

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

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

1. **Apologies for absence** None

2. **Declaration of Interest** None

3 **Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of 6th July 2011 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. **Meeting open to the public**

Mr. Fyfe came to discuss his planning application. He was aware of concerns the Parish Council has had over car parked the junction on the Hepworth Road and hoped that the creation of a new vehicle access would address this issue.

Two residents, who live on the B1111 at the Stanton side of the village, came to express their concerns over the speeds some vehicles are travelling at when they enter the village. They suggested that the 30mph sign be moved back towards Stanton to give people more time to reduce their speed before hitting the village. It was suggested that a flashing sign may be more effective. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with Jon Noble at SCC to discuss this option.

Action Clerk

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

There has been considerable correspondence between Cllr Last, the Clerk, Alistair McVail (Right of Way Officer SCC) and Cllr Spicer regarding the permissive path since the last meeting. It was decided the best way to take this problem forward would be to arrange a site meeting with the current land owner. The clerk will set this up. Cllr Spicer informed the Council that she would pay for the footpath leaflet to be re-printed once the permissive path problem had been resolved.

Action Clerk

Progress with Knettishall has now stepped up a gear and Suffolk Wildlife Trust have a short 'window of opportunity' to try and secure a deal with the owners before the land will be more widely marketed. The Heritage Lottery Fund will allow the Suffolk wildlife Trust to make a 'fast track' application. Therefore, the next stage is to gather supporting information from Local parishes. With this in mind the Clerk will write a letter of support and send it off to the SWT before the 10th August deadline.

Action Clerk

The business case put forward by Cllr Spicer, to secure the future of Ixworth library, is going to be used as a pilot scheme.

The Thurston Schools pyramid was asked to come up with their own plan regarding future two tier education. Their plan would see Beyton middle school have an annexe built to accommodate 11-16 year olds. Cllr Spicer does not support this idea and feels that Ixworth Middle school should be the preferred site for this. Meanwhile the Middle Schools in the pyramid have also made their own plan and have applied for academy status.

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

Cllr Ray reported that the next Countryside Forum would be held on 15th November from 4 to 6pm at West Suffolk House. Cllr Sier will try to attend.

This months Rural News has just been sent out. This can be used to promote village activities.

The dates for the Wos up project are included in it. Barningham has not been included. This is contrary to what we were told the Clerk will investigate this. **Action Clerk**

7. Report of Community Police Officer

Following last months 'crime spree' WPC Tate was pleased to report that there had been no reported crimes this month. She will be organising a 'Street a Week' campaign in Millfields. WPC Tate will liaise with Cllr Gilbert regarding this. There has been an increase in thefts from motor vehicles, mainly unsecured vehicles, and owners are reminded to make sure that their vehicles are locked and that all valuables are hidden from view.

Meeting reconvened

8 Progress reports. For information from:

8.1 Chairman:

8.1.1 Affordable housing, site finding meeting.

Cllr Last attended the meeting with representatives from Hastoe, Suffolk Acre and St Edmundsbury Borough Council. They looked at a number of sites but the preferred options seem to be sites in Hopton and Hepworth Road. We will now have to take a back seat whilst Hastoe looks at the feasibility of these sites.

8.1.2 Suffolk Housing Society, save our Villages Cream tea.

Cllr Martineau attended this meeting and reported that it was a talk about bringing extra housing to rural areas. There is also a possible funding opportunity with the 'Village Gold' fund. The Clerk was given the information to hold on file.

8.1.3 Rural Vision 2031 LDF meeting.

There was discussion about extending the village boundary to include the Hopton Road site adjacent to Millfields. There will however be a formal consultation prior to any changes being made.

8.1.4 Correspondence from resident re Travellers site.

The Chairman has received a letter asking for support to oppose an application for a traveller's site at a village close by. As the Council have no formal notification of such an application it was felt that it no be appropriate for them to comment at this time. The Chairman will write to the resident to inform them of this. **Action Chairman**

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Damaged tree, Millfields.

Despite numerous emails and telephone calls the Clerk has still not been able to ascertain what is to happen to the damaged tree on Millfields. Cllr Ray will speak to Damien Parker at St Edmundsbury about this. **Action Cllr Ray**

8.2.2 Streetlight B1111.

Suffolk County council replace the existing lantern and pole bracket with a new WRTL Stela 24w LED unit would cost £724.15 plus VAT. This is compared to a quote of £2685.79 plus VAT for entire new streetlight. It was **resolved** to go ahead with the replacement lantern on the undertaking that the light would indeed light the area in question without shining into the properties in Mill Road. **Action clerk**

8.2.3 Footbridge and steps, permissive path.

See under item 5 Cllr Spicer's report.

8.2.4 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge, Sandy Lane Play area.

In March 2010 Fields In Trust (FIT) arranged the protection through "Covenant" for the Play area in Sandy Lane. This was because in the 1930, when the site was owned by St Edmundsbury, they took up a grant offered by National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) and the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust (CUKT) and as such entered into a covenant. FIT is the

current working title of the NPFA. We have been approached to nominate this site for the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge, a legacy project to celebrate both the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic and Paralympic games for 2012. The Queen Elizabeth II sites will attract “added weighting” and be prioritised for two development funds worth a total of £11m. To nominate the play area at this time is of limited appeal, although it may have benefits in the future. It was considered however that nominating the Cricket meadow may be a better proposition at this time as we will be looking for sources funding in the near future. The Clerk has been in discussion with FIT and will arrange for a representative to come to a future meeting to discuss the nomination and to advise of what they would consider to be a constructive future use.

Action Clerk

8.2.5 Fulchers, interment in cemetery

There have been concerns over communication between the parish and funeral directors regarding interments. Fulchers have invited the Councillors to take part in a ‘dispelling the myths’ seminar in a bid to address this problem. Available dates will be circulated.

8.2.6 Play area signage.

The Clerk has received a quote of £69 plus vat to provide two signs for the play area. It was **resolved** to go ahead with this.

Action Clerk

8.2.8. Clerks report on urgent decisions since last meeting. None

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

Steve Wilson	£426.57
Vicki Gay	£530.53
H M Revenue & Customs Only	£126.00
Vicki Gay	£29.47
S Wilson, fuel	£10.00
Collier turf, football nets	£60.60

10. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

10.1 Cllr Childs, Community Affairs.

Cllr Childs reported that the flooding at plot 12 Mill Road is a serious cause for concern. He has been in contact with Guy Smith at Suffolk County Council and they are to contact the builder. The Clerk will contact Mr Smith and asked that we be copied in on any correspondence.

Action Clerk

Despite residents being keen on the idea of a street party it appears that no one is keen on organising it. This item will go on the agenda again in September for further discussion.

Action Clerk

10.2 Cllr Cummings. Transport / Highways.

Cllr Cummings had no report to make.

10.3 Cllr Gilbert, Communications.

Cllr Gilbert had no report to make.

10.4 Cllr Hammond, Cemetery.

Cllr Hammond had no report to make.

10.5 Cllr Martineau, Administration.

Cllr Martineau had no report to make.

10.5 Cllr Sier, Environment

Cllr Sier will nail some more boards to the permissive path footbridge in a bid to make it safer until its future is determined.

11 Caretakers report

This has been a very quiet month basically consisting of my normal duties. There has been a great deal of mowing and strimming to do but I did manage two days of holiday to keep my wife happy and attend my daughter's graduation.

I have cut back the hedging adjacent to the Play Area gate in order to improve visibility for drivers approaching the Havebury garages.

12. Church Clock. Plan to mechanise clock.

The Clerk has obtained the following prices:

To auto wind the going side of the clock only would be approximately £2750

To auto wind the strike side at the same time would be approximately an additional £2000

To auto wind the chime side at the same time would be approximately an additional £2000

If all three items are done at the same time the total cost would be £6500

In anticipation of carrying out the entire works at a cost of £6500 the Clerk has made a Heritage lottery 'your heritage' fund pre application.

13. Mill Road Traffic Problems

Correspondence has been received from the school and parents concerned about the safety of children using Mill Road at school time. This matter has been looked at previously and a solution has so far not been found. Cllr Spicer will give the matter some thought and the clerk will investigate a possible solution further. The matter will go on the September agenda for further consideration.

Action Cllr Spicer/Clerk

14. Knettishall Country Park. Future ownership/management

See under item 5 Cllr Spicer's report.

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

15.1 SE/11/0809 Fyfe, 1 Hepworth Road. (i) Erection of single storey rear extension (ii) construction of new vehicular access. **No Objection**

15.2 SE/11/0892 Hickman, Bullrushes, Bardwell Road. Erection of garden room. **No Objection**

Granted application 15.2 SE/11/0670 Holland, College House Farm, Bardwell Road.

17. Councillors reports and items for future agenda.

To consider changing the night the Parish Council meet from a Wednesday to a Thursday.

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

19. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th September 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: