

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN BARHAM CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021, 7.00PM

PRESENT: Chairman Darren Milward, Vice Chairman Frances Milward, Cllr Jeremy Lea, Cllr Neil Cooper, Cllr Brenda Mitchell, Cllr Oliver Wastell.

Also present: BMSDC Cllr John Whitehead & SCC Cllr Chris Chambers, 7 members of the public and the Clerk.

OPEN FORUM

Member of the public asked why the planning items and news blogs have disappeared from view on the Parish Council website. The Clerk informed that this was due to a technical error, which has now been rectified and the articles are back on view.

Member of the public expressed how hard the picnic site community project group has worked so far to date in the progress to reinstate the site. They are now at a stage where bigger equipment needs to be hired in, to carry out essential works. They have been promised £7,000 so far from district & county councillors, however the money is dependant on a new lease and vacant possession.

Would also like confirmation that the Parish Council insurance covers the volunteers whilst working on the site. It would also appear that the buildings at the picnic site are not covered by the PC insurance? Please can the PC confirm.

The Chairman informed that he has sought legal advice, the PC insurance does not cover the volunteers when on site. It is recommended that there is no further access at the Picnic Site for the volunteers or members of the public, until the new 99 year lease has been handed over to the "Barham Picnic Site Community Project". (K2 Recovery had their own insurance).

Cllr Mitchell advised that this would be a sensible decision as winter weather is fast approaching and not ideal to work outside at the picnic site. In addition to this, until the lease has been finalised, no grant money can be received to pay for the hire of large clearing equipment.

Cllr Lea asked that the Barham Picnic Site Community Project constitution is forward to the Clerk for evidence. £5000 is needed by the group before it can be given charity status. Heads of Terms needs to be drawn up.

The Chairman congratulated the community project group for the work that they have done at the picnic site to date.

He then introduced the new Parish Councillor, Oliver Wastell, he is keen to join the community project group and to help with work on site.

1.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

a. To Receive Apologies for Absence. Cllr Andrew Akhurst undertaking SALC Councillor Training, Cllr Cassey Woollorton work commitments, BMSDC Tim Passmore hoped to attend the meeting later if possible.

b. Parish Council to give Consent/Non Consent to Absence.

The Parish Council approved the absence's.

2.11 COUNCILLORS DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - Declaration of any pecuniary or other interests with regards to any item on the agenda. Cllr Mitchell relating to the Picnic Site.

3.11 TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM K2 RECOVERY, TO CONTINUE PARKING THEIR RECOVERY VEHICLES AT THE PICNIC SITE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

The Chairman reported that the 12 week period is now up, K2 Recovery had hoped to continue parking at the picnic site until the middle of December. However, on 3rd November the PC had been notified by them that they would be leaving the picnic site the week commencing 8th November (this week) and be gone by 12th November 2021. They will ensure that the site is left clean and tidy, they have found another site to move to. K2 Recovery would like to pass on their thanks to the PC for allowing them to use the area. They would like to donate a sizeable amount of money to the Parish to go towards future new play areas. This donation would be split 50/50, picnic site and Kirby Rise. The PC to pass on its thanks to K2 Recovery for this kind gesture.

Chairman's initials.....

The Clerk will contact SCC to advise them that K2 Recovery has vacated the Picnic Site and that the PC would now like to relinquish the lease to Barham picnic site community project. Cllr Mitchell reported that now K2 Recovery has vacated the site, it will help the whole situation to proceed forward.

4.11 TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO THE BARHAM PICNIC SITE COMMUNITY PROJECT.

A request has been received from the picnic site community group requesting a donation from the PC. They have already been promised grants from Gt Blakenham PC, Claydon PC, District & County Councillors, once the lease has been finalised. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council will consider a donation once the lease has been finalised.

5.11 HIGHWAYS UPDATE – ESTIMATE FOR BARHAM TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES.

SCC Highways have informed that the traffic calming measures scheme has to be approved by the SCC Operations Board before an estimate can be requested. Will keep the PC updated. Barham has been advised on resurfacing works which will be carried out along the Norwich Road and Sandy Lane week of 15th November. The Clerk will point out to SCC Highways, that they should co-ordinate future resurfacing works with local builders before resurfacing commences. Many times, it is noted that roads are resurfaced only to then be dug up for housing development works. This would seem to be a total waste time and of tax payers' money.

6.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a. Date of Next Meeting. The Chairman informed that this will be on Monday 13th December instead of Tuesday 7th December 2021, at Barham Church Hall.

b. Community Speed Watch. The Chairman informed that there are currently 6 volunteers to carry out the speed checks in Barham. To enable more checks to be carried and to catch more people speeding, more volunteers are needed. 18 speeding notices have been sent out to speeding offenders and these offenders are sadly all local residents. Cllr Wastell would like to sign up along with 2 new members of the public, the Clerk will forward them the relevant application form. It is frustrating that community speed watch is not able to operate in a 40mph area, eg Norwich Road, the Chairman asked SCC Cllr Chambers to look onto this. If Norwich Road was all 30mph then the speed watch could operate and many more speeding offenders would be caught.

c. National Highways A14 Junction 55 Copdock Public Consultation. Proposals for the A14 J55 Copdock Interchange Improvement Scheme. Notification has been received from Highways England that a public consultation has been launched and will run until 9th December 2021.

d. The Police and Crime Plan Survey. The Police and Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore in inviting Suffolk residents and businesses to have their say on the direction in the county and the activity. This will be taken forward by his office over the next 3 years.

The meeting ended at 7.42pm

Chairman

Date