

## BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, D Pettitt, C Bullock, B Cllr D Ray C.Cllr and

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllrs: W Martineau, Cllr Millett, C.Cllr Spicer

2. **Acceptance of Office:**

Following a secret vote at the end of the last meeting, combined with the fact that no election was called, Lynne Gilbert was co-opted as councillors on to the council. She duly signed the acceptance of office and completed a register of member's interest.

3. **Declaration of Interest**

4 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 signed and approved as a correct record.

### Meeting Adjourned

5. **Meeting open to the public**

There has been a bag of rubbish outside the bungalows adjacent to the village for some time. The clerk will report this to waste management.

**Action Clerk**

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

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting but gave the clerk the following report: The schools reorganisation has been deferred until the new government have made their plans clearer. There is to be much reduced opening hours at Ixworth police station. The Parish council will have an opportunity to comment in this if they chose to do so. Cllr Spicer has sent a cheque, for £1000, to the village hall to help towards the works they need to carry out.

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

The Borough Council are looking at ways they can save over 1 millions pounds next year. The safer neighbourhood meetings are changing and from September they will be closed to the public. There will however be a public meeting held every three months.

8. **Report of Community Police Officer**

To include changes to opening hours, Ixworth police Station. This item will be put on the August agenda for further discussion.

The report from the police is as follows: 2 Crime recorded between 02/06/10 and 07/07/10.  
13/06/10 – Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle – Hopton Road. Overnight a known offender has caused damage to a parked unattended Red Vauxhall Corsa by smashing the rear window with a paving slab.  
22/06/10 – Criminal Damage – Dwelling – Under £5000 – Hopton Road. Overnight an unknown offender has thrown a brick through the front window of the property causing the window to smash.

**"Street a Week" Initiative...**

The "Street a Week" initiative is a force wide engagement with identified streets within our community to make engagement with the Safer Neighbourhood teams more meaningful and give a bigger impact, allowing residents time to speak to the Police and partnership agencies about things that really are affecting their lives and local community. It is up to the agencies to listen, discuss and act on concerns and information given.

6 streets in the Rural north area have been identified please see the following dates and areas below for more details. Further publicising will follow nearer to each areas 'week'. Please come and get involved and TALK to us, it is getting a far more frequent event that people are having problems and are not letting us know.

19th July-25th July...Mouse Lane, Rougham.  
26th July-1st August.... Old Bury Road, Stanton  
2nd August-8th August...Meadow Way/Ley Road, Barrow  
9th August-15th August...Hopton Rd/ Sandy Rd, Barningham  
16th August-22nd August...Raynsford Road/St Thomas Way, Great Whelnetham  
23rd August-29th August...New Road, Ixworth

### **Speed Watch**

A resident has contacted the Clerk expressing an interest in getting involved with the Speedwatch initiative. The clerk will pass these details, along with the names of the other residents interested to PCO Burke. **Action Clerk**

### **Meeting reconvened**

9 Progress reports. For information from:

#### **9.1 Chairman: 9.1.1 Barningham Flower Beds Report May 2010**

There are still problems around the ownership of land at Church Gardens, Simon Collins has a copy of the proposal and will discuss this with us further. Steve has dug up the old plants and replanted with new, low maintenance plants, around the village sign. The Brownies have agreed to continue with the maintenance of their flowerbed.

#### **Quarterly newsletter.**

It was agreed to print the circulated newsletter ready for delivery before the end of July. A copy of an annual newsletter was also circulated for consideration.

#### **9. 2 Clerk: 9.2.1 Letter if thanks, Barningham Village Hall.**

The village Hall Committee have written to thank the Parish Council for their donation towards the works at the village Hall.

#### **9.2.2 Notifications of increase in hire charges, Barningham Village Hall**

The village Hall committee has written to inform the parish council that as of the 1<sup>st</sup> July this year they are increasing their hire charges.

### **10 Accounts**

10.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Steve Wilson                  | £411.16  |
| Vicki Gay                     | £501.77* |
| H M Revenue & Customs Only    | £134.62  |
| Vicki Gay                     | £42.21** |
| S.Wilson, expenses            | £6.00    |
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| B Last, plants for flowerbeds | £22.30   |
| Village Hall donation         | £1000    |

\*Underpaid last month

\*\*overpaid by £11.60 last month to be deducted from this months expenses

Progress reports. For information, from:

#### **11. Community Affairs Officer: Cllr Pettitt**

Cllr Pettitt had no report to make,

#### **11.1 Footpath Officer: Cllr Millett**

Cllr Millett was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report to the Clerk: Aggies piece, general maintenance, with help from Steve. Hoping to plant the three Oaks and several buddleias when he returns from holiday. The meadow is being cut this week.

### **11.2 Communications Officer:**

Cllr Gilbert will take on the website and parish news report once she has settled in. Cllr Last will carry on in the meantime and give Cllr Gilbert the necessary training. The clerk will contact Kerry Burns to see if there is any further web site training available. **Action Clerk**

### **11.3 Transport Officer: Cllr Cummings**

Cllr Cummins had no report to make

### **11.4 Village Hall representatives: Cllr Last**

In addition to the £1000 from Cllr Spicer, the £1000 from the Parish Council the village hall has received £750 from St Edmundsbury Borough council towards the cost of essential works. Volunteers are being sought to do some painting. The village hall is looking at the possibility of a grant to purchase new chairs.

### **11.5 Legal Matters Cllr W Martineau**

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

### **11.6 Planning, Clerk of works Cllr C Bullock:**

Cllr Bullock had completed the questionnaire relating to flooding in the village. The clerk will forward this on. **Action clerk**

### **11.8 Cemetery working Party.**

Cllr Last had prepared a letter for deed of grant holders which was circulated and will be put on the agenda for further discussion at the August meeting.

### **11.7 Village Caretaker: Steve Wilson**

The rate of growth of the grass has stabilised sufficiently to allow a two-week cycle of mowing in most areas. The mower still soldiers on but is now displaying an engine problem which led to the previous engine being returned to the manufacturer. I have cleaned the carburettor and am keeping my fingers crossed.

The new cradle swing in the Play Area is, so far, undamaged. Unfortunately, there has been a return of the 'gentleman' who occasionally uses the Play Area as a toilet.

Extra work this month has included clearing the flower bed around the village sign and helping with the clearance of the coppiced bank in Church Road – removal of a large amount of barbed wire and an old telegraph pole support from here proved particularly tricky. The school holiday allowed me to gain access to trim the bank opposite the Royal George.

### **12. St Edmundsbury Borough Council Local Development Framework. Revision of PPS3 and core strategy examination**

No further comments were felt to be necessary at this time.

13. **Speed management guidelines.** To include looking at speed issues in Hopton Road Information has been received from Suffolk County Council about different speed management options. This will be circulated for further discussion at the August meeting.

### **14. Suffolk Acre Housing needs survey Update from Louise Wilby**

The survey has been completed and some further information regarding local services was sought, the clerk will submit this and request a hard copy of the report. Louise Wilby will be invited to the October meeting to discuss the next stage.

### **15. Annual Play area report**

There were no significant problems; this will be forwarded to Steve Wilson for any actions.

### **16. Community Governance review**

The Councillors were asked to consider the current elector arrangements.

17. **Barningham Grants policy**

The Councillors formally **Resolved** to adopt the circulated document.

18. **Rural Coffee Caravan request to visit**

Cllr Last suggested that Millfields would be a good location to visit. The Clerk will pass Cllr Last the details to make the arrangements. **Action Cllr Last/Clerk**

19. **Planning Matters**

St Edmundsbury Borough Council granted the following application:

Granted SE/10/0572 Land adjacent to mill House

20. **Correspondence for information** To note the items listed below which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. ASALC E bulletins, Local Councillor, Suffolk Acre E bulletins, grant information. No further action to be taken.

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

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

23. **Playing Field (Cricket Meadow)** Legal date 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014 to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015

24. **Date of next meeting**: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 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. 25.2 Legal Issues. None

No further business, Meeting closed: