

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: S. Carr, G. Musson, N. Cooper, D. Milward, A. Deveney, County Councillor J. Field and District Councillor J. Whitehead.

In Attendance: Clerk, Mrs J Culley

1.9 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Representatives from Suez Waste Plant were in attendance to give a presentation and answer any questions regarding their application to increase operational capacity at the plant.

The parish councillors and residents present took the opportunity to ask questions about how much waste went to the plant, how many extra vehicles would go to the site per day, what is the overall tonnage capacity of the site and how much of the waste they receive comes from Suffolk.

There were 9 members of the public present who wished to discuss the Ipswich Northern Route Consultation (see item 14 for comments) and the recent repeated spate of thefts at Barham Green. The clerk was asked to contact Sergeant Miah and Tim Passmore for their input regarding this.

2.9 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Due to the length of the agenda with items that had deadlines prior to the next meeting, it was agreed, that the District Councillors would provide a report ready for the October Parish Council meeting.

Councillor Field provided a report to councillors at the beginning of August, he subsequently sent an updated version in advance of the meeting.

3.9 APOLOGIES: J. Lea and District Councillor T. Passmore

4.9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations given.

5.9 MINUTES of the meeting of 1st July were approved and signed. Councillor Musson asked for a matters arising section to be added to the agenda. The chair has asked the clerk to circulate the minutes before the meeting, as a reminder to councillors, so they can then ask for any items to be added to the next agenda.

6.9 WORKPLAN & PLANNING LIST

a. Workplan: -

- Councillor Carr and the Clerk have been completing the Suffolk Highways paperwork for approval for the installation of speed sign poles at Sandy Lane, Barham Church Lane, Norwich Road near Coopers Way and where the current static speed sign is located. The council have also contacted residents of Sandy Lane for their approval as part of the process.
- The clerk confirmed that she had emailed Head of enforcement James Buckingham on 17th July. He responded early August to say 'I have to advise that I will not be the manager of the Council's Planning Enforcement service at the time of your October meeting. I will forward your request to the new manager of the service, Phil Isbell. I'm sorry I cannot give a more definitive response to your request'. The Clerk requested next steps, as there had been no reply from Phil Isbell. Councillors asked for the email to be resent to Phil Isbell.
- The next Joint Neighbourhood Plan group meeting is scheduled for 10th September at 7.30pm in the upstairs room at Great Blakenham Village Hall.
- District Councillor Passmore emailed to confirm he would be chasing the planning enquiries and should have a reply for the parish later in the week.

b. Planning List: -

There were no updates 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

The Parish council are awaiting communication from MSDC regarding a meeting between MSDC, the developers and Claydon & Whitton Rural Parish Council regarding the above applications.

DC/18/05523 – Erection of 1no. dwelling with detached garage and creation of vehicular access and parking (revised scheme to approval 1844/17) - Land North of, 3 Lower Farm Cottages, Norwich Road, Barham with additional planning application **DC/19/01552** - Change of use of agricultural land to sui generis use for dog kennels and dog training including erection of kennels – *unfortunately, Councillor Passmore was not in attendance at the meeting but update reported. The councillors have asked the clerk to write to him to ask for an update on this application.*

The clerk informed the council of the following applications: -

DC/19/02451 – Bells Cross Cottage, Bells Cross Road, Barham – erection of detached garage/store – permission granted

DC/19/00394 Pond Farm Barn, Barham Green, Barham – change of use and conversion of existing agricultural building to residential dwelling – permission granted

DC/19/02106 – Land at 1 Lower Farm Cottage, Norwich Road, Barham – erection of a two storey dwelling – permission granted

DC/19/03061 – 1A The Crescent, Barham – erection of replacement dwelling with integral garage (following demolition of existing dwelling and garage) – permission granted

APP/W3520/W/18/3217448 – Appeal for application **DC/18/02761** – Green Farm, Barham Green, Barham - erection of 2 new dwellings – Appeal conclusion is the appeal should be allowed subject to conditions within the schedule.

c. Applications: -

DC/19/03698 – erection of 1 dwelling and creation of vehicular access – Land between Lower Farm and Honeymoon Cottages, Barham – *The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons: The Parish Council has serious concerns about the dwelling being built on the edge of/in a flood plain. This plot is outside the development locations identified in the draft local plan. It is adjacent to a plot that has recently been granted planning permission. As a Parish Council we are in favour of small-scale developments and infill however this appears to be growth by stealth with the object of eventually having new properties all along the west side of Norwich Road between Low Farm and Honeymoon Cottages. Additional single plots mushrooming from Lower Farm to Honeymoon Cottages will spoil the natural environment of this flood plain. A significant impact will be the addition of yet another property entrance on to Norwich Road with vehicles having to accelerate up an incline to the Road. This is potentially dangerous to residents of the proposed development and users of Norwich Road.*

7.9 REPORTS

Councillor Musson provided a report for the Claydon & Barham Village Hall meeting in advance of the meeting.

In his absence Councillor Lea provided the minutes from the last Babergh East Police & Parish Forum.

8.9 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk informed councillors that an email was received thanking the council for its help with noise levels from the Lodge at Shrubland.

The clerk informed the councillors that drainage repairs were taking place at Ashbocking and Hemingstone on the 5th September between 9.30 and 3pm where the road would be closed to through traffic and a diversion route. The clerk informed the council that this was displayed on the noticeboards and added to the website.

The clerk informed the councillors of the article from Barry Moore Claydon Transport Rep regarding the withdrawal of the 89/89A bus service from 2nd September and highlighted that if they were to receive any complaints that it was being recommended to either write to or email our MP Dr Dan Poulter.

9.9 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1429.68 – for the full list of payments (see payment schedule document on file). Councillors also noted payments made in August totalling £3366.71 and receipts received totalling £1593.65 (see August payment schedule document on file).
- b. The Clerk provided the council with July's bank reconciliations and online statements for the community and business savings accounts. These were noted and approved by the council.

10.9 REVIEW STANDING ORDERS DOCUMENT

The Councillors have reviewed and approved the current Standing Orders document (last reviewed in October 2018). There were no changes required this will be reviewed again next year.

11.9 INSURANCE RENEWAL

The clerk provided the councillors with quotes from Came & Company as well as Community Action Suffolk. The councillors compared the level of cover offered to ensure it would meet the needs of the parish's asset register and then compared the companies that quoted.

The councillors have agreed to instruct Community Action Suffolk to provide the parish council with insurance for 1C core cover and 50,000 all risks cover for a 1 year premium. The clerk will contact Community Action Suffolk to arrange this.

12.9 JOINT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

Councillors have agreed for Councillor Carr to submit objection comments on behalf of the council.

The clerk was also asked to add a news item to the website and a note on the noticeboards to remind residents about the consultation deadline date to make their comments known.

13.9 PARKING ISSUES

Councillor Lea chased the nursing home and was awaiting a report from the meeting he had attended with them regarding residents' concerns raised about parking on Thornhill Road.

The Clerk emailed Sergeant Miah regarding feedback given to the police & parish forum on 19th June and Sergeant Miah replied with: -

The two PCSO's for the area were tasked with patrols and enforcement of any illegally parked cars and have also spoken to the care home.

They have been patrolling the Thornhill Road area and there have been no instances of inconsiderate parking. As there are no parking restrictions in place it is whether the officers feel the cars are parked unsafe or inconsiderately. Buses have also been observed being able to get down the road when they have been in the area. The care home were spoken to and they stated that some staff do park in Thornhill Road but as there are no restrictions then so long as they are parked correctly then this cannot be stopped. The manager agreed to circulate another memo reminding staff about parking considerately but stated that this is often discussed as they receive a lot of e-mails from residents about parking. They stated that the issue was due to be discussed at a staff meeting later in the month.

One of the PCSO's spoke with a resident of Thornhill Road who stated that they were frustrated that non residents were parking in the area and they were informed that unfortunately this is not something that we could stop.

Attention is still being paid to the area but there have not been any tickets issued as of yet.

The parish council will await the report from the care home.

County Councillor Field was able to confirm he had investigated the planning application conditions with MSDC and the care home had fulfilled these.

14.9 IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE CONSULTATION

Following discussions between the members of the public and the councillors present it was felt that the questionnaire provided by the consultation team was biased towards being in favour, it was not clear who the consultation team were or transparent about who was behind the proposals. Members of the public also felt that not enough research had been done or not provided in the justification for wanting to spend this amount of money on a new road.

The councillors have asked the clerk to comment on behalf of the council to the consultation email address provided with 'Barham Parish Council residents and councillors expressed their views on the Ipswich Northern Bypass. The view of those present was to oppose all of the Northern Bypass routes proposed by Suffolk County Council'.

15.9 PCSO

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Clerk for Claydon and Whitton Rural Parish Council to ask if there had been any further progression on a meeting between Great Blakenham, Claydon and Barham, and Tim Passmore.

16.9 SALC'S GOVERNANCE REVIEW CONSULTATION

Councillors have agreed for Councillor Carr to submit comments on behalf of the council.

17.9 PICNIC SITE UPDATE

Councillor Carr has received 2 quotes back from Land Agents asked to provide the parish council with costs for fees and management of the picnic site. These quotes will be taken to the finance committee meeting next week for further discussion and agreement of which Land Agent to instruct on behalf of the council.

Chairman

Date