

## **BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** S. Carr, G. Musson, A. Deveney, D. Milward, W. Allan, County Councillor J. Field and District Councillors J. Whitehead & J. Caston

#### **1.10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Oliver Faiers from Waste Management at MSDC was in attendance for any questions regarding bin collections.

There were no members of the public present however, the parish councillors took the opportunity to raise issues that they were aware of from residents. A summary would be included in the Parish Council's In Touch Report for November.

#### **2.10 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor J. Field's report was presented at the meeting (see file).

Councillor J. Caston gave a verbal report at the meeting. His report summarised his attendance at recent committees, Lullaby Concert and environmental health issues.

**3.10 APOLOGIES:** J. Lea and late apologies from N. Cooper.

#### **4.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations given.

**5.10 MINUTES** of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September were approved subject to minor wording amendment of agenda item 9.9(d).

#### **6.10 WORKPLAN & PLANNING LIST**

a. Workplan: -

- Councillor J. Whitehead spoke with Simon Bailey from MSDC Enforcement, who explained that the lady from the Heritage team dealing with this was swamped with work from Fisons and Shrubland was not priority. The council have asked Councillors Whitehead and Caston if they can at least get the Parish information on what's been done to date and the timeframes required for the stages of the enforcement process so they can at least inform the concerned residents.
- Councillor J. Whitehead provided the clerk and chair with some paperwork to complete for the speed sign but would need to provide the clerk with the information required.
- The road markings to the Norwich Road have finally been completed.
- Councillor J Field will chase for a date for completion of signage to Bells Cross Road.
- Neighbourhood Plan discussions are moving forward as Great Blakenham now have a representative. The date of the next meeting is the 9<sup>th</sup> of October.

b. Planning List: -

There was no update available for the following applications: -

**1856/17** – proposed development of 270 houses off Barham Church Lane.

**DC/18/00861** – erection of 74 dwellings off Ely Road.

**0085/17** - erection of 20 dwellings including 7 affordable homes (with appearance, landscaping layout and scale forming Reserved Matters) (resubmission of application 2113/16). Land Between Norwich Road and Pesthouse Lane Barham.

**DC/18/02758** – application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to vary or remove Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) and Condition 3 (Highways - Access Layout) **relating to 0928/17** – erection of 10 dwellings with associated landscaping. Land Off Norwich Road, Barham. This application was granted permission on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 by MSDC. G. Musson spoke with his contact at Taylor Wimpey who have said they are unlikely to develop this plot themselves and will look for alternative developers to take the project on.

c. Applications: -

**DC/18/04029** – Thornhill Road - erection of single storey front and back extensions. The council has no objections to this application.

**DC/18/04223** – Old Rectory Close - erection of single storey front extension. The council has no objections to this application.

## **7.10 REPORTS**

There were no meetings attended by the Councillors since the last meeting.

## **8.10 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Council received an email from a resident regarding inconsiderate parking in Coopers way and Millers Court. After discussion the council asked the clerk to reply to the resident to let them know that unfortunately, as a parish council they do not have the powers to enforce parking issues but the council will also refer this to the police on the resident's behalf.

The clerk informed the council of an email received from the Environment Agency regarding Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management. The councillors have the opportunity to complete a feedback form which the clerk has forwarded to them.

## **9.10 FINANCE**

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1272.47 – for the full list of payments (see payment schedule document on file) The clerk also informed the Parish Council of the cheque to the value of £52.50 for grass cutting that was signed out of the meeting. (see payment schedule document on file).
- b. The Clerk provided the council with September's bank reconciliation and online statement. This was noted and approved by the council.
- c. The Clerk provided the Council with the second quarterly summary report for the Parish's accounts. This was noted and approved by the council.
- d. The Clerk provided the Council with the external audit report received by PKF Littlejohn. This was noted and approved by the council. The Chair took this opportunity to thank the Clerk for her hard work to submit the audit paperwork.

## **10.10 STREET LIGHTING**

The Parish Council discussed the concerns raised by a local resident regarding street lighting being turned off overnight.

The Parish Council took advice from Suffolk County Council on costings for the 33 lights the Parish Council own and control in the village (the rest of which are owned and controlled by Suffolk County Council). The council also received crime statistics for Barham from the police for the period covering the last 12 months. The crime statistics indicated that there have been 12 reported crimes in the 12-month period.

With this knowledge councillors could not justify the 100% increase in energy costs that would be incurred for all night lighting, therefore the councillors decided not to change the current arrangements for the lights they own and control.

**11.10 REVIEW STANDING ORDERS DOCUMENT**

The council agreed to sign off on NALC's update version of Standing Orders Document 2018. The council have asked the clerk to add Barham's details and specific information where necessary to the document.

**12.10 PICNIC SITE UPDATE**

Councillor S. Carr was able to update the councillors on the latest communications regarding the picnic site and Claydon Football Club (see confidential document).

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