

Barham Parish Council – MARCH 2024 In Touch Report

Barham Parish Council continues to be busy working hard to respond to any concerns raised by the community and we strive to represent the community.

Big Spring Clean

Claydon and Barham are working together and we are asking for volunteers to support the **BIG SPRING CLEAN** planned for 8 days starting Saturday 16th March.

We have been allocated a small grant of £800 from Mid Suffolk District Council "Pride in Community" initiative.

We aim to street clean the major road and get village street signs cleaned and also, thanks to the Good Neighbour Scheme, finish with a **BIG LITTER PICK** on Saturday 23rd March, 10am to 12 noon starting at the Recreation Ground off Thornhill Road.

Most of all, we would first like to hear from residents which areas you want clearing up.

However, we also need YOU to volunteer. That could be tidying up near your house, cleaning your street sign or volunteering for the **BIG LITTER PICK** or any other project that residents suggest.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for more details or contact the parish clerks of Claydon or Barham.

This will only work if we all do our bit, however small.

Barham Picnic Site Community Project to be Gifted Freehold

It was decided at parish council meeting on 12th December 2023 that freehold of the picnic site land off Lower Crescent should be given to the charity Barham Picnic Site Community Project which was set up over 18 months ago expressly to run the site as a community facility. This is currently being checked by our solicitors to ensure we are acting within the powers given to parish councils.

Hedge Cutting

The council has received numerous complaints over the last 3 months about the hedge and undergrowth along the Norwich Road making the footpath difficult to use. After discussion with Suffolk County Council and County Cllr Chris Chambers, it was clear that it was difficult to get this area prioritised due to the demands like this across the county. Therefore the Parish Council has acted and had the work carried out and we thank our District Councillors John Whitehead and Dave Penny for their contribution of £1,500 from their locality budgets towards the cost.

Street Lights off at Night

It was agreed at the January 15th Parish Council meeting that, in order to avoid any increase in Council tax, street lights will be turned off at midnight.

This not only saves money but is also good for the environment.

Taylor Wimpey New Build "Churchfields"

We continue to hold regular meetings with Taylor Wimpey regarding the building works so please let the clerk know if you have any issues for us the raise,

CHANGES TO DATES OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings scheduled for 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall are Friday 22nd March and the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 20th 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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