

Barham Parish Council – NOVEMBER 2023 InTouch Report

Again, Barham Parish Councillors have had a busy month with meeting and answering residents' concerns. We hope the following information is useful.

ABNORMAL LOAD GOING THROUGH VILLAGE ON SUNDAYS

An abnormal load is coming through from Ipswich docks through Ipswich and will turn right down Old Norwich Road, past the bus gate and into Claydon turn right along the main road through the village and continue along Ipswich Road right through Barham.

At the time of writing the expected dates that directly affect the villages are Sunday 22nd October, Sunday 5th November, Sunday 26th November but every Sunday Ipswich or A140 will be affected.

Any bollards in the middle of the road will be removed and cars parked in the road may be removed.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE OLD DOCTORS SURGERY SITE, KIRBY RISE.

The Parish Council has raised concerns and objected to the recent planning application to build 9 houses. Many issues were raised to Mid Suffolk District Council including over development of site, the road leading to the site is very narrow and cars always park along it is causing access problems for residents and safety concerns regarding road access and exit. There is also a Tree Preservation Order of tree on site and covenant on the land for medical purposes.

It was pleasing to see many members of the public had also put their own comments on the district council planning portal. We now await it going to Planning Committee where we will again raise objections.

MEETING WITH DR DAN POULTER UPDATE ON PROVISION OF GP SURGERY

On Friday 8th September Henley, Barham, Claydon/Whitton and Hemingstone parish councils met for a joint meeting with Dr Dan Poulter to raise concerns regarding GP surgery provision for our area.

Dr Dan Poulton shares our concerns and is involved in talks with the NHS about possible sites for a doctor's surgery however at best this will be 3 years away. However, there are problems now and will only get worse with houses being built. He has promised to give an update in November and another meeting with parish councils in January.

Please if you have had a of bad experiences due to lack of doctor's provision, including time you have had to wait on phone, please let us know so we can quote real customer experiences.

LIAISON MEETING WITH TAYLOR WIMPEY – NORWICH RD/CHURCH LANE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The 2nd liaison meeting has taken place between Taylor Wimpey, Barham Parish Council, Claydon Parish Council and the Church.

Two issues from residents were raised and a good working relationship is developing.

Taylor Wimpey have promised to ensure information about the development goes in the next In Touch magazines including a customer service contact for residents' concerns.

However please do inform Barham Parish Council as well so we can ensure they are followed up at future meetings.

CYCLING ROUTES

District Councillor David Penny is interested in forming a ward wide cycling group to explore creating better cycling interconnectivity between and around our local villages to popular destinations. He is encouraging at least one representative from each village in the ward to

join the working party. Let David know if you are interested in joining him, email david.penny@midsuffolk.gov.uk

DATES OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings scheduled 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall.

Monday 30th October & 4th December 2023 and Monday 15th January, 26th February & 8th April 2024.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend and voice their concerns in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

All meetings of the Parish Council are advertised on the village noticeboards (outside the Co-op, by Pesthouse Lane and Barham Green). Meetings 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*).

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