

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 4th November 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. Ridgeway, M. Simpson, Mrs V. Steer, D. Tamsitt and D. Wood.

130/2010 Public Speaking:

One Parishioner attended the meeting, Ray Heslop who advised that the hedge by the crematorium has still not been cut. The Clerk to chase Kent Highways about this matter.

131/2010 Apologies: None

132/2010 Minutes:

Proposed by Cllr E. Mullett and seconded by Cllr Mrs V. Steer

133/2010 Matters Arising: None

134/2010 Finance:

(a) Balances as at 31 October 2010

Current Account.....	£11,171.01
Includes Broadband Grant.....	£ 6,567.56
Capital Reserve Account.....	£35,709.03
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 1,172.06

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

- (i)** EDF Energy for period 01/07/2010 to 30/09/2010 – £743.09 – Paid;
- (ii)** Broadband 20 Customer Installations up till 17/09/2010 - £5,005.50;
- (iii)** CPRE Subscription for period 01/11/2010 to 31/10/2010 - £29.00;
- (iv)** Grassmow Services re Village & Churchyards for September 2010 - £512.00;
- (v)** Digley Associates re Play Areas Annual Inspections - £105.75;
- (vii)** Ringway Annual Street Lighting Maintenance for 01/10/2010 to 31/09/2011 - £2,482.49;
- (viii)** Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - 1.** Grassmow re cuts in Village & Churchyards twice in October 2010 - £1,024.00;
 - 2.** Village Hall for July & September 2010 - £20.00;
 - 3.** Stephen Miles to cut hedge at toddlers play area - £115.00.

(c) Any other financial matters:

- (i)** The Precept for 2011/2012 was discussed and it was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council that it will remain the same as for the last three years at £20,000.00.

135/2010 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – 1 The Shrubby, Valley Road, Barham – Remove one young Sycamore tree from bank at rear of garden to allow in more light and remove several trees (Holly & Yew) at front of garden to allow Oak tree to flourish – Clerk to advise that the Parish Council have no objections to the Holly trees being removed but request that the removal of the Yew trees be reconsidered if they should be fit and healthy trees;
- (b) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Holme Lacey, Olde Valley Road, Barham – Fell one old Spruce tree in corner of garden of Valley Road and The Grove – No objections;
- (c) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – Tiuccia, Derringstone Street, Barham – Remove two Leylandii trees, reduce three others by up to one-third at right hand corner of rear garden and remove one Beech tree originally planted as a part of a hedge but now stifling a nearby Apple tree – No objections;
- (d) Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area – 4 The Grove, Barham – Fell one Field Maple 2 metres from rear boundary, one Field Maple in middle of garden in open area above the lawn and one dead tree on boundary with 5 The Grove. Their removal will allow more light into the garden and replacements will be planted – No objections;
- (e) The Clerk reported that Kent Highway Services had advised that they will be replanting trees following the removal of several trees but cannot say as to how many will be replanted;
- (f) Copy of letter dated 18/10/2010 from Kent County Council re Proposed Changes to Planning Application Validation Process with all Councillors;
- (g) CA/10/00508/FUL – Elham Valley Vineyard, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Erection of polytunnels, formation of car parking and associated works – Planning Application Granted;
- (h) CA/10/01591/FUL – The Barn, Breach Farm, Elham Valley Road, Barham – Conversion of garage into additional living accommodation and erection of detached garage/log store – Planning Application Granted;
- (i) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting: None

136/2010 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report/enquire as to the following:
 - (i) Many potholes at the bottom of Out Elmstead towards Bay Tree Cottage on Valley Road;
 - (ii) Ask why the Parish Council was mis-informed for the last couple of years that it was badgers that had caused the damage to the embankment at Derringstone Hill rather than rabbits;
 - (iii) Chase the cutting back of the trees obstructing the view of traffic on the verge at the top of Church Lane at the junction of the A260 that was reported on 10/09/2010.
- (b) The Clerk reported that Kent County Councillor Michael Northey had advised that he was looking into extending 30mph speed limit and also for the lines to be repainted and an earlier STOP sign warning or other warning sign of junction ahead, after having been out to look at the area himself. Cllr Wood advised that he had taken Cllr Northey to the said area and Cllr Brown advised that he spoken to Cllr Northey about this matter and had been advised that the matter would be attended to. Clerk to enquire as to the likely timescale for this matter to be attended to;

(c) Copy of letter from Kent Highways re Salt Bags with all Councillors. The Clerk to write to Nick Chard of Highways and Waste to advise that the Parish Council would be prepared to store a bag of salt but that all salt bins should first be filled as majority are empty.

137/2010 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;
- (b) Clerk to report that the street nameplate "Gravel Castle" at the corner of Brickfield and Gravel Castle is mostly covered by graffiti.

138/2010 Social:

The Chairman advised that she is ready for Bonfire Night and the relevant paperwork has been approved by the Insurance Company.

139/2010 Village Hall:

The clerk confirmed having informed Cllr D. Wood that the Parish Council would be in the same position as the Village Hall if they took over the recycling bins. Cllr D. Wood advised that the Village Hall are looking into moving the recycling bins to another area of the Village Hall grounds.

140/2010 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr J. Brown advised that he is now the Chairman of the Nailbourne Community Store Committee Ltd, together with a new committee. They are working with the Village Hall towards a permanent structure and have started fund raising.

141/2010 Youth Club:

The Chairman has e-mailed Robin Townsend, who has been in contact with Canterbury City Council, who are going to do more surveys.

142/2010 Open Areas:

- (a) The Chairman advised that the signs for the Village Greens have been ordered;
- (b) E-mail dated 18/10/2010 from the Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group with all Councillors;
- (c) The Chairman advised that Tim Owen had met with her and Cllr David Wood on 02/11/2010. One of the existing village signs will be moved and placed a short distance from the crossroads of Gravel Castle and Church lane as requested when the new Kent Downs AONB Village signing is erected. The Clerk is to enquire as to when installation will take place;
- (a) The Chairman advised that she will go through the Play Area inspections received and list the works to be carried out into different categories.

143/2010 Village Plan:

Cllr M. Simpson provided Councillors with a Draft Barham Parish Plan Review, which was perused at the meeting. All Councillors to consider the draft and at the next meeting to liaise as to who will deal with which areas to provide the information required by Cllr M. Simpson. The Clerk will complete the part on Broadband. Cllr M. Simpson will e-mail with the area/s he will deal with.

144/2010 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 01/09/2010 to 04/11/2010, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 754 other visits recorded to the website.

145/2010 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) KALC – Minutes of the Canterbury Area Committee Meeting held on 13/10/2010 with all Councillors;
- (b) KALC – Notice of 63rd Annual General Meeting with Representatives. Clerk to send apologies as no one is able to attend the meeting;
- (c) KALC – Parish News Issue No. 350 dated 24/09/2010 with Representatives;
- (d) ACRK – Copy of Minutes of 86th Annual General Meeting with all Councillors;
- (e) CPRE – E-mail dated 06/10//2010 with all Councillors;
- (f) CPRE – Kent Voice Autumn 2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (g) CPRE - E-mail dated 03/11//2010 with all Councillors;
- (h) CPRE – Annual General Meeting and lunch 19/11/2010 from 12.30p.m.

146/2010 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Kent County Council Bold Steps for Kent: Medium Term Plan to 2014/15 – Consultation Draft for circulation with Councillors for comments;
- (b) Rural Forum SE – Identifying and Responding to Health Needs in Rural Areas for circulation with Councillors.

147/2010 Date of Next Meeting:

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

Meeting ended at 9.30p.m.