

Barham Parish Council – FEBRUARY 2023 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. Date of the Annual General Meeting in May TBC

All meetings of the Parish Council are advertised on the village noticeboards (outside the Co-op and by Pethouse 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 Parish Council taking on the rejuvenation of the Barham Picnic Site. With the help of the Probation Service, DK9 security and Maurice Debenham work is already underway with making good the toilet and information block and clearing the site. Of course any local residents are most welcome to give a hand if they can spare the time. A work plan has been put together and is on the village website.

The Parish Council has Section 106 money available towards the picnic site, this money has been put aside by BMSDC in mind for the rejuvenation of the site. The Parish Council would very much like to install a MUGA (multipurpose sports area) but will need to formally apply for the money which totals £200,000. Evidence must be demonstrated that such a facility would be beneficial and used by the surrounding community.

Therefore the Parish Council would very much welcome your positive support on this proposal for a MUGA at Barham Picnic Site. A survey is currently being carried out so that we can demonstrate to BMSDC that the facility is needed and the funding will be granted. We would encourage that you take part in this survey/questionnaire which will be delivered to all households on Barham. Completed surveys are required back to the Parish Clerk by 20th February 2023. If you need any further information then please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk Melanie Thurston Tel: 07837528187 or Email: barhampc@outlook.com

YOUR SUPPORT IS MOST NEEDED, THANK YOU.

SPEEDING IN BARHAM

Sadly, local people are still using Norwich Rd, Church lane and Sandy lane as a race track we will continue to work with the Police and safe cam to enforce the law. All our speed devices record all the data which is forwarded to the Police. We will be continuing with Speed Watch and reporting all offenders, you have been warned.

On a positive note Traffic Calming the Parish Chairman is happy to report that after a 3-year battle, Highways has agreed to install larger 450mm repeater signs x 12 and new white painted roundels to the road x 8, along the Norwich Road. This will cost £3200, much less than the anticipated £20,000 originally thought. SCC Chris Chambers has kindly agreed to pay half of the cost.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE PRECEPT TO FUND THE CONSTABULARY IN 2023/24

Tim Passmore Police and Crime Commissioner;

“ Setting the budget is one of my most important responsibilities. I must ensure that the Chief Constable has the resources she needs to provide an efficient and effective service.

Later this month I will need to make a decision about the policing element of the council tax precept. I am planning to ask the Police and Crime Panel to support my proposal to raise the policing element of the precept by £15 a year (for a Band D property) which is essential to maintain an efficient and effective service, and provide the resources needed to manage demand as effectively as possible.

I would be very grateful if you could take part in the survey (link below) and let me know what you think. Could I also ask you to forward this on to anyone else you think may be interested to comment.

To take part in the survey please click [here](#). The survey will close on 26th January 2023. Go to my website Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner website for more details [here](#). “

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