

## **Barham Parish Council – APRIL 2024 In Touch Report**

Barham Parish Council during February have met with Country Council Highways, Mid Suffolk District Council Planning and Community Teams, Dr Dan Poulton MP, Sandy Lane Quarry and Taylor Wimpey raising your concerns and representing the interest of Barham residents.

### **Big Spring Clean**

We thank all the residents who got involved in the Big Spring Clean. However, it is an ongoing job keeping our village clean. Thank you to The Wombles and The Good Neighbour Scheme who do such a wonderful job but are always happy to get extra volunteers,

### **Barham Picnic Site Community Project to be Gifted Freehold**

At the time of writing, is currently being checked by our solicitors to ensure we are acting within the powers given to parish councils, but we will keep you informed as soon as it is finalised.

### **Dropped Curb on Entrance to The Crescent**

Councillors met with Highways to discuss dropping the curb on entrance to The Crescent and are awaiting a cost from County Council and then the parish council can agree the work. We also discussed other issues needing attention and will hope to update you soon.

### **Taylor Wimpey New Build “Churchfields”**

We continue to hold regular meetings with Taylor Wimpey regarding the building works. One resident asked if there would be hedgehog holes in the hedging around site and we are assured these are planned where land is level enough. We were also asked about bird boxes and again 30 are planned in the gables of properties of the outer borders of the site.

### **Lack of Doctor Provision in the Area**

We have again met with Dan Poulter raising concerns regarding the lack of surgery provision in the area. We understand another doctor and other staff have been employed at Needham Market Surgery and hope to share further positive updates with you in the next few months.

### **CHANGES TO DATES OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Members of the public are very welcome to attend and voice their concerns in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

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