

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 26th May 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs L. Davies, E. Mullett, J. Brown, Mrs V. Steer and D. Wood.

047/2011 Apologies:

Cllrs Mrs C. Ridgway and M. Simpson due to work commitments.

048/2011 Election of Officers:

(a) **Chairman of Ensuing Municipal Year** – Cllr Mrs L. Davies – Proposed by Cllr D. Wood and Seconded by Cllr E. Mullett

(b) **Vice Chairman of Ensuing Municipal Year** - Cllr E. Mullett – Proposed by Cllr D. Wood and Seconded by Cllr J. Brown

049/2010 Co-option of Councillors:

There had been two applications, namely Jim Callan and David Tamsitt.

As both applicants met the required criteria and had the relevant experience, there was a unanimous vote by the Parish Council, whereby both Jim Callan and David Tamsitt were elected to be the new Councillors to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Clerk will ensure that Jim Callan and David Tamsitt complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Member Register of Interests Form.

050/2011 Appointment of Representatives to Various Outside Bodies:

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

All proposed and seconded en block and agreed

051/2011 Public Speaking:

No Parishioners attended the meeting.

Chris Wallis the Street Scene Manager at Canterbury City Council attended the meeting to discuss the Recycling System. It was said that due to the escalated price of purchasing clear sacks and not enough budget to cover same, it was recently agreed that properties will receive one roll of 17 sacks three times a year but that if this was not enough, a household could register with Canterbury City Council and could then receive up to three rolls every three months. They are presently negotiating a better quality sack and are also looking into the introduction of bins to replace the clear sacks were possible, for those households that can accommodate same, by the year 2013.

052/2011 Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on 07/04/2011 -
Proposed by Cllr E. Mullett and seconded by Cllr D. Wood;
- (b) Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 07/04/2011 -
Proposed by Cllr Mrs V. Steer and seconded by Cllr E. Mullett.

053/2011 Matters Arising: None

054/2011 Finance:

- (a) Balances as at 30 April 2011

Current Account.....	£32,379.24
Capital Reserve Account.....	£30,717.15
Includes Social Fund Balance of.....	£ 4,059.41
- (b) To pay any Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) Grassmow re Village and Churchyard Cuts April 2011 - £529.00;
 - (ii) Veolia Water - £10.11;
 - (iii) Barham Village Hall Concurrent Function Funding - £2,716.93;
 - (iv) Broker Network Ltd Annual Insurance - £1,119.90;
 - (v) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (1) Barham Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings from January to April 2011 inclusive - £40.00;
 - (2) Barham Village Hall for Toddlers Group from July to September 2010 and from January to April 2011 - £240.00;
 - (3) Kent County Playing Fields Association Annual Subscription - £20.00;
 - (4) Barham Village Hall for Parish Council Capital Grant - £14,000.00.
- (c) Any other financial matters:
 - (i) Received Precept of £20,000.00 and full Concurrent Function Funding of £8,575.07;
 - (ii) Village Hall received £14,000.00 from Canterbury City Council in respect of a Parish Council Capital Grant.

055/2011 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/11/00384/FUL – Greenbank, Greenhills, Barham – Formation of outdoor ménage – No objections. The Clerk advised that the applicant, Corinne Vickery had informed her that the error of the siting of the location had been noted and that it appears that the architect had completed the address incorrectly. Subsequently, the Planning Application has been corrected to ‘Land to West of Greenbanks’;

- (b) CA/11/00405/FC – Ham Farm, Greenhills, Barham – Erection of agricultural building – Prior approval of details of proposed works is not required from Canterbury City Council - Noted;
- (c) CA/11/00026/FUL – Bridge House, Greenhills, Barham – Replacement of first-floor accommodation with associated increase in height of roof and single-storey side extension – Planning Application Granted - Noted;
- (d) CA/11/00250/FUL – Primrose Cottage, Gravel Castle Road, Barham – Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
- (e) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting;
 - (i) CA/11/00815/FUL – Bay Tree Lodge, Valley Road, Barham – Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling – No objections.

056/2011 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report/chase the following:
 - (i) A new fence with barbed wire has been erected further out than it was before at Rowan House, Brickfield Road, which is close to the road and dangerous;
 - (ii) The trees that are engulfed in ivy along the footpath from The Grove to Old Valley Road have still not been dealt with;
 - (iii) Pothole at the top of Out Elmstead Lane near the junction with the A2 as well as several others along the length of the road;
 - (iv) There is a collapsed drain outside between ‘The Haven’ and the farm entrance in Out Elmstead Lane;
 - (v) The trees that were reported under Enquiry No. 15868 and 17983 need immediate attention as they are obstructing the visibility of traffic.
- (b) The Chairman will attend the Parish and Town Council Seminar on 11/07/2011.

057/2011 Parish Maintenance:

- (a) Cllr Mrs V. Steer continues to report street lights that need repairing;
- (b) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) The road sign “Two Way Traffic” at the junction with Rabbit Hole and Brickfield Road has been demolished and is on the grass verge;
 - (ii) The “Crossroads” sign on Church Lane, 100 yards from Gravel Castle Road has slipped down the post;
 - (iii) The “No Entry Sign” in Rabbit Hole at the junction with Church Lane is covered.
- (c) The Chairman only received one page of the costings from Ringway regarding the upgrading of the streetlights to lessen our carbon footprint. The Clerk will forward a copy to the Chairman for consideration.

058/2011 Social: Nothing to report.

059/2011 Village Hall:

Cllr D. Wood reported that the Village Hall Committee have short listed the architects from 3 to 2. The £14,000.00 received from Canterbury City Council in respect of a Parish Council Capital Grant is to be utilised towards the cost of preparing plans and the cost of the Planning Application.

060/2011 Post Office/Shop:

Cllr J. Brown reported that trade is picking up. Late night opening hours are being discussed for possibly a Thursday and one Friday evening.

061/2011 Youth Club:

The Chairman reported that Alison Williams of Canterbury City Council will be holding a display at the open evening at the School. On 11/06/2011 Alison Williams will attend the School Fete with two Youth Workers.

062/2011 Open Areas:

- (a) A request for the replacement/repainting of the goal posts on the Village Green was received. Cllr E. Mullett will have a look at the goal posts to see if they can be rubbed down and re-painted and the Chairman will look at the cost of purchasing new ones;
- (b) The Clerk to enquire from Canterbury City Council as to whom they use for the maintenance of their play equipment. The Clerk is also to enquire from Playdale whether they provide maintenance contracts and if so, the cost of same and whether the current works required will be covered under same;
- (c) Cllr E. Mullett to report on the rolling of the Village Green – Carry forward to next Agenda;
- (d) The Chairman reported that she has not yet been able to find anyone who sharpens gang mower blades to be able to obtain a quote.

063/2011 Village Plan:

Councillors to give views on draft updated Barham Parish Plan Review at next meeting.

064/2011 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that from the 04/03/2011 to 23/05/2011, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 1522 other visits recorded to the website.

065/2011 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) KALC – Parish News Issue 353 March 2011 with Representatives;
- (b) KALC – Minutes of Meeting held on 13/04/2011 with Representatives;
- (c) CPRE – E-mail dated 06/04/2011 with all Councillors;
- (d) CPRE – E-mail dated 04/05/2011 with all Councillors;
- (e) CPRE – E-mail dated 06/05/2011 with all Councillors;
- (f) CPRE – Oast to Coast Spring 2011 for circulation with Councillors;
- (g) ACRK – Rural News Issue 101 – April 2011 with all Councillors;
- (h) NALC – Legal Briefing Issue 20/04/2011 re Future Standards of Conduct of Members of Local Authorities in England with all Councillors.

066/2011 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Canterbury City Council – A Home in the Country with all Councillors;
- (b) Kent Downs AONB Rural Streets and Lanes : A Design Handbook for circulation with Councillors;
- (c) Canterbury City Council Parish News Issue 35, 10 March 2011 with all Councillors.

067/2011 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.45p.m.