

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, Cllr Millett, Cllr Gilbert, C Bullock, D Pettitt, Cllr. W Martineau, B Cllr D Ray & Gemma Robinson

1. **Apologies for absence** C.Cllr Spicer

2. **Declaration of Interest** None

3 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 1st December 2010 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public**

A resident raised a number of questions relating in main to who is responsible for the hedges and trees on the boundary of his property and the highway. It was suggested that in the first instance that he should contact Suffolk county Council to discuss his concerns.

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

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting but had asked Cllr Ray to give an update on the Nettleshall Heath country park situation. Suffolk County council are planning on ceasing their involvement, and funding, of the park from April 2011. In addition to paying a £13000 lease per annum the County Council pay a further £37000 in costs to run the park, so by ceasing their involvement a saving will be made of £50000 per year. The future of the parks management is unclear. However as a majority of the park is designated open access land the public will always have a right to access it. Suffolk Wildlife Trust has expressed an interest in managing the park but complications over the ownership, due to recent bereavements, means that any negotiations will have to wait until the estate has been settled. Cllr Spicer is pushing for SCC to remain involved past April and she will keep us apprised of the situation.

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

Cllr Ray reported that the financial situation at the Borough were not as good as they had hoped. Cuts in Government Grants are being front loaded and are at a rate of approx 14-15% rather than the 10% anticipated. Savings will be seen in the future with a sharing of resources with Forest Heath but immediate shortfalls will need to be funded from reserves.

7. **Report of Community Police Officer**

1 Crime reported between 01/12/10 and 12/01/11...

16/12/10 – Theft, other – Orchard End, Mill Road

- Over a three-day period an unknown offender has stolen a 19litre gas bottle from the rear of the premises.

NEXT COMMUNITY TASKING MEETING;

The date for the next Community Tasking meeting is Thursday 10th March 2011.

Venue is at the Erskine Centre, Chedburgh at 7pm

Meeting reconvened

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

8.1 **Chairman:**

8.1.1 **Formation of a ‘Consultation working group’**

Due to increase in email correspondence, mainly from SALC (in excess of 18 different consultations items since the last meeting) The Chairman agreed that the Clerk should forward them to her so she can decide if they need further consideration. **Action Chairman/Clerk**

8.1.2 CiLCA payment.

The Clerk had to resubmit some sections of her CiLCA at a cost of £70, the Council agreed to pay this cost. The Clerk passed her CiLCA and is now a qualified Clerk. The Councillors offered their congratulations. It was agreed that the Clerk would move up a pay point as of the 1st January.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2. Bollards, B1111.

Suffolk county council provided the Clerk with a cost of £200 for 5 bollards, plus installation. The clerk will request that this work goes ahead.

Action Clerk

8.2.2 Registering Aggies's Piece.

This matter is still ongoing.

8.2.3 Dog proofing play area fence.

This work has now been completed. The dogs can still get in under the gate so the Clerk will ask the contractor what can be done to resolve this.

Action clerk

8.2.4 Streetlight B1111

Suffolk County Council has provided a price for installation of a new streetlight. Following recent problems which mean that the speed reduction works at Hopton Road are unlikely to go ahead it was **resolved** to ask Cllr Spicer if the contribution she was going to make towards these works could instead be used to fund the new streetlight.

Action clerk

8.2.5 Council elections, briefing

The Clerk would like to attend an Election briefing being hosted by SALC, all in agreement.

9 Accounts

9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Steve Wilson	£411.16
Vicki Gay	£495.59
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£134.40
Vicki Gay	£92.49
S Wilson	£8.50
BDO* External audit	£158.63
SCC, Cricket meadow maintenance	£1219.90
Key Ind, 2 x grit bins	£279.06
Elite fencing	£370.00

*Replaces lost, un-cashed cheque 1062

Progress reports. For information, from:

10. Community Affairs Officer: Cllr Pettitt

Cllr Millet is going to provide Cllr Pettitt with some anti-dog fouling signs.

Flooding on the B111, just past the turning for North Common, is very bad again as is the road outside Barningham House in Bardwell Road. The clerk will speak to SCC about this.

Action Clerk

10.1 Footpath Officer: Cllr Millett

This is a quite time of year it is believed all the footpaths are clear and general maintenance is continuing at Aggies Piece.

10.2 Communications Officer: Cllr Gilbert

Cllr Gilbert will assist Cllr Millet with uploading British Legion content on to the web site.

10.3 Transport Officer: Cllr Cummings

Cllr Cummings reported that bus fares are going up and that there are going to be some changes to the bus times, these are yet to be confirmed.

10.4 Village Hall representatives: Cllr Last

The new chairs in the village hall were funded the Big Lottery awards for All grant.

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 had no report to make.

10.8 Cemetery working Party.

Notices have been put up in the cemetery and the letters will be sent out soon. It was agreed to have a working party in April to clear the weeds etc.

10.7 Village Caretaker: Steve Wilson

The freezing weather has made this a very unusual month. Normal activity has been limited as the litter and leaves have been frozen to the ground. I have done some limited snow clearance and gritting of trouble spots in the village as well as positioning and filling new grit bins. This has had the effect of limiting my overtime for the year to exactly ten hours.

11. Meeting to discuss Road Safety Issues.

Havebury are concerned about insurance issues regarding the speed cushion and as such the project may not go ahead. We will discuss this further with Cllr Spicer at the next meeting.

12. Cricket meadow development

The Councillors will have another look at the brochure and pick four items of equipment to make a short list.

15. Housing Needs Survey. Choosing housing provider

The Council would like to meet with Hastoe and Suffolk Housing Society. If they need to meet with a minimum of three then they will also meet with Havebury.

18. **Planning Matters** To include any applications/decisions received since the agenda was posted. SE/10/1524 Bloomfield, 3 church Gardens, Erection of first floor side extensions, front porch.

No Objection

19. **Correspondence for information** To note the items listed below which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. None

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

21 **Councillors reports and items for future agenda** None

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

23. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 2 March 2011

24. **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: