

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 1st July 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 and D. Wood.

094/2010 Public Speaking:

Two Parishioners attended the meeting.

095/2010 Apologies: Cllr M. Simpson due to work commitments and D. Tamsitt due to work commitments.

096/2010 Minutes:

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

097/2010 Matters Arising: None

098/2010 Finance:

- (a) Balances as at 30 June 2010
 - Current Account..... £18,967.78
 - Includes Broadband Grant..... £12,323.89
 - Capital Reserve Account..... £38,700.55
 - 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 01/04/2010 to 30/06/2010 - £1,474.07;
 - (ii) EDF Energy for period 01/04/2010 to 30/06/2010 – £743.66;
 - (iii) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - 1. Canterbury City Council re Youth Session 08/04/2010 – £126.34;
 - 2. Audit Commission - £470.00;
 - 3. Vfast re 23 installations - £5,756.33;
 - 4. Grassmow re Village & Churchyard cuts 09/06/2010 & 24/06/2010 - £1,024.00;
 - 5. Barham Village Hall for Parish Council & Youth Club April 2010 - £30.00;
 - 6. Dynamic Fireworks - £2,020.00.
- (c) Any other financial matters: None

099/2010 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/10/00522/OUT – The Old Coach House, Dover Road, Barham – Refurbishment and extension of hotel to create 100 room hotel (outline application) – No objections;

- (b) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Land rear of 44 The Grove, Barham – Reduce recently pollarded Poplar tree to same height as other pollarded trees on the site and reduce height of Leylandii trees on boundary with The Grove by half – No objections;
- (c) CA/10/00505/FUL – Whimbourne, Valley Road, Barham – Erection of an outbuilding with link roof to existing outbuilding - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (d) CA/10/00638/FUL – Little Breach Barn, ElhamValley Road, Barham – Replacement of existing glazed panels on side elevation with weatherboarding and replacement windows - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (e) CA/09/00745/FUL – Derringstone Manor, Railway Hill, Barham – Erection of detached bungalow and garage - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (f) CA/09/00746/FUL – Derringstone Manor, Railway Hill, Barham – Demolition of outbuilding in connection with erection of detached bungalow and garage - Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (g) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting: None

100/2010 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) To report that the pot holes already filled under the “find and fix repairs” programme have been done very well;
 - (ii) The Lime trees in The Grove have an excessive growth of basal, which is spreading across the pathway and needs cutting back.
- (b) Copy of e-mail dated 17/06/2010 from Kent Highway Services re Find & Fix Programme with all Councillors;
- (c) Copy of e-mails dated 14/06/2010 re Culvert Replacement with all Councillors;
- (d) The Clerk reported that City Councillor Martin Vye of Canterbury City Council suggested that we contact Ruth Goudie re extending 30mph speed limit. It was agreed that the Clerk should bring this matter before Kent County Councillor Michael Northey as this was a matter that had been raised some years ago;
- (e) Copy of Kent County Council News Release dated 07/06/2010 with all Councillors;
- (f) Copy of e-mail dated 20/06/2010 from Andreas Tatt with all Councillors for consideration. The Clerk is to request authority from Andreas Tatt to forward her e-mail directly to Kent County Councillor Michael Northey for attention;
- (g) The Chairman reported that the directional signs have been replaced along the A260.

101/2010 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) School Crossing Sign that has four flashing lights south of the School in Valley Road outside ‘Flint Cottage’ comes on at the wrong times and needs synchronising and the one north of ‘The Street’ in Valley Road does not come on at all;

(ii) Clerk to enquire from Tim Owen of Kent Downs AONB that when erecting the new village signs whether one of the old ones that are to be removed can be placed a short way away from the crossroads at Gravel Castle and Church Lane so that traffic is aware that they are entering the village and need to stop.

102/2010 Social:

It was agreed that the Chairman would purchase the same pack of fireworks as purchased last year. Bonfire Night is to take place on Saturday 6 November 2010.

103/2010 Village Hall:

Cllr D. Wood reported that he attended a funding fair. Advised that funding could get tight in the future and if so, one way to raise final funds would be to fund through the precept. This would not be ventured before a public consultation had been undertaken. It was agreed in principle that if the need arose, to propose to Canterbury City Council that the Parish access funding through the precept subject to public support. They are still proceeding to get funding.

104/2010 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr J. Brown reported that the AGM took place on 14/06/2010 at Barham Village Hall. Three new committee members were elected with a fourth to be elected.

105/2010 Youth Club:

Robin Townsend reported that Alison Small of Canterbury City Council is to do an action plan, which is to be decided at a meeting in August 2010. It was suggested that a questionnaire enquiring as to whether a Youth Club is needed is to be distributed amongst the households in Barham. The Chairman suggested that a flyer be drawn up and placed in the Kentish Gazette. Cllr C. Ridgway has volunteered to assist Robin Townsend in preparing a questionnaire.

106/2010 Open Areas:

- (a) Meeting of the Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group to be held on Saturday 24/07/2010 at 9.30a.m. in the Committee Room at Littlebourne Village Hall. Cllr C. Ridgway will attend with the Chairman;
- (b) The Clerk showed Council a map of where the Village/AONB signs are to be placed. It was agreed that they are in the places requested.

107/2010 Village Plan:

- (a) Due to work commitments, Cllr M. Simpson has undertaken to have a Review of the Village Plan ready for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on 2nd September 2010. Cllr D. Wood is going to speak to Mr Skelton of ACRK re requirements for Village Plan Reviews and will advise the Clerk accordingly. The Clerk to pass this information on to Cllr M. Simpson;

(b) Copy of The Over 60's Community Service (Northgate Ward & Canterbury District) Barham Parish Report 2010 with all Councillors. The Clerk to request an e-mail version of the report so that something can be drawn up for the elderly providing information that will be useful/helpful to them.

108/2010 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 24/05/2010 to 01/07/2010, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 783 other visits recorded to the website.

109/2010 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) KALC – Agenda for AGM Meeting to be held on 14/07/2010 at Tyler Hill Memorial Hall at 7.30p.m. with Representatives. Cllr E. Mullett is unable to attend. Clerk to advise Cllr D. Tamsitt that the Chairman will accompany him to the meeting;
- (b) ACRK – Rural News Issue 95 May 2010 with all Councillors;
- (a) ACRK – Meeting to be held on Tuesday 27/07/2010 at Lenham Community Centre.

110/2010 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Copy of letter from Kent County Council re Kent Minerals Development Framework – Publication of the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment with all Councillors;
- (b) Canterbury District Rural Forum will be held on Monday 19/07/2010 at the Guildhall, Canterbury at 6.00p.m.;
- (c) Southern Water Performance 2009-2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (d) South East Water Resources Update Spring 2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (e) Parish News Newsletter Issue 32, June 2010 with all Councillors.

111/2010 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 2nd September 2010 at 7.30p.m.;

Meeting ended at 8.54p.m.