

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, D Pettitt, W Martineau, B Cllr D Ray

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs Gilbert , Millett, Bullock & C.Cllr Spicer
2. **Declaration of Interest** The clerk declared an interest in item 8.2.7 Suffolk Carers.
- 3 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 2nd February 2011 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public**

Questions were raised over the future of Knettishall Heath. Cllr Spicer will be asked for an update.

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

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting but asked the Clerk to tell the Councillors that there is a public meeting on Wednesday 16th March to discuss the future of Ixworth library. The Clerk received a cheque for £2000 from Councillor Spicer towards the cost of the speed cushions in Hopton Road. A letter of thanks will be sent to Cllr Spicer. **Action clerk**

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

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has agreed a 0% rise in council tax, as was expected. Drop in sessions, to look at the Rural Master plan are scheduled for 9th March at Ixworth village hall and 15th March at Stanton Village hall.

7. **Report of Community Police Officer**

2/2/2011- Theft of metal over a three day period offender(s) have stolen metal posts and chain.

11/02/2011- Theft of bulbs form St Andrews church over a four week period.

24/2/2011- Theft from shop enquiries on going.

Priority tasking meeting.

Thursday 10th March 7pm at the Erskine centre, Chedburgh, IP29 4UL.

Meeting reconvened

8 **Progress reports.** For information from:

8.1 Chairman:

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Havebury Housing has told the chairman that they have sent letters to all the residents asking them to use the new parking area. All the residents asked said they had not received the letter. The Chairman will draft a letter, with the aid of the police reminding residents that they can not obstruct the road. There is a need to look again at the possibility of increasing parking.

Action chairman

8.1.2 Library Consultation

As recorded under Cllr Spicer's report a public meeting is being held in Ixworth to discuss the future of the library there. So far 11 responses have been received from the questionnaire. 10 of these would be happy to support the service financially through an increase in council tax. Some might be able to volunteer their time. The chairman will send a summary of the results to Cllr Spicer. Cllr Martineau will attend the meeting in Ixworth. **Action Chairman/Cllr Martineau.**

8.1.3 LAIS reports.

The information on Public forests and data transparency will be circulated.

8.1.4 Revised bus time table

Following sight of the revised timetables the Chairman made a request that the last bus to leave Bury, currently proposed as 5.05, should be delayed to enable those who worked a nine to five job time to get to the bus station. No response has been received as yet. A number of buses are being withdrawn including the 337,339 and 425 the 338 will kept, but with changes. See above.

8. 2 Clerk:

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These works are programmed for Tuesday 8th March.

8.2.2. Bollards, B1111

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8.2.3 Streetlight B1111

A site meeting is being arranged as there is some confusion over both the site and the cost.

8.2.4 Dog proofing play area fence.

A price of £290 has been received to dog proof the gate. Elite fencing also provided a price for securing the entrance to Aggies's Piece, £165. It was **resolved** to proceed with both of these projects.

Action Clerk

8.2.5 Thank you for donation, Hopton & District Day Centre

A letter of thanks has been received from Hopton and District Day Centre

8.2.6 Election

A couple of residents have expressed an interest in joining the council. The clerk will ensure that they receive the relevant paperwork to make a formal application at the right time.

8.2.7 Request for donations, Wos up, Victim Support and Suffolk Carers

It was **resolved** to make a payment of £50 to both Victim Support and Suffolk Carers. It was agreed that before making a contribution to the Wos up project that the clerk would ask for more information regarding their schedule for the summer and what sort of sum they were looking at.

Action Clerk

9 Accounts

9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Steve Wilson	£420.28
Vicki Gay	£510.74
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£149.78
Vicki Gay	£29.09
SCC newsletter printing	£48.00
Victim Support	£50.00
Suffolk Family Carers	£50.00

Progress reports. For information, from:

10. Community Affairs Officer: Cllr Pettitt

There are still concerns regarding flooding in various parts of the village. The clerk will chase the site visit with Suffolk County council. The hedge from Aggies piece to Hollow lane is very overgrown. The Clerk will write to the landowner.

Action Clerk

10.1 Footpath Officer: Cllr Millett

All the public footpaths are clear. The horses are back on the meadow. David Pettitt has two substantial Hornbeams which could be planted at Aggies.

10.2 Communications Officer: Cllr Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert was unable to attend the meeting.

10.3 Transport Officer: Cllr Cummings

See under chairman's report.

10.4 Village Hall representatives: Cllr Last

Cllr Last had no report to make.

10.5 Legal Matters Cllr W Martineau

Cllr Martineau had no report to make.

10.6 Planning, Clerk of works Cllr C Bullock:

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

10.8 Cemetery working Party. New Memorial, created remains.

A request has been received for an upright memorial in the cremated remains plot. It was agreed that a memorial, of the same size as the existing memorials, and not the size requested, would be allowed on this occasion as it finished off a row. This will be the last time that such an allowance would be made and the stonemasons will be made aware of this fact.

Action Clerk

There has been only one complaint re the works in the cemetery. The Chairman and Cllr Cummins will meet with the resident who made the complaint to discuss their concerns.

Action Chairman/Cllr Cummins

10.7 Village Caretaker: Steve Wilson

Having got the year off to a flying start, I am now restricting my working hours a little just in case I have a busy summer.

Extra work this month has mainly consisted of conducting an audit of the Council's property in the village and that old winter favourite – the edging back of the footpath in Sandy Lane. Being a rather back-breaking chore, I tend to do this in stages over several weeks.

11. Review of Asset Register

Steve Wilson has carried out a review of the assets and the Clerk will prepare a new schedule for the councillor's consideration.

12. Cricket meadow development

Following further consideration it was agreed that the modern gym equipment may not be suitable so the councillors will look again at the wooden equipment.

13. Housing Needs Survey. Choosing housing provider

After careful consideration it was **resolved** that the council would like to work with Hastoe Housing in a bid to provide some affordable housing for Barningham. It is understood that they will now need to put in a bid for funding and then they will need to meet with some of the councillors to look for a possible site.

14. Planning Matters To include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted. St Edmundsbury Borough Council

SE/11/0126/0124 Havebury, Wimpy Cottage, Mill Road, Construction of garage and vehicular access and driveway. **No Objection**

SE/11/0166 Grey, Willow Trees, Bardwell Road, erection of first floor rear extension. **No Objection**

SE/11/0173 Thompson, 21 Millfield road, Erection of single storey side extension, two storey side extension and installation of air source heat pump. **No Objection**

SE/11/0171 Sinfield, Hawthorn House, Hepworth Road, Erection of first floor side extension, single storey infill front extension and pergola in rear garden. **No Objection**

15. **Correspondence for information** To note the items listed below which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. No action at this time

15.1 Consultation, Suffolk's Air quality. 15.2 Service changes to household waste recycling centres

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

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

It was thought that consideration needs to be given to the future of the church clock. Currently it is wound up twice a week. Cllr Martineau will find a price for getting the mechanism electrified.

Action Cllr Martineau

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

19. **Date of next meeting**: Wednesday 6th April 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: