

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2011 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, Cllr Millett, C Bullock, D Pettitt, B Cllr D Ray, C.Cllr Spicer. & PCSO Burke.

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr. W Martineau & Cllr Gilbert

2. **Declaration of Interest** Cllr Millett declared an interest in item 8.2.5.

3 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2011 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public**

John Hall reported that, in addition to the charity box being vandalised, that one chandelier was missing and another one had been damaged. A number of suggestions were discussed including the installation of CCTV.

The Church clock is due its routine maintenance check. The invoice for this work will be sent directly to the Parish Council for payment.

A resident raised concerns regarding proposed changes to the bus routes. Please see report under Councillor Spicer's report.

A resident has been in correspondence with Anglian Water regarding the man hole cover on the B1111. A job number has been raised and works to rectify the problem will be carried out.

5. **Report by County Councillor: J Spicer**

Cllr Spicer has been offered a long term assurance that Barningham will not be losing the 338 bus as previously thought. There will however be changes to the times. Further details should be available by the end of next week.

Cllr Spicer had a visit with the new head teacher at the Primary School. The issue of the fence was raised. It was agreed that this matter should be revisited in a bid to finally bring a satisfactory conclusion to the problem. The clerk will look back at the correspondence and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The future of Knettishall Country Park is moving slowly in a satisfactory direction.

6. **Report by Borough Councillor: D Ray**

Cllr Ray informed the Council that the next Parish conference will be held on Thursday 12th May at Stanton Village Hall, 5:45pm start.

St Edmundsbury Borough council are updating vision 2025 to look forward to 2031. There will be three master plans, Haverhill, Bury and the Rural areas. Postcards asking for suggestions are available.

7. **Report of Community Police Officer**

4 Crimes reported between 12/01/11 and 02/02/11...

15/01/11 – Theft from Shop - Church Road

- No publicity, enquiries on-going and we do have a suspect.

16/01/11 – Criminal Damage – St Andrews Church, Church Road

- Overnight an unknown offender has gained entry to the church and broken off the charity box from the wall from within. Nothing was taken. This has been finalised.

25/01/11 – Common Assault – Sandy Lane

- No publicity however offender was arrested and charges were later dropped due to lack of evidence.

31/01/11 – Theft, other – 7 Hepworth Road

- Over a two-week period an unknown offender has stolen heating oil from the oil tank of this property. Enquiries on-going. A person has been named as possibly linked with this crime.

NEXT COMMUNITY TASKING MEETING:

The date for the next Community Tasking meeting is Thursday 10th March 2011.

Venue is at the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh at 7pm

Meeting reconvened

8 Progress reports. For information from:

8.1 Chairman:

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Havebury Housing have said that they have written to the residents in Sandy Lane to inform them that the new parking places have been completed and that residents should no longer park on the road in front of the village hall car park as this is causing an obstruction.

Emergency vehicles are not be able to get past whilst car continue to park here. The Chairman will check that Havebury has written.

Action Chairman

8.1.2 Report from "Making the Change Together" seminar

One of the major topics of conversation was the future of Suffolk Libraries. Cllr Last has compiled a questionnaire which will be sent out with the next resident's newsletter. Cllr Spicer will keep us abreast of plans for Ixworth Library.

8.1.3 LAIS reports.

There are some points in the Localism Bill that need to be considered, this is to be circulated for further discussion at the March meeting.

8. 2 Clerk:

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Following involvement from Cllr Spicer, Havebury housing has agreed to let the safety works go ahead in Hopton Road. The Clerk has written to the residents most directly affected by the works and Jon noble from Suffolk County council will be on site during the installation to ensure they are put in a suitable location. He would really appreciate a volunteer from the Parish Council to be on site as well to ensure we put them in a place which is acceptable to all residents.

We can have the cushions in 4 weeks, so he is suggesting the following suggested implementation dates (although he will have to check with the supplier that they can be programmed for this day). Tuesday 22 February, Wednesday 23 February or Thursday 24 February. Cllrs Lat and Pettit are on standby.

8.2.2 Streetlight B1111

As the works in Hopton Road are now going ahead the matter of funding the new street light needs to be discussed. It was **resolved** to go ahead with this as previously agreed

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8.2.4 Dog proofing play area fence.

Still awaiting price

8.2.5 Request for donation, Hopton & District Day Centre

Since April 2010 funding received from Suffolk County Council has been cut by half. Over previous years and through careful management they have been able to accumulate a small emergency fund, which is rapidly disappearing. They currently have a monthly shortfall of £300. It was **resolved** to make a one off donation of £100.

8.2.6 Election briefing.

The Clerk prepared some handouts for the councillors. It was agreed that posters should be put up around the village to try to encourage some new applicants.

8.2.7 Request for donation, Wos up

This request will be considered next month along side all the other requests received over that last year.

9 Accounts

9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Steve Wilson	£420.28*
Vicki Gay	£587.02**
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£197.80
Vicki Gay	£86.29
S Wilson	£35.71
SALC training	£18.00

*includes pay rise

**includes backdated pay, wrong pay scales being used.

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10. Community Affairs Officer: Cllr Pettitt

The hedge bordering the B1111 and Bardwell Road is in need of cutting back. The Clerk will write to Mr Sewall regarding this. **Action Clerk**

The flooding on the B111, Bardwell Road and Hepworth Road is still cause for concern. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with SCC to discuss possibly solutions. **Action clerk**

The Hedge outside the bungalow on pound corner needs to be cut back. The Clerk will write to the residents regarding this. **Action Clerk**

10.1 Footpath Officer: Cllr Millett

A chain has been stolen from Aggies's Piece. Cllr Millett will look in to the cost of a replacement.

It has been suggested that a couple of Crab Apple trees are planted in the new cemetery as a memorial for the late Michael Lingwood. The Clerk will also contact another family who have expressed an interest in having a memorial bench in memory of their late son. **Action Clerk**

10.2 Communications Officer: Cllr Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert was unable to attend the meeting and had no report to make.

10.3 Transport Officer: Cllr Cummings

Cllr Cummings has reported the faulty light at the top of the road and has been told that a replacement has been requested. Cllr Cummings has also reported that a metal cover has been taken from the phone box and wires are exposed.

10.4 Village Hall representatives: Cllr Last

The village hall has had intruders again, the problem, allowing entry, has now been rectified.

10.5 Legal Matters Cllr W Martineau

Cllr Martineau was unable to attend the meeting and had no report to make.

10.6 Planning, Clerk of works Cllr C Bullock:

Cllr Bullock had no report to make.

10.8 Cemetery working Party.

A working party will be sought once the weather improves.

10.7 Village Caretaker: Steve Wilson

With the New Year came another year's worth of working hours and an easing in the weather to allow me to use them. I have been able to sweep several pavements at last as well as doing some of the jobs I had held over from last year.

The Council's hedge-trimmer is in my possession and I am slowly cutting back hedges in Sandy Lane, Aggie's Piece, Hopton Road and the Cricket Meadow. I have cut brambles in several locations before the hedges grow and conceal them. I have also removed some larger branches which were 'sagging' over the footpath at Aggie's and impeding progress.

I have procured gravel which matches that at the War Memorial and this is now in place.

Following the unexpected success of the seat pad I made for the bench in the Play Area I have made a further four – the wood treatment on these will need some more time to 'cure' before they are usable. I have managed to widen the pavement in front of the Mill by several inches where the grass verge had grown across it.

The mowing season is probably not far off in some locations. I will certainly start the new season with the old mower but I do not expect it to last to the end. I will make some informal enquiries about replacement costs in case there are winter offers available.

11. Review of Asset Register

It was suggested that Steve Wilson should look at the existing register and add and delete anything new or missing.

Action Steve Wilson

12. Cricket meadow development

The brochure is thought to be with Cllr Martineau. The Clerk will contact him to ask that he passes it on to Cllr Last.

Action clerk

13. Housing Needs Survey. Choosing housing provider

Louise Wilby has sent an email with dates they can make. These are, Thursday 10th, Tuesday 15 or Wed 16th evening. The 16th was the most convenient date for the council. The Clerk will communicate this to Louise.

Action Clerk

14. **Planning Matters** To include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted. St Edmundsbury Borough Council **Granted** SE/10/1524 Bloomfield, 3 church Gardens

15. **Correspondence for information** To note the items listed below which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. The Local Councillor, Suffolk wildlife trust, planning for biodiversity. Age UK Suffolk, Annual Review. No action at this time.

16. **Clerks report on urgent decisions since last meeting** None

17. **Councillors reports and items for future agenda** None

18. **Playing Field (Cricket Meadow)** Legal date 2nd February 2014 to 1st February 2015

19. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 2 March 2011

20. **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:**

20.1 Personnel Issues. None

20.2 Legal Issues. None

No further business, Meeting closed: