

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

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

The date of the next meeting is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May and this will be the Annual General Meeting. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to attend as strict socially distancing rules will be in place. Unfortunately due to limited space in the Church Hall due to Covid restrictions the Annual Parish Meeting will not take place.

Further Meetings 2021;  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (not the day and date change)

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – We need YOU to apply.**

There is currently a vacancy for one Barham Parish Councillor .

Would you like to help make a difference to your village?  
Do you care about where you live, its facilities, activities, open spaces?  
Whatever needs tackling or improving locally, becoming a parish councillor gives people the opportunity to change things.  
YOU can help to make a difference to the quality of life for people in Barham.

If you are;

- Age 18 or over
- You are an elector of the parish
- During the whole of the last 12 months have occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish

The Parish Council meets every 3 months on the first Monday, at 7pm. Meetings are held in Barham Church Hall.

The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now, come along to a Parish Council meeting or speak to our Parish Clerk (see contact details below) or email Darren the Chairman at [bkplimousinesa8@hotmail.com](mailto:bkplimousinesa8@hotmail.com)

### **BARHAM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**



At the recent Barham Parish Council meeting the major issue of speeding vehicles throughout the whole of Barham was again discussed. The VAS cameras on Norwich Road are recording speeds of up to 75mph from the Sorrell Horse pub to Church Lane. Many of the offenders are in fact local residents. The Parish Council has a constant battle with SCC Highways department to get anything done regarding reducing the speeding issues and pretty much have to take things into its own hands. Therefore the Parish Council is looking at ANPR speed cameras (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) which will take pictures of speeding vehicles, plus safe cam will be doing more speed enforcement in the village so you have been warned.

The Parish Council has therefore agreed to proceed with "Community Speed Watch Initiative" for the village.

Community Speed Watch is an educational scheme to help people reduce speeding traffic though their community. The scheme enables volunteers to work within their community to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and to help control the problem locally. Community Speed Watch incorporates poster campaigns and a pledge system linked to direct action using speed detection equipment. The use of the radar devices will not lead to prosecution – drivers will get a letter from the police instead – but will help to underline the community's commitment to reducing speed. The scheme can only operate in 20mph and 30mph speed limits not in a 40mph speed limit. You can read up and find out more about community speed watch and what is involved on [www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk/get-involved/](http://www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk/get-involved/)

However to move forward with the community speed watch a team of at least 6 volunteers is needed and the Parish Council is therefore appealing for volunteers, the more people on board the better. If you would like to be involved then please let the Clerk or Chairman know.

Darren Parish Council Chairman– tel 07836263613 email bkplimousinesa8@hotmail.com  
Melanie Parish Council Clerk email barhampc@outlook.com

The Parish Council would be delighted to have you join the community speed watch team so that it can proceed.

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