

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 1st April 2010 at 7.30 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.

038/2010 Public Speaking:

Two Parishioners attended the meeting.

Jim Callan attended the meeting and presented Jacobs proposals regarding the works to be carried out on the culvert. The Clerk is to raise certain matters with Jacobs for clarification regarding these works.

039/2010 Apologies: Cllr M. Simpson due to work commitments.

040/2010 Minutes:

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

041/2010 Matters Arising: None

042/2010 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 31 March 2010

Current Account.....	£26,801.16
Includes Broadband Grant.....	£21,584.07
Capital Reserve Account.....	£17,698.37
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 3,192.06

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

- (i) Clerk's salary/administration expenses for period 01/01/2010 to 31/03/2010 - £1,496.74;
- (ii) KALC Subscription for period 01/04/2010 to 31/03/2011 - £412.84;
- (iii) Vfast for 12 installations - £3,003.30;
- (iv) Canterbury City Council re Youth Sessions for period 01/01/2010 to 31/03/2010 - £631.68;
- (v) Canterbury City Council re rent for land at Gravel Castle Road for the period 01/04/2010 to 31/03/2011 - £50.00;
- (vi) EDF Energy for period 01/01/2010 to 31/03/2010 – £743.09;
- (vii) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting - None

(c) Any other financial matters:

- (i) Annual accounts for the period 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010 approved by Council. Proposed by Cllr E. Mullett and seconded by Cllr D. Wood.

043/2010 Town and Country Planning Matters:

(a) CA/09/00885/ADV – Showan Hydraulics, Dover Road, Barham – Installation of four internally illuminated signs (Retrospective) – Planning Application Granted – Noted;

- (b) CA/10/00221/FUL – Partridge House, Railway Hill, Barham – Single-storey extension to front of dwelling and conversion of existing store into additional living accommodation with pitched roof over - Planning Application Granted – Noted;
- (c) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) CA/09/01963/FUL - Elmstone Court, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Landscaping, new swimming pool, garage block and the erection of a sun house – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (ii) CA/09/02025/LB - Elmstone Court, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Alterations to main house, alterations and conversion of out buildings, refurbishment of greenhouse - Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (iii) CA/10/00020/FUL – Little Breach Farm, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Single-storey rear and side extension to dwelling – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (iv) CA/10/00046/LB – Little Breach Farm, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Single-storey side and rear extension and internal alterations to dwelling – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (v) CA/10/00164/FUL – Sunny Downs, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Replacement Porch to front and detached garage to side of dwelling (Revised scheme) - Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (vi) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Plot of Land between Valley Road and the rear of 44 The Grove, Barham – Pollard largest Poplar tree by 30% - The Parish Council have no objections to the proposed works but wish the Clerk to bring to the attention of the Tree Officer that a lot of other work has already been carried out to the trees on this land, which has been quite brutal.

044/2010 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report/chase the following:
 - (i) Chase repairs to the drain cover that is partly broken in The Street, Barham in front of “Springfield”;
 - (ii) Bad pot hole on edge of road outside number 19 or 21 Heathfield Road, Barham.
- (b) The Chairman reported that she had not been able to get hold of Tracey Flower of Canterbury City Council with regards another dog bin. The Chairman will try again and if not successful, will contact Christopher Paine to arrange for the dog bin the Parish Council purchased to be erected in the meantime;
- (c) Copy of letter dated 09/03/2010 from Kent Highway Services re Winter Damage Pothole Repairs with all Councillors;
- (d) The Chairman reported that she had a meeting with Maggie McKenzie of Kent Highways on 29/03/2010 with regards to what works need carrying out in Barham. The ‘find and fix’ pothole repair team will start with The Street next week and will then proceed to do Derringstone Hill from the junction with Derringstone Street – Elham bound, Brickfield Road going through to Rabbit Hole, Rabbit Hole and Out Elmstead Lane.

045/2010 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;

- (b) The Clerk is to report/chase the following:
- (i) 'The Street' sign is missing from the backing on the posts at the bottom end on the Village Green side at the junction with Valley Road;
 - (ii) Chase replacement of the footpath sign for the footpath that runs from Old Valley Road to The Grove;
 - (iii) The 'No Cycling' sign that faces out into Old Valley Road by the toddlers playground is corroded and needs replacing;
 - (iv) Chase up re-synchronisation of crossing lights and School warning lights. Report zebra crossing light on the School side is off.
- (c) At the bottom of Mill Lane the sign is hidden in the hedge. Cllr E. Mullett will attend to this.

046/2010 Social: Nothing to report.

047/2010 Village Hall:

Cllr E. Mullett reported that the sum of £470.00 was raised from the dance held at the Village Hall on 20/03/2010. There will be a Puzzle Night at 7.30p.m. on 24/04/2010 to raise funds for the Village Hall. Tickets will be £5.00 and can be purchased from Patti Earl.

048/2010 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr J. Brown reported that a Sub Post Mistress, Suzy Wang has now been appointed and will take over the Post Office and Shop when she has completed her training.

049/2010 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

050/2010 Open Areas:

- (a) Copy of letter from Kent Highway Services dated 22/03/2010 re The Street No. 231 Bridge Deck Replacement with all Councillors. It was agreed by Parish Council that the area marked pink on the maps be donated. It was also agreed by Parish Council that Jim Callan continue to liaise with Jacobs, etc on behalf of the Parish Council regarding the works on the Culvert;
- (b) The Clerk advised that Christopher Wallis was awaiting advice from Canterbury City Council's legal team whereafter he hoped to agree a timetable for consultation on the revoking of the Dog Bans on the Village Green and the Cricket Ground;
- (c) The Clerk reported she had received a signed agreement from the Friends of Barham School with regards the taking over of ownership of the swingboats. Cllr L. Davies had telephoned and left a message for Nick Showan in this regard.

051/2010 Village Plan: Nothing to report.

052/2010 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 04/03/2010 to 01/04/2010, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 383 other visits recorded to the website. Clerk to request that our website address be included in the Parish Magazine.

053/2010 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) CPRE – Kent Voice Spring 2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (b) ACRK – Oast to Coast Spring 2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (c) KALC – Parish News Issue 346 dated 25/03/2010 with Representatives;
- (d) CPRE – Fieldwork April 2010 with all Councillors;
- (e) KALC – Agenda for Meeting on 14/04/2010 with Representatives.

054/2010 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Copy of Minutes of the Canterbury District Parish Forum Meeting dated 27/02/2010 with all Councillors

055/2010 Date of Next Meeting:

- (a) Annual Parish Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 15th April 2010 at 7.30p.m.;
- (b) Parish Council Meeting to be held at The Chapel, Derringstone Hill on Thursday 6th May 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.00p.m.