

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2011 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, L Gilbert, A Childs, C Hammond, E Sier, W. Martineau & B Cllr D Ray

1. **Apologies for absence** C.Cllr Spicer & WPC Tate
2. **Declaration of Interest** None
- 3 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 11th May 2011 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public**

The members present expressed their delight at the fact that Barningham had held an election and congratulated the elected councillors.

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

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting but asked the clerk to report that discussions regarding the future of Knettishall Park are still ongoing.

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

Cllr Ray reported, on behalf of Cllr Spicer that SCC are reducing the times most street lights are alight for in a bid to reduce costs. There will be a consultation exercise headed by Richard Webster at Suffolk county Council. In the meantime it was suggested that Councillors consider which lights, if any, should not have their operating hours reduced.

7. **Report of Community Police Officer**

There was one reported crime in the last month.

Meeting reconvened

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

8.1 Chairman: 8.1.1 Newsletter. The chairman has prepared a draft newsletter for the councillors to consider and add some details pertaining to them. These are to be returned at the councillors training and the chairman will arrange for them to be printed ready for distribution in July.

8.1.2 Request from School for use of Cricket meadow. The primary has written to ask for permission to use the cricket meadow for their annual fete. There were no objections to this from the parish council. The Clerk will write to confirm this. **Action Clerk**

8.2 Clerk

8.2.1 Affordable housing. The Clerk is waiting to hear from Hastoe housing re a meeting in the village.

8.2.2. Stanton Pharmacy Application The Clerk has received copies of all the correspondence regarding the application for a pharmacy at Stanton. This was circulated.

8.2.3 Councillor Training.

The date is confirmed as Saturday 25th June from 10am until 12pm. All members will try to be in attendance.

8.2.4 Wos up project.

Despite the parish council being unable to make a financial contribution, the wos up project will still be visiting the village.

8.2.2. Bollards, B1111 the clerk has spoken to Jason Skilton who has asked Jon noble to call her regarding this.

9 Accounts

9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| Steve Wilson | £432.86 |
| Vicki Gay | £556.61 |
| H M Revenue & Customs Only | £91.06 |
| Vicki Gay | £23.48 |

It was proposed that Cllrs Cummings and Gilbert should become signatories on the current account. All in favour. **Action Clerk**

9.2 Annual return. To approve accounts for submission to the external auditor

It was **resolved by full council** to approve the accounts, prepared by the internal auditor, for submission to the external auditor.

10. **Caretakers report** to include problem with hedge, Bishops Croft.

The continued dry weather has led to the grass stopping growing. As a result I have been able to catch up on a wide variety of small jobs which are usually overlooked at this time of year. I have been putting the hedge trimmer to good use by completing the long hedge at Aggies as well as trimming the Old Cemetery and car park hedges for the first time. I have also tried to tidy the newly-coppiced bank in the same way.

I have used hand tools to open up some sections of the enclosed path at Aggies as well as lopping overhanging branches at the Village Hall, Play Area and Cricket Meadow. I have cut back the planting at the elevated path opposite the Spar shop and weeded the path.

The exceptional dry spell has also allowed me, for the first time, to scrape a large area of moss from the pavement at Church Gardens. I am engaged in a long-term battle with the grit thrown up from the 'road works' onto the pavement in Church Road. I have also had time to clean and sharpen my tools and equipment as well as patching up the mower wheels somewhat.

There are problems with overgrowing hedges at Bishops Croft, Millfields and Mill Road. The Clerk will contact the relevant parties regarding this.

It was resolved that Steve should be able to undertake work for the village hall as this is of benefit to the whole village. All in favour.

11. **Parish Councillors Roles.** The following roles/working groups for Councillors were agreed:

11.1 **B Last** Chairman

11.2 **K Cumming** Vice Chairman – Transport Highways, to include Bus service, speeding & roads

11.3 **L Gilbert** Communications to include newspaper reports & website

11.4 **A Childs** Community Affairs to include community & Police – Village Hall Committee Representative

11.5 **C Hammond** Cemetery to include administration cover & landscapes

11.6 **E Sier** Environment to include footpaths, trees, Aggies & landscapes

11.7 **W. Martineau** Administration to include planning, finance & legal

Working Parties;

11.8 **Internal finance:** To include budgets, monitoring, audit etc; **Cllrs Last, Martineau, Childs & Gilbert.**

11.9 **Environment;** to include Cemetery Aggies, gardens etc to support Tree warden and village caretaker; **Cllrs Hammond, Cummings, Sier & Last.**

12. **Asset Register**

This will be an item that will be addressed by the internal finance working group.

13. **Memorial in Cemetery** to discuss a request from Mr & Mrs Atwell.

The Clerk will get some information regarding memorial benches and plaques and arrange a meeting with the Atwells to decide on a suitable place. **Action clerk**

14. **Planning Matters** to include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted.
14.1 SE/11/0512 Willott, Linden House, The Street, Coney Weston. Erection of two storey extension on east elevation (ii) erection of single storey garden room on west elevation. This was an application for Coney Weston Parish Council sent in error.

15. **Correspondence for information** To note the items listed below which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. LAIS circulated.

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

It was suggested that the parish might like to have an event to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2012. The Clerk will ask the school if they have any plans and Cllr Gilbert will put a piece in the magazine to ask if anyone would be interested in organising the event. **Action Clerk**

The future of the church clock will be put on a future agenda for further discussion. **Action Clerk**

17. **Councillors reports and items for future agenda.**

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

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