

## **Barham Parish Council – January 2021 InTouch Report**

### **DATE OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date of the next meeting is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, 7pm in Barham Church Hall. Due to the on-going Covid 19 health & safety regulations, the meeting will be restricted to the public, please check the agenda the first week of February for further information regarding attendance. However if the new Lockdown restrictions have not been removed the meeting may have to take place on Zoom.

Meetings 2021;  
24th May APM & AGM, 5th September, 5th December

### **Barham Parish Council Marks Remembrance Day 2020**



The area poppy organiser, Sheila Harvey would like to report that the total amount collected for 2020 in the Barham, Claydon, Gt Blakenham & Henley area was £2687.95. Thank you to all who contributed.

### **PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE**

#### **MSDC Planning Application 1856/17, Norwich Road/Church Lane, Barham**

Owing to the lapse of time, Barham Parish Council took the view it should survey residents for their up-to-date position on the proposed planning application. In addition to understanding the views of residents, we also wanted to look behind an in-principle objection and understand to other reasons for objection. We also wanted to understand what infrastructure and services the community feels are needed to support new housing.

600 households were surveyed and 100 responses were received, 92% of which do not support the application.

Main concerns were as follows:

Traffic - 84%

Loss of Rural Character - 76%

Disbelief the promised facilities will be delivered - 73%

Lack of Services and Facilities to support new housing – 68%

In terms of additional facilities and services desired, the three most popular choices were:

- Community Hall
- Village Green
- Café

A nursery and additional shops were close behind with workspace, gym and sports hall being seen as less important.

Specific comments included requests for play areas and an improved bus services to Ipswich.

Finally, respondents were presented with the following scenarios and asked to rank them. Here they are in order of preference:

- **ALL PROPOSED HOUSING IS REJECTED**
- **THE PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED BUT ONLY IF IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL THE DOCTORS SURGERY, MORE NEW FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE PROVIDED**
- **THE PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED BUT ONLY IF THE SCHOOL AND SURGERY ARE TO BE PROVIDED**
- **THE PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO DELIVER THE MUCH NEEDED HOUSING**

There is therefore clear and ongoing opposition to any new housing. However, if housing is imposed on Barham, it is clear that the vast majority of the community are demanding to see more services and facilities to support that new housing.

**Welcome to Barham - Please drive with care**



The lovely new sign which the Parish Council has purchased and has placed in position on the Norwich Road. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Welcome to Barham sign will soon be installed at the opposite end of the village.

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