

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs: Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, C Hammond, Cllr L Gilbert, A Childs, E Sier, PCSO Jonny Burke & B Cllr D Ray

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr W. Martineau & C.Cllr Spicer
2. **Declaration of Interest** the Clerk declared an interest in item 8.1.1
3. **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2011 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public** None present.
5. **Report by County Councillor: J Spicer**
Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting.
6. **Report by Borough Councillor: D Ray**
Cllr Ray reported that the consultation on the Rural Vision 2031 plan is coming up. This will include consultation on the specific sites in rural area.
7. **Report of Community Police Officer**
The police were unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting reconvened

8.1 **Chairman:** 8.1.1 Parking problems Hepworth Road.

The Chairman has written to two residents in Hepworth Road asking them not to park on the verge and path as they are causing an obstruction. If the car parked at the junction is not moved by the end of week the Chairman will report this matter to both the police and Suffolk County Council.

Action Chairman

8.1.2 Jubilee Celebrations.

The village hall has offered a reduced rent to the Parish Council so that we can put on an exhibition for the village. The knit and stitch group are making a commemorative wall hanging. They will provide the materials free of charge but will be asking the Parish Council to pay to have it framed. Cllr Hammond has a video, copied to DVD that she will offer to the school. St Edmundsbury Borough Council is offering a free oak tree and plaque. It was agreed that if possible it should be planted at church Gardens, where the millennium Garden used to be. Cllr Sier will make the necessary arrangements.

8.2 **Clerk:** 8.2.1 Speed statistics in Barningham

Following a request at the last meeting PCSO Burke provided the clerk with the following information: Since January 2011 we have used the B1111 site in Barningham just outside the flower shop on 8 occasions, the following have been issued: 7 Fixed Penalty Notices (speed over 40 mph)
15 Verbal Warnings (speed between 35-39 mph)

8.2.2 Knettishall Heath

Suffolk Wildlife Trust will have a decision on their lottery application just before Christmas and if successful will then need to raise £100,000 by the end of January 2012 to complete the land purchase. Because they will need to act quickly they are writing now in the hope that they can count on our support in January. This request will be put on the agenda for discussion at the January meeting.

8.2.3 Woz up

The clerk has received figures with the breakdown of attendance for Barningham. Over the 6 week period the project visited the village it worked with 62 young people. Concerns were expressed, once again, over the lack of advance warning and advertising. The clerk will contact Simon Pickering to discuss options to help with this problem.

8.2.2 Clerks report on urgent decisions since last meeting

The clerk contacted the police following a report from Steve Wilson about the illegal use of land adjacent to Aggies Piece and the excessive litter being left there. The police are now aware of this problem and the litter seems to have lessened.

9. **Accounts.** 9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment.

Steve Wilson	£426.57
Vicki Gay	£549.93
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£106.60
Vicki Gay	£36.71
SCC, newsletter	£25.65
SCC, cricket meadow	£1141.97
SCC, cricket meadow	£128.80
Eddie Sier, nuts for Aggies	£35.00

10. **SEBC** Request for Parish Councils estimates 2012-2013

The forms were completed for submission to St Edmundsbury Borough Council and duly signed.

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

11.1 **Cllr Childs, Community Affairs.**

Cllr Childs enquired about the outstanding highway matters in the village. The Clerk will chase SCC regarding the site meeting they have promised to discuss all the issues in the village. **Action Clerk**

11.2 **Cllr Cummings. Transport / Highways.** To include report from Rural Transport meeting.

Cllr Cummins reported that, together with the Clerk, she had attended a meeting to discuss extending the existing Brecks Bus to include Barningham and other parishes in this area. The meeting seemed to highlight two issues. One being the recent changes that had affected residents in Brandon and one being the need for additional bus services in our area. It was concluded that the dial a ride service, that is currently being offered, should be extended in to our area. This will be a service which aims to transport rural residents to areas that have a more regular service, for example Ixworth and Stanton and thus enable them to access more transport options. SCC will keep us apprised of the situation and inform us when the changes are likely to take place.

11.3 **Cllr Gilbert, Communications.**

Cllr Gilbert had no report to make.

11.4 **Cllr Hammond, Cemetery.**

The Chairman has attached laminated notices to the graves that are having their temporary wooden markers removed. The Clerk has spoken to Perfitt in Diss and they are looking at the cost of providing the stone markers for the unmarked graves. The Chairman is arranging to meet with Elite Fencing to discuss the landscaping work that needs to be undertaken. The Clerk has been unable to find any landscape contractors willing to take the job on.

11.5 **Cllr Martineau, Administration.**

Cllr Martineau was unable to attend the meeting but made a report through the clerk. See item 13.

11.6 **Cllr Sier, Environment**

Cllr Sier is making progress with the Speedwatch candidates. It was reported that the water tank is still leaking on the meadow the footpath cuts across. The Clerk will contact the footpath officer at SCC.

Action Clerk

12. **Caretakers report**

The majority of the village has had some mowing in the last month and the current weather may mean that I do some more before the end of the year. Leaf sweeping and raking has been in full swing with the Old Cemetery and Sandy Lane requiring more attention than usual. The leaves in Church Road caused a fundamental broom failure which I had to repair.

The people who formerly parked at the end of Green Lane, next to Aggie's Piece, and spread their litter everywhere have now started to use the sugar beet pad through the farmer's gates. I have had 2 sessions of litter clearing there and will keep an eye on it in future.

The Play Area is in good order apart from the need to replace a lost plastic bolt cover. I have had a first attempt at securing the wreaths to the war memorial to keep them upright and stop them blowing away.

13. **Church Clock.** Update on progress so far.

Cllr Martineau has received full information from Mr Hayward about the clock, together with several photographs. He will have these printed and present them at the January meeting. He has also asked Mr Hayward for a quotation for the work in writing which will be needed for the purposes of the request Faculty from the Diocese.

14. **Signage – Speed Humps Hopton Road**

Concerns have been raised over the lack of signage notify drivers to the existence of speed humps in Hopton Road. The clerk will contact SCC regarding this.

15. **Cricket meadow development.** Options for future use

The clerk, after having no luck with getting information from either Stanton or Walsham Parish Council, has made contact with a copy called 'Bendcrete'. She will be arranging a site meeting to discuss option for a 'half pipe' or similar early in the New Year. **Action Clerk**

16. **School Organisation Review - Thurston Consultation**

The consultation period has now finished and we will now await the outcome.

17. **Free School proposal**

The Parish Council are finding it very difficult to make a decision regarding the Free School proposal. The meeting we hosted was very poorly attended and as such we have had no feed back from residents. This, unfortunately, will mean that our default position would be not to support the proposal and make no financial contribution. Cllr Gilbert will put an article in the Parish News expressing this and asking people to let us know if this is not the view of residents.

18. **Planning Matters** to include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted.

18.1 SE/11/1313 D Guest. 1 Hepworth Road, Barningham. Change of use of ground floor extension to hairdressers (Class A1) non – compliance with condition 3 of SE/11/0809. (restricting the use of the extension to residential only)

The Parish Council object to this application. They want no change of use to class A1 and feel this property must remain for residential use only. The reason for this decision is because of ongoing safety issues over access on the B1111.

18.2 SE/11/1375 W Jones. Site adjacent to Greensleaves, Hepworth Road. Erection of two storey dwelling with integral garage and associated parking for two cars.

No Objection.

18.3 SE/11/1332 Mr Martineau. Coach House, Barningham Cottage, Bardwell Road Barningham. Listed building application – Provision of replacement windows.

No Objection

19. **Correspondence for information** to note the items listed below which have been circulated with no further action to be taken at this time.

19.1 SALC correspondence. 19.2 SCC Budget Challenge. 19.3 NALC The Localism Act, policy briefing. 19.4 SALC LAIS

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

21. **Date of next meeting:** To confirm the date of the next meeting as 11th January 2012

22. **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:** .22.1 Personnel Issues. 22.2 Legal Issues.

No further business meeting closed.