

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 7:45pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: B Last, M Millett, K Cummings, P Callear, C.Cllr Joanna Spicer

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs: W Martineau, D Pettitt, C Bullock B & Cllr D Ray

2. **Election of Chairman**

Cllr Cummings proposed Brenda Last as chairman, seconded by Cllr Callear, all in favour. It was **Resolved** that Brenda Last be chairman.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Cllr Last proposed Mike Millett as Vice chairman, seconded by Cllr Cummings, in all favour. It was **resolved** that Mike Millett be Vice Chairman.

4. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Last, Cummings and Millett declared an interest in item 14.

5 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 7th April 2010 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

6. **Meeting open to the public**

See under Annual Parish Meeting.

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

See under Annual Parish Meeting

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

See under Annual Parish Meeting

9. **Report of Community Police Officer**

See under Annual Parish Meeting

Meeting reconvened

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

10.1 Chairman: Update on meeting with SCC

Present: Matthew Riches, SCC; Cllr Joanna Spicer, SCC; Cllr David Ray, SEBC;

Cllr Brenda Last, Barningham PC; Cllr William Martineau, Barningham PC.

Victoria House, Church road – new access onto road from new blocked paved front garden.

Situated halfway between the B1111 junction and the Bardwell Road crossroads. Concerns have been raised over safety issues, particularly in conjunction with parking at the shop next door. SEBC planning enforcement officer is due to view the site Wednesday 5th May.

Bardwell Road flooding – 3 areas of particular concern.

1 **Road near Barningham House and White House Farm.** New drain is not at lowest point of drain so there is still a problem with water lying on the road. Suggestion that an additional drain linked to the existing one would be a solution.

2 **Road by Orchard End.** Believed to be a 2.5 inch pipe under the road carrying water from field and ditches. Extension of Bungalow (Orchard End) by previous owner resulted in a new pipe to take this water past the bungalow and out into the fields but the alignment does not appear to be correct, leaving water at peak times flowing onto the road.

3 **12 Bardwell Road.** Pool of water on grass verge and front garden which does not drain away, and in peak times flows over road. Possibility of small leak under broken driveway or just complete lack of drainage in that area. (This has now been confirmed as a Havebury Housing property so I think repairs to the driveway could be directed to them).

Little White House, Bardwell Road - Erosion around water hydrant. Erosion of grass verge at road edge now means water hydrant is adjoining the road and in danger of being damaged by heavy vehicles. Long term solution may be to get Anglian Water to move the hydrant. Short term solution to fix kerbing in front of hydrant and extended kerbing to several feet either side of it.

Railings along footpath opposite shop Church Road- originally installed by SCC and now in need of repainting. As this would be expensive for SCC to do and have to come out of roads budget, suggestion was made to see if Community Service volunteers could do the work with assistance from PC and SCC.

Church Rd/ Bardwell Road junction – road has been patched but could do with proper resurfacing and white lines renewed.

Grit bin sites – 2 new grit bins have been purchased, one for Sandy Lane and Church road junction and bend, one for Church Road, Church Gardens, St Andrews Close junctions.

1 Sandy Lane needs a site agreeing. PC thinks logical spot is at start of grass verge separating SCC footpath from Sandy Lane (private road). Ownership of this grass strip to be clarified SCC or private owner.

2 Church Road best site considered to be next to Church wall and grass open space behind railing some 3 feet from road. Ownership is thought to be SEBC and is being clarified with them.

10.1.2 Request for dog litter bin in cemetery.

Dogs have been fouling in the cemetery; the Clerk will discuss this problem with Steve Wilson so ask for his advice regarding this.

10. 2 Clerk:

10.2.1 Works to Victoria House.

This has been reported to St Edmundsbury Borough Council enforcement officers and they are visiting the site today and will let us know the outcome of this visit. Suffolk County Council are also looking into this matter (see under chairman's report)

10.2.2 Anti wrap devices, play area swings

The option of changing the shackles etc came in at just under £1000, which is more than we were hoping to pay. In light of this it was decided to just order 6 (3 sets) of anti wrap bearings from Playdale so the swings can be used and see how they hold up. **Action clerk**

11 Accounts

11.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Steve Wilson	£411.16
Vicki Gay	£495.75
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£134.19
Vicki Gay	£23.48
S.Wilson, expenses	£10.00
M D Bleay	£280.00
Broker Network (insurance)	£648.00
BT	£50.64
SCC, printing	£30.40

11.2 Precept Payment

Confirmation of the precept amount awarded of £22,000 has been received from St Edmundsbury Borough council.

11.3 End of year accounts and PAYE

The Clerk has prepared and submitted the end of year PAYE and accounts.

11.4 Dates for internal and external audit

The audit date has been set for 25th June 2010 and the appropriate action taken.

Progress reports. For information, from:

12. Community Affairs Officer: Cllr Pettitt

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

12.1 Tree Warden: Cllr Millett

The high hedge has been trimmed with the help of Steve. The meadow will be cut in May or June. All the footpaths are clear apart from the rubble next to the path behind the Church. The wooden railings at the meadow, near the bridge, have been broken. The police were informed yesterday and repairs have been made. Work on the Cemetery hedge has been completed. The stumps need to be killed off; Cllr Millett will ask Mark Bleay what is the best weed killer to do this. Consideration needs to be taken as to health and safety.

12.2 Communications Officer: Cllr Callear.

Cllr Callear had no report to make.

12.3 Transport Officer: Cllr Cummings

Cllr Cummins had no report to make.

12.4 Village Hall representatives: Cllr Last

See under item 14

12.5 Legal Matters Cllr W Martineau

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

12.6 Planning, Clerk of works Cllr C Bullock:

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

12.7 Village Caretaker: Steve Wilson

By the time of your meeting, the mower should have reached its third birthday. It is still operational but disintegrating gracefully; its wheels are very wobbly and I have recently re-engineered the chassis with a hammer. The grass is now growing at its maximum rate and the excellent weather has meant that a lot of mowing and strimming has taken place.

The weather, combined with the school holidays, has also led to an increase in litter and recycling.

There have been several incidents of dumping around the village recently including rubble, wood, the remains of chair upholstery and a very heavy, cast iron, and gearwheel.

Extra work this month has included weeding the newly-planted beech hedge in the new cemetery and the trimming of the long hedge at Aggie's Piece. The plaque at the Millennium Oak is missing; the Clerk will speak to Steve Wilson about this.

Action Clerk

12.8 Cemetery Working Party

Work is ongoing

13. St Edmundsbury Borough Council Local Development Framework

There appear to be no objection to the proposed site, as long as a separate site entrance is made, but concerns still remain regarding the ability of the existing infrastructure to cope with any further development.

14. Request for grant, village hall

Due to the lack of members, who were not Village Hall Committee members, being present it was decided to put this on the June agenda for discussion.

15. Suffolk Acre Housing needs

These have now been delivered to most of the houses in the village.

16. Future development of Cricket Meadow.

The Clerk is still looking into land ownership.

17. War Memorial.

The Clerk will complete that application to see if we can have the war memorial listed.

18. Report on Parish Conference

Cllr Millett found the conference informative and a good opportunity to meet other Councillors. In addition to deciding to look at producing a new Parish Plan Cllr Millett was impressed with the presentation regarding speed management.

19 Planning Matters To include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted. **None**

20 Correspondence for information To note the items listed below which have been Circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. No action to be taken.

20.1 Coffee caravan

20.2 Home grown, arts events

21. Clerks report on urgent decisions since last meeting None

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

24. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council meeting, to follow the Annual Parish meeting at approx 7.45pm on Wednesday 2nd June 2010

25. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for Consideration of the following items:

25.1 Personnel Issues. None

25.2 Legal Issues. None

No further business, Meeting closed: