

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7:45pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: B Last, K Cummings, L Gilbert, A Childs, C Hammond, J Sier & B Cllr D Ray &

1. **Apologies for absence** Cllr. W. Martineau, C.Cllr Spicer
2. **Election of Chairman**
Cllr Gilbert proposed Cllr Last for the position of chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Cummings. It was **resolved by full council** to elect Cllr Last as chairman.
3. **Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
Brenda Last duly signed her Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the clerk
4. **Elected Councillors Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
The Elected Councillors duly signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk
5. **Election of Vice Chairman**
Cllr Gilbert proposed Cllr Cummins for the position of vice chairman; this was seconded by Cllr Last It was **resolved by full council** to elect Cllr Cummins as vice chairman.
6. **Register of Interest Forms**
Register of Interest forms were given to all the Councillors for completion and return to the Clerk.
7. **Declaration of Interest** None
- 8 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 2011 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

9. **Meeting open to the public**

There has been some antisocial behaviour on the green area at the front of Millfields. The police are aware of the problems. The Clerk will contact St Edmundsbury, the land owners, to see if they can assist with the situation. Cllr Gilbert will also put a short piece in the village magazine to let it be known that children over 10 can be held accountable for any instances of antisocial behaviour.

Action/Cllr Gilbert/Clerk

The parish council were asked to look in to the possibility of providing a half pipe for the cricket meadow. The clerk will look in to the cost of providing this.

Action Clerk

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

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting but she asked that her thanks to the Clerk and the Council, for their continued support over that last year, should be recorded.

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

Cllr Ray asked the councillors to encourage as many people as possible to come to the Rural Vision drop in sessions on Thursday 19th May.

12. **Report of Community Police Officer**

The police were unable to attend, the clerk will email PCSO Burke regarding the increase in anti Social behaviour.

Action Clerk

Meeting reconvened

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

13.1 **Chairman:**

13.1.1

The Coffee caravan came to the village and would like to come back in the autumn to give advice regarding the digital switchover.

There were concerns regarding the way the election results were publicised. The Clerk has still not had official notification and it would seem that the information is only available on the Borough web site. There was very little information available about the candidates standing for election and the parish council will do more to provide information for the electorate if we find ourselves in an election situation again. The chairman will take photos of all the councillors to put along side their contact details in the village magazine.

Action Chairman

The chairman gave the councillors rural vision leaflets to distribute in the village.

13. 2 Clerk:

13.2.1 Streetlight B1111.

The Clerk has a meeting with Richard Webster from SCC and an engineer who carries out streetlight work for SCC. It was suggested that a new pillar could be placed next to the existing streetlight at the junction with Hepworth Road, and that a cable could be run from this to service the new light. Mr Webster will speak to EDF about this proposal and get back to the Clerk with a revised price.

13.2.2 Parking Sandy Lane.

The Chairman reported that the land next to the road is owned by the district council and leased to the parish council for the village hall and is laid to grass with some small trees. She suggested that if we dropped the kerb along by this grass area cars could park partly on the road and partly on the grass, or we possibly could lay some paving slabs next to the kerb to make it more suitable for winter use. This would mean there would not be so much of an obstruction problem. This suggestion was put to Mathew Riches at SCC He replied by saying that he thought the solution you proposed does seem to have some merit and he is happy for his staff to work with us to see if it is possible. He suggested that we determine the requirements in terms of planning as a first step, confirm the status of the road and then meet and look at the options. In principal the councillors had no object to this idea being perused.

13.2.3 Councillor Training.

The Clerk is trying to organise some new councillor training for either Saturday 25 June or 2 July. This will be in conjunction with other local parish council and will be held at Barningham Village Hall.

13.2.4 Wos up project

Following discussions with the youth in the village it was agreed that rather than pay over £500 to the borough the money should be put towards developing our own facilities. The clerk will contact St Edmundsbury regarding this.

Action clerk

14 Accounts

9.1 The following accounts were approved for payment:

Steve Wilson	£420.28
Vicki Gay	£510.74
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£149.79
Vicki Gay	£101.14
S Wilson	£10.00
Village hall hire April 2010 March 2011	£96.15
B Last, chairman's expenses	£15.93

15. Caretakers report

Mowing and strimming are happening at their maximum rate at the moment, despite the dry weather. The mower has now reached its fourth birthday and so has saved the Council several hundred pounds in servicing costs. It will not, however, reach its fifth.

I am now in possession of all the landscaping equipment for Aggies's Piece. Work here is also at maximum rate, including the trimming of the long hedge. Thanks to the extra bank holiday I have been able to strim the bank opposite the Royal George. It is only at such times that there are no cars parked in the adjacent lay-by.

The condition of the Play Area is generally good although both the picnic table and climbing frame have needed some tightening recently. The rubberised safety surfaces are also lifting in places, possibly as a result of the prolonged hot and sunny weather.

16. **Parish Councillors Roles.** To discuss options for future roles/working groups for Councillors. The chairman had prepared a list of possible roles to be fulfilled, these will be discussed further at next months meeting.

17. **Affordable housing.** Site finding exercise.

Hastoe Housing would like to arrange a visit to the village to carry out a site finding exercise. The Council were all in favour of this. The Clerk will pass this information on.

18. **Stanton Pharmacy Application.** To include correspondence from Hopton and Stanton Surgeries. An application to open a pharmacy in Stanton has been received by the NHS. Hopton and Stanton surgeries have written to ask for the Parish Councils support in opposing the application. This is because if such an application were allowed, their practice will be required, under current regulations, to cease dispensing medication to any patients deemed to be living sufficiently close to the new pharmacy. Not only will this be inconvenient for patients but would effect the viability of the practice. The practice is very dependant on the income they receive from dispensing medication and a worse case scenario would see the practice rendered financially unviable and therefore unable to continue. At this stage we are being asked to classify Stanton as either controlled rural or uncontrolled urban. A classification of controlled rural is vital if Stanton and Hopton Surgery is going to remain viable. We will be asked to comment further on the effect the proposed pharmacy will have on medical services in the area at a later stage. The Parish Council agreed that they would support the surgeries in opposing that application and would make a recommendation that Stanton is Classified Controlled Rural. We will need to identify features which support our assessment of Stanton's character and with this in mind the Clerk will write a letter recommending a classification of Controlled Rural outlining our reasons for this recommendation.

Action Clerk

19. **Planning Matters**

None received

20. **Correspondence for information** To note the items listed below, no further action to be taken at this time. (unless stated)

20.1 SCC, decision to delay closure of 6 household waste recycling sites.

20.2 Thank you letter Victim Support.

20.3 SCC Annual surface clearance programme 2011.

20.4 SCC Road Surface dressing programme 2011.

20.5 Local Councillor.

20.6 Changes to streetlights, **circulated for future discussion.**

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

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

22.1 Mechanism the church clock, Cllr Martineau to look in to the cost.

Action Cllr Martineau

22.2 Marking out a football pitch on the cricket meadow. Cllr Sier to investigate further **Action Cllr Sier**

22.3 Purchase of two new football nets for the cricket meadow. Clerk to look into.

Action Clerk

22.4 Bollards, B1111, still not installed, Clerk to chase.

Action Clerk

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

24. **To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:**

24.1 Personnel Issues. None 24.2 Legal Issues. None

25. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 1st June 2011

No further business, Meeting closed: