

Barham Parish Council – DECEMBER 2022 InTouch Report

DATE OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 30th January 2023 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall. As always members of the public are most welcome to attend.

All meetings of the Parish Council are advertised on the village noticeboards (outside the Co-op and by Pesthouse Lane). Meeting will also be advertised on the village website www.barham-suffolk.org.uk Face Book page and the In Touch Magazine (however Extra Ordinary Meetings may not make the deadline to be advertised in the In Touch).

BARHAM PICNIC SITE

Further to the decline of the lease by Barham Picnic Site Community Project, the Parish Council has agreed to get the picnic site up and running themselves. We have the backing of SCC Cllr Chambers and BMSDC Cllrs Whitehead and Passmore, who have all agreed to help with funding, but more grants will be needed. The Parish Council are now in the process of making good the toilet and information block and to make the site safe and clear. A team of willing helpers are needed please contact the Chairman or Clerk if you would like to help. Otley College & The River Gipping Trust has already agreed to help on the site, the National Trust and the Probation Service may also be keen to help.

The Chairman thanked the Chairman of BPSCP for getting things started with the picnic site and well done to his team and the residents who have been so positive in the future of the picnic site. He encouraged all those present to spread the word and to be part of the future of the new picnic site, all hands needed. The public will be covered by the Parish Council insurance whilst on the site. A work plan will be put together by the Parish Council.

PARKED VEHICLES

The Parish Council is still receiving complaints about parking of vehicles blocking the pavement, this is especially happening along Coopers Way and includes commercial vehicles. We have been advised by Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk the following information;

On 6 April 2020 the responsibility for enforcing illegal parking was transferred to local authorities in Suffolk. This means that parking violations are now civil offences under Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) legislation, and this applies to both on-street parking (roads and highways) and off-street parking (public car parks run by the local authority).

Suffolk Constabulary does retain responsibility for dangerous or obstructive parking where there are no parking restrictions. However, the Constabulary does place the emphasis on deploying resources according to threat, harm and risk with a focus on dealing with issues concerning:

- vulnerability and safeguarding;
- community engagement;
- demand management;

- crime reduction.

As a result of prioritising resources, it does mean that there are some areas, where the Constabulary may have previously had greater involvement, that the Constabulary is less able to focus on. Therefore, complaints of illegal parking will not automatically result in police attendance. However, using the above principles the Constabulary would seek to respond in situations where there is a clear offence that poses a risk to public safety.

Civil Parking Enforcement for Barham & Claydon is now the responsibility of Babergh Mid Suffolk Council, they can be contacted directly via [Civil Parking Enforcement » Babergh Mid Suffolk](#)

You may also wish to share your concerns with the appropriate Safer Neighbourhood Team so it can be reviewed as appropriate. You are able to contact this team directly using the following email address: ipswichwest.snt@suffolk.police.uk.

This information has been provided on behalf of Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk. If you require any further information then please contact;

Greg Songer
Correspondence and Complaints Review Officer
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk
Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3QS. Tel: 01473 782773

SPEEDING IN BARHAM

Speeding in the village along Norwich Road and Church Lane is still high. So far this year over 83 offenders have been reported through the community speed watch. 31 offenders have been reported from the safe cam team who will have received a fine and 3 penalty points or driver train course. We will continue to do speed enforcement in Barham, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

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