which all Councillors had received. Cllr Callan had commented directly and received further information, which he had responded to and imparted to the Parish Council. No further action to be taken;

(c) Kent Annual Public Health Report 2007 for circulation with Councillors;

(d) Kent Downs AONB - Stour View Issue 42 Spring 2009 with all Councillors;

(e) Southern Water February 2009 Update for circulation with Councillors;

(f) Town and Parish Standard Issue 04/02/2009 with all Councillors;

(g) Parish New Newsletter Issue 27 – February 2009 with all Councillors;

(h) LCR Volume 60, No 6 for circulation with Councillors;

(i) Parish Forum Meeting on Saturday 25/04/2009 at Spring Lane Neighbourhood Centre, Sussex Avenue Canterbury. The Chairman will attend;

(j) E-Newsletter Issue 16 – February 2009 for circulation with Councillors.

043/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

(a) Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

(b) Annual Parish Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 16th April 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.35p.m.