

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 5th November 2009 at 7.15 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.

156/2009 Public Speaking:

Five Parishioners attended the meeting.

Only two of the Parishioners wanting allotments attended the meeting to discuss possible locations.

No other matters were raised or discussed.

157/2009 Apologies: Cllr M. Simpson due to work commitments.

158/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr J. Brown and seconded by Cllr Mrs H. Pechey

159/2009 Matters Arising: None

160/2009 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 31 October 2009

Current Account.....	£33,994.98
Includes Broadband Grant.....	£30,152.00
Capital Reserve Account.....	£27,695.30
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 10 installations at 06/10/2009 - £2,449.50;
- (ii)** Barham Village Hall re Council Meeting July 2009 - £17.00;
- (iii)** Barham Village Hall re Youth Club for July, August & September 2009 - £85.00;
- (iv)** CPRE Annual Subscription for period 01/11/2009 to 31/10/2010 - £29.00;
- (v)** Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1)** Veolia Water SE Ltd for 1/10/2009 to 31/12/2009 - £14.21;
 - (2)** Playdale Playgrounds Ltd re balance owing for refurbishment of junior play area - £6,325.00;
 - (3)** Grassmow re Village & Churchyards October 2009 - £487.15;
 - (4)** Mr S. Biddolph re supply and erection of posts at Brickfield - £371.50;
 - (5)** Mr E.J. Clough re supply of materials and erection of new fence around car park - £626.75.

(c) Any other financial matters:

- (i)** EDF Energy for period 01/07/2009 to 30/09/2009 - £727.28;
- (ii)** Canterbury City Council for Youth Sessions for 01/07/2009 to 30/09/2009 - £494.59.

161/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a)** Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Magnolia Cottage, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Remove one branch of Rowan tree in front garden to facilitate erection of car port and reduce its height to below overhead cables and remove one dying Almond tree in front garden – No objections;
- (b)** Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – 2 The Shrubbery, Valley Road, Barham – Remove several dead or dying Elder trees on top of bank (former Elham Valley Railway Embankment), remove leaning branches of trees of four or five Ash on top of bank and remove one dying branch of large Oak tree in front garden – No objections;
- (c)** Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – The Sportsman, Derringstone Hill, Barham – Remove one dying Apple tree at bottom of the garden – No objections;
- (d)** CA/09/00589/LB – Black Mill Cottage, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Replacement cladding and alterations to flat roof – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
- (e)** CA/09/01226/LB – Derringstone Hill Farm, Derringstone Hill, Barham – Demolition of rear wall, erection of garden room with internal and external alterations - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (f)** CA/09/01231/FUL – Derringstone Hill Farm, Derringstone Hill, Barham – Erection of garden room to rear of dwelling and external alterations - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (g)** CA/09/01258/FUL – Millfields Farm, Railway Hill, Barham – Erection of hay, cattle and sheep shed - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (h)** Copy of Response to Review of the use of Planning Portal with all Councillors - Noted;
- (i)** Report on new access at The Manor, Valley Road, driveway/entrance onto Greenhills, Barham – The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the Team Leader of Planning Enforcement, Jim McEwan who had apologised for the lack of response to this matter and confirmed that himself or another officer will be investigating this matter in future instead of Mr Sime. Will contact me shortly with a progress report and plan of action for this point onwards;
- (j)** Report on alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road, Barham – Clerk to request an update on this matter;
- (k)** Report on alleged breach re change of use of land to stationing of mobile home – Greenhills Farm, Greenhills, Barham - The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the Team Leader of Planning Enforcement, Jim McEwan who had apologised for the lack of response to this matter and confirmed that himself or another officer will be investigating this matter in future instead of Mr Sime. Will contact me shortly with a progress report and plan of action for this point onwards;
- (l)** Report on alleged breach re hardstanding – Ground behind Springfield and Theberton House, The Street, Barham – The Clerk reported that she had advised Alison Gravett about the proposed Caravan site being located in this area, which she had not known about. The Chairman reported that the proposal had been declined by the Canterbury City Council;
- (m)** Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i)** CA/09/01602/FUL – Magnolia Cottage, 5 Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Erection of car port in front garden – No objections;

- (ii) CA/09/01243/FUL – Unit 8 Barham Business Park, Valley Road, Barham – Erection of building to provide workshop/office (Use Class B1) Unit 8 of CA/09/0184/FUL (Revised Scheme) – Clerk to request Planning Department to provide us with a bit more information as to what has been revised when submitting a Revised Scheme Planning Application;
- (iii) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Digges Place, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Remove one Golden Poplar tree growing badly and replace as well as cut back branches of large Copper Beech tree growing over kitchen garden – No objections.

162/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) The surface of Church Lane in the vicinity of the Church is breaking up;
 - (ii) The inspection cover that is approximately 5 yards from notice saying “Shrubbery” near Greenhills is still missing;
 - (iii) The oak post at the build out at the southern end of Derringstone Hill has been sheared off near the base and needs replacing.
- (j) The Clerk reported that the City Council has no budget left this year for dog litter bins but if we can purchase them, they will arrange for them to be installed as and where requested. The Clerk is to purchase one dog litter bin to be placed on the grass verge in Valley Road and is to ask the City Council to return to us the one that they removed from the Village Green;
- (k) Copy of construction program on A2 Kingston Bridleway Bridge with all Councillors;
- (l) Copy of e-mail dated 21/10/2009 from Kent Highways re Interroute with all Councillors;
- (m) Kent Highways Parish Seminar to be held on 25/11/2009 from 09h00 to 12h30 at Ashford International Hotel – The Chairman will attend.

163/2009 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.

164/2009 Social:

The Chairman reported that everything is ready for bonfire night on Saturday 7/11/2009.

165/2009 Village Hall:

Following the AGM held on 28/09/2009, Mrs Patti Earl was appointed Chairman, Matt Archer as Secretary and Stuart Abel as Treasurer. There are now two sub-committees namely, one for room rates/marketing and one for future of the site in general.

166/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

167/2009 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr J. Brown reported that sub post mistress has resigned lease with Post Office as of 21/01/2010. Will need to advertise but believe that they will find a replacement before the current sub post mistress leaves.

168/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

169/2009 Open Areas:

(a) The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Chris Wallis of Street Scene has been asked to consider revoking the existing dog exclusion area on the Village Green and whether there were any other areas that may need to be considered. The Clerk confirmed that an e-mail has been sent asking that they also revoke the existing dog exclusion area on the Cricket Ground that was put in place under the same circumstances and at the same time as the one on the Village Green;

(b) Area discussed was the Cricket Ground. The Clerk to write to Parishioners asking for confirmation that they wish to take up the offer of an allotment at the area chosen once the Chairman has first looked into one further possible site;

(c) Donation by Horticultural Society – The Chairman has obtained a quotation for trees and has looked into where they should be planted. She will let the Clerk have a list for submission to Kent Highways to obtain their permission as well as one for the Horticultural Society, so that the money donated can be given to the Parish Council to purchase the trees. The Chairman has obtained 25 assorted whip trees free for placing around the Cricket Ground;

(d) Bollards on the old Recreation Ground have been installed;

(e) Copy of The Kent County Playing Fields Association Autumn Issue Newsletter with all Councillors;

(f) The Chairman will request Stephen Miles to fix the broken concrete under the gate at the toddlers play area and Arthur Davies will cut down and file projecting bolt threads on swings.

170/2009 Village Plan:

Cllr J. Brown to request Cllr M. Simpson to give a report on the draft review of the Village Plan at the next meeting.

171/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 23/09/2009 to 05/11/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 568 other visits recorded to the website.

172/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

(a) KALC – 62nd Annual General Meeting to be held 14/11/2009 – Agenda with Representatives;

(b) KALC – Copy of e-mail dated 16/10/2009 re suggested venues for Canterbury Area Committee Meetings with Representatives;

(c) KALC – Copy of Minutes for Meeting of 14/10/2009 with Representatives;

(d) ARCK – Oast to Coast Autumn 2009 for circulation with Councillors;

(e) ARCK – Annual Summary 2008-2009 for circulation with Councillors;

- (f) CPRE – E-mail dated 07/10/2009 with all Councillors;
- (g) Kent Downs AONB Stour View Issue 43 Autumn/Winter 2009 Newsletter with all Councillors;
- (h) CPRE - Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Branch held on 28/11/2008 with all Councillors;
- (i) ACRK – Rural News No. 92 September 2009 with all Councillors;
- (j) Parish News Issue No 343 dated 27/10/2009 with Representatives.

173/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Parish Forum Meeting 21/11/2009 at St. Mary's Hall, London Road, Upper Harbledown, Canterbury from 10h00 to 12h00 – The Chairman unable to attend;
- (b) Kent Downs & Marshes Leader Programme for circulation with Councillors;
- (c) Kent Voice Autumn 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (d) East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report & Financial Statements 2008/9 for circulation with Councillors;
- (e) Copy of e-mail dated 04/10/2009 from PCSO Myck Beddall with all Councillors;
- (f) Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership A Year in Review 2008-2009 with all Councillors;
- (g) Copy of e-mail dated 28/09/2009 from PCSO Dave Garland with all Councillors;
- (h) E-Newsletter Issue 24 October 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (i) Countryside Voice Autumn 2009 for circulation with Councillors.

174/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 3rd December 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.40p.m.