

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Barham Village Hall, Thursday 3rd February 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: The Chairman Mrs L. Davies, Vice Chairman Mr E. Mullett and Cllrs Mrs H. Pechey, Mrs C. Ridgeway, Mrs V. Steer, D. Tamsitt and D. Wood.

005/2011 Public Speaking:

Two Parishioner attended the meeting. PCSO Gavin Dodwell attended the meeting and reported that a speed survey had been carried out with Dick Bailey on the 01/02/2011. The results will be e-mailed to the Chairman. Will be doing a speed watch course on how to use the speed gun.

006/2011 Apologies:

Cllrs J. Brown due to a family illness and M. Simpson due to work commitments.

007/2011 Minutes:

- (a) Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 02/12/2010:
Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and seconded by Cllr Mrs V. Steer.
- (b) Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 15/04/2010:
Proposed by Cllr E. Mullett and seconded by Cllr D. Wood.
- (c) Minutes of Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 13/01/2011:
Proposed by Cllr D. Tamsitt and seconded by Cllr E. Mullett.

008/2011 Matters Arising: None

009/2011 Finance:

- (a) Balances as at 31 January 2011
 - Current Account..... £ 5,694.16
 - Capital Reserve Account..... £30,713.36
 - Includes Social Fund Balance of.....£ 4,853.26
- (b) To pay any Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) Barham Village Hall for November & December 2010 - £20.00;
 - (ii) EDF Energy for period 01/10/2010 to 31/12/2010 – £743.09 - Paid;
 - (iii) Pay any other Accounts received prior to the meeting:
 - 1. Casement Signs & Graphics re Village Green Signs - £60.00.
- (c) Any other financial matters:
 - (i) The Clerk advised that a quote had been received for the renewal of the contract for the supply of electricity to the street lights for the period 01/03/2011 to 28/02/2014. There would be an increase of 1.89 pence per kWh. The Parish Council agreed to the renewal of the contract;

(ii) A request had been received from Barham Toddlers for financial assistance with the costs for the Village Hall hire. It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay these fees directly to the Village Hall till the end of the summer term in July 2011 to give them the chance to fundraise. Cllr D. Wood will advise Jacqui Connelly at the Village Hall Meeting on 07/02/2011 and the Clerk will confirm this in writing.

010/2011 Town and Country Planning Matters:

- (a) CA/10/02015/TPO – Broome Park, Canterbury Road, Barham – Works related to trees subject to T.P.O. No 1 of 1953 – Planning Application Granted;
- (b) Any other Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:
 - (i) CA/10/02056/FUL – Elmstone Court, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Landscaping, new swimming pool, garage block and the erection of a sun house (revised scheme) – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (ii) CA/10/02081/LB – Elmstone Court, Out Elmstead Lane, Barham – Alterations to the main house, alterations and conversion of outbuildings and refurbishment of greenhouse (revised scheme) – Planning Application Granted – Noted;
 - (iii) 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 – No objections.

011/2011 Roads and Footpaths:

- (a) The Clerk is to report the following:
 - (i) There are two large potholes in Gravel Castle going towards the A2 on the corner towards “Lodge Lees”;
 - (ii) Where the road slopes down at the side towards the kerbing in Rabbit Hole, it is very bad and damage has already occurred to a couple of vehicles;
 - (iii) Out Elmstead Lane is very bad with potholes;
 - (iv) In Brickfield Road where redressing has been done to the road, it has not been taken to the kerb and is dangerous to pedestrians as there is a deep gap between the road and the kerb;
 - (v) Two large potholes at the end of Brickfield Road leading on to Valley Road;
 - (vi) Derringstone Hill is very bad with potholes;
 - (vii) “Bus Stop” that is painted on the road at the School in Valley Road needs repainting;
 - (viii) The trees along the footpath from The Grove to Old Valley Road are engulfed with ivy and need attention as there are concerns that these trees might fall over.
- (b) Copy of e-mail from District Councillor M. Northey dated 10/01/2010 re extending 30mph speed limit with all Councillors. The Clerk to request District Councillor Michael Northey to convey the Parish Councils gratitude to those concerned in arranging the erection of the “advanced warning sign” and painting of the road markings;
- (c) The Clerk reported that Sam Da Costa had advised that Peter Shirley was to visit the locations of the salt bins to assess as to which salt bins are the responsibility of KHS and to report his findings to us. Clerk to request a report of their findings and to advise that the salt bin in Out Elmstead Lane was not filled all winter;

- (d) Copy of Planned Carriageway Maintenance Guide with all Councillors;
- (e) Clerk to report to Brockwells Forestry Ltd that when cutting the trees, the cuttings were not picked up as they normally are;
- (f) The Clerk read out an update from KHS re pothole repairs.

012/2011 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 “crossroads sign” in Church Lane approximately 70 yards before the crossroads at Gravel Castle is lying at the bottom of the post;
 - (ii) The “Brickfield Road” sign at the “Valley Road” end has been demolished.

013/2011 Social:

The Chairman advised that everything has been arranged for the Pensioners Luncheon on the 12/02/2011.

014/2011 Village Hall:

Cllr E. Mullett advised that a Village Hall Meeting is to be held on 07/02/2011.

015/2011 Post Office/Shop: Nothing to report.

016/2011 Youth Club: Nothing to report.

017/2011 Open Areas:

- (a) The Chairman reported that she is now in possession of the signs for the Village Greens and brought one in to show Councillors. Arrangements will be made for Stephen Biddolph to erect the signs on the Village Greens;
- (b) The Chairman reported that the Kent Downs AONB Village Signing has been erected. The Clerk is to request Tim Owen to place another sign back to back with the Kingston village sign recently installed;
- (c) The Clerk is to chase Playdale regarding the repairs to the list of play equipment items sent to them. The Chairman has given Stephen Biddolph a list of repairs to carry out at the play areas and will e-mail the Clerk a copy of the list;
- (d) The Clerk advised that a request had been received from Tamasin Jarrett enquiring whether a street party / recreation ground party will be held in the village for the Royal Wedding in April 2011. The Clerk to have a look at the website link provided and to enquire whether the pub was holding any celebrations for the Royal Wedding;
- (e) The Chairman advised that the Village Green is riddled with mole hills and that the School had requested for the Village Green to be rolled. Cllr E. Mullett to speak to Kevin Goddard about rolling the Village Green;
- (f) The Chairman advised that she had received a letter from Valerie Carter with a request to plant a memorial Mountain Ash tree on Derringstone Village Green on 24/03/2011. It was agreed by all Councillors.

018/2011 Village Plan:

The Clerk to request Cllr M. Simpson to complete the Barham Parish Plan Review for the next meeting.

019/2011 Website - www.barhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk: The Clerk continues to maintain and keep the website updated. The Clerk reported that since 02/12/2010 to 31/01/2011, excluding the Clerks visits, there have been 956 other visits recorded to the website.

020/2011 KALC/ ARCK /CPRE:

- (a) ACRK – Rural News Issue 98 December 2010 with all Councillors;
- (b) ACRK – Oast to Coast Winter 2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (c) CPRE – E-mail dated 20/10/2010 with all Councillors;
- (d) CPRE – E-mail dated 05/01/2011 with all Councillors;
- (e) KALC – Parish News Issue No. 351 10/12/2010 with Representatives;
- (f) KALC – Parish News Issue No. 352 25/01/2011 with Representatives;
- (g) KALC – Minutes of Meeting held on 12/01/2011 with Representatives;
- (h) CPRE – E-mail dated 02/02/2011 with all Councillors.

021/2011 Correspondence/General:

- (a) Policing Kent December 2010 for circulation with Councillors;
- (b) Parish Forum Meeting on 26 February 2011;
- (c) The Royal British Legion's 90th Birthday - The Great Poppy Party Weekend with all Councillors;
- (d) Copy of e-mail re Sustainable Communities Act with all Councillors;
- (e) The Chairman wished it to be minuted that she gave to Cllr D. Wood a box of effects from Barham Society.

022/2011 Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council Meeting to be held at Barham Parish Hall on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8.50p.m.