

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall on Thursday 7th May 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman L. Davies and Cllrs J. Callan, Mrs H. Pechey, Mrs V. Steer and D. Tamsitt.

063/2009 Public Speaking:

Two Parishioners attended the meeting:

Matters raised and discussed were as follows:

Nancy Ball raised the subject of the dog ban signs that have been placed on the Village Green. It was agreed that Nancy Ball would reply to the letter received by her from Chris Wallis regarding the dog ban signs advising him that the Parish Council had no record of ever having been advised of this proposal and the Clerk would do likewise. The Parish Council was advised of a hedge that is encroaching across most of a pathway, which the Chairman would look into.

064/2009 Apologies:

Vice Chairman E. Mullett on holiday and Cllrs J. Brown for reasons unknown, M. Simpson due to work commitments and D. Wood on holiday.

065/2009 Election of Officers:

(a) **Chairman of Ensuing Municipal Year** – Cllr Mrs L. Davies – Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and Seconded by Cllr J. Callan

(b) **Vice Chairman of Ensuing Municipal Year** - Cllr E. Mullett – Proposed by Cllr Mrs V. Steer and Seconded by Cllr D. Tamsitt

066/2009 Appointment of Representatives to Various Outside Bodies:

Prior to attending to the Appointment of Representatives to Various Outside Bodies, the Chairman read out Cllr J. Callan's resignation letter. The Parish Council expressed their regret on his leaving and said that he would be sorely missed. Gratitude was expressed for all Cllr J. Callan's hard work over the years.

(a) KALC	Cllrs D. Tamsitt & E. Mullett
(b) CPRE	Cllr D. Wood
(c) ARCK	As Required
(d) Highways	Chairman Mrs L. Davies
(e) Village Hall	Cllr E. Mullett
(f) Playgrounds/Play Equipment	Cllrs E. Mullett & D. Tamsitt
(g) Social	Chairman Mrs L. Davies
(h) Streetlights	Cllr Mrs V. Steer
(i) Planning Committee	Chairman L. Davies and Cllrs D. Tamsitt and E. Mullett for Controversial Planning Applications

(j) General Planning Applications All Councillors

It was suggested that the Clerk approach Richard Bailey with regards the attending of the Police Meetings once a quarter.

All proposed and seconded en block and agreed

067/2009 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs H. Pechey

068/2009 Matters Arising: None

069/2009 Finance:

- (a) Balances as at 30 April 2009
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| Current Account..... | £60,161.78 |
| 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) Canterbury City Council for rent of land at Gravel Castle Road - £50.00;
 - (ii) Village Hall Concurrent Function Grant - £3,156.85;
 - (iii) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1) Canterbury City Council for Youth Sessions for 01/01/2009 to 31/03/2009 - £618.24;
 - (2) Grassmow for cuts in Village and Churchyards in April 2009 - £512.15;
 - (3) Broker Network Ltd re Insurance for 01/06/2009 to 31/05/2010 - £1,103.44.
- (c) Any other financial matters:
- (i) Broadband Grant received in the sum of £50,000.00. The Chairman and Cllr D. Tamsitt will arrange a meeting;
 - (ii) Parish Council Concurrent Funding & Precept Received;
 - (iii) Parish Council Grants Scheme awarded in the sum of £5,291.00 towards the refurbishment of the play area. The Clerk to contact Cllr M. Simpson and Simon Cavalier;
 - (iv) It was agreed that the Clerk was to purchase a voucher in the sum of £50.00 as a thank you to the Internal Auditor for her work.

070/2009 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – 4 Derrinstone Street, Barham – One-third canopy reduction and removal of some lower branches to reduce the height of a Sycamore, removing part or all of the Apple tree depending on how much of the trunk is rotten, remove a Leylandii tree and reduce the weight at the top of a Plum tree – No objections;
- (b) CA/09/TEMP/0003 – Barham C of E Primary School, Valley Road, Barham – Retention of existing mobile classroom unit – Planning Application Granted - Noted;

- (c) CA/09/00159/FUL – Anne Court, Church Lane, Barham – Erection of a shed – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (d) 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 - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (e) 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) - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (f) The Clerk to chase for a report on new driveway/entrance onto Greenhills;
- (a) The Clerk to chase for a report on alleged breach re change of use to stationing of mobile home for residential purposes – Sparrow Court, Gravel Castle Road;
- (b) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting;;
 - (i) CA/09/00554/FUL – Little Breach Barn, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Formation of tennis court with associated fencing – No objections;
 - (ii) CA/09/00572/FUL – Sunnydowns, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Replacement porch to front and garage to side of dwelling – No objections;
 - (iii) Copy of letter from Canterbury City Council dated 28/04/2009 re Consultation on the Draft Supplementary Planning Document titled ‘Reculver Masterplan’.

071/2009 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) Pot hole at the lower part of Derringstone Hill and that the road is breaking up.
- (b) Copy of e-mail dated 20/04/2009 from Kent Highway Services re How Priority Ranking is Decided on Carriageway Resurfacing with all Councillors;
- (c) Copy of letter dated 27/04/2009 from Ramblers with all Councillors. The Chairman will put a piece in the Parish Magazine to see if any response is received before the Clerk approaches Cllr D. Wood regarding this matter;
- (d) The Chairman read out a letter received from Kent Highway Services re ownership of ditches, which drain highway water. The Clerk is to invite Marie Lambkin to the Meeting to be held on 02/07/2009 to discuss this matter further and to copy the letter to all Councillors;
- (e) Copy of letter from InterRoute re A2 Kingston Bridleway Bridge – Stakeholder Meeting on 13/05/2009 with all Councillors. Clerk to ascertain where the Bridleway Bridge is to go and to request a copy of the plans;
- (f) Copy of e-mail from Kent Highway Services re Parish Portal with all Councillors.

072/2009 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;
- (c) Copy of Kent Highway Services Notice of Improvements to Bus Stops in the Canterbury District - Triangle Route with all Councillors.

073/2009 Social:

- (a) The Clerk to chase the return of Christmas Lights from Serco.

074/2009 Village Hall: Nothing to report.

075/2009 Safety First Report: Nothing to report.

076/2009 Post Office/Shop:

(a) Copy of E-mail re Barham Post Office Sign with all Councillors. The Clerk to suggest to Cllr D. Wood that a proper Post Office sign be bolted to the telegraph pole outside the Village Hall;

(b) Copy of letter dated 27/04/2009 from Post Office re Public Consultation – Branch Re-opening with all Councillors. Cllr V. Steer says that the Post Office/Shop should be opening on the 25/06/2009.

077/2009 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

078/2009 Open Areas:

(a) Clerk to write and advise Chris Wallis that on referring back to the Parish Councils records for the period referred to by him, no record of any communication having been received regarding the banning of dogs on the Village Green and Recreation Ground (referred to as the Cricket Ground by Chris Wallis) can be found;

(b) There have been 9 enquiries regarding allotments. It was said that the general size of an allotment is 22 yards by 11 yards each. The Clerk to obtain advice from Canterbury City Council with regards starting up allotments. Discussions will then be had as to likely locations;

(c) Donation by Horticultural Society – Place on next Agenda;

(d) Copy of the Spring Issue of The Kent County Playing Fields Association Newsletter with all Councillors;

(e) The Chairman advised that she had spoken to Robin Townsend regarding his e-mail on local needs housing. Clerk to e-mail Cllr M. Simpson to request that he look at the need for local housing when reviewing the Village Plan;

(f) The Chairman read out an e-mail received by the Clerk from Mr Sanders regarding the cutting of the Village Green. Kent County Council cut the Village Green when cutting the School's back field. Clerk to write to Mr G. Bissett, the Headmaster of Barham CofE Primary School to request that Village Green be cut the same as the School's back field.

079/2009 Village Plan:

(a) Cllr M. Simpson to attend to a review of the Village Plan.

080/2009 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that from the 02/04/2009 to 07/05/2009, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 459 other visits recorded to the website.

081/2009 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

(a) KALC – Minutes of a Meeting held on 08/4/2009 with Representatives;

(b) ARCK – Oast to Coast Spring 2009 for circulation with Councillors;

(c) KALC – Parish News Issue No. 339 dated 24/04/2009 with representatives;

(d) CPRE – Campaign Update dated 06/05/2009 with all Councillors.

082/2009 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Copy of letter from Canterbury City Council re Review of Parish Council Complaints in the Past Year with all Councillors;
- (b) Request by Gabbittas Educational Consultants to advertise for ‘Guardians’ – Parish Council said that they did not wish to pursue;
- (c) Letter from Robin Townsend re Barham Parish Council Minute Books – The Clerk is to contact Robin Townsend with regards the storing of the Minutes Book for the period March 1988 to December 2002 in the Archives in Canterbury;
- (d) Kent County Council ‘Around Kent’ Spring/Summer 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (e) Kent Downs AONB The Orchid Issue 16 Spring/Summer 2009 for circulation with Councillors;
- (f) Copy of letter from Equality and Human Rights Commission re Public Sector Duties with all Councillors;
- (g) Copy of Minutes of Canterbury District Parish Forum held on 25/04/2009 with all Councillors;
- (h) Southern Water’s Business Plan 2010 to 2015 for circulation with Councillors;
- (i) E-newsletter Issue 19 May 2009 for circulation with Councillors.

083/2009 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at the Chapel on Derringstone Hill on Thursday 4th June 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.00p.m.