

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held in the Church Hall on Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.00p.m. in the Church Hall.

Present: T Girling (Chairman of Barham Parish Council), R Farrow (Parish Clerk), M Redbond (District Councillor), PCSO Howard and PCSO Tina, K Kitchen (Chairman Recreation Ground), G Rogers (Chairman Village Hall), D Mallett (Acting Chairman Community Trust) and 5 local electors.

Apologies: G Musson, H Whitefield, J. Lea, D Mayhew, J Field (County Councillor)

Mr Girling opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. **Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting** held on Monday 20th April 2009 (circulated in the room) were confirmed as correct and signed by Mr Girling.
2. **Matters arising:** (item 10)
Development of a Quad bike track (Pesthurst Lane). Mr Girling reported that measures were taken by Mid Suffolk District Council which resulted in the activity being discontinued.
Re the parking of coaches in the Lower Crescent, it was reported that despite an enforcement order, nothing appears to have been achieved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mrs Farrow circulated details of receipts and payments (copy on file) for the year 2009/2010 showing an overspend of £752.04 for the year. The bank reconciliation showed that our reserves stand at £15311.86.
4. **Parish Council Report:** Mr Girling gave his third annual report (copy on file) in which he outlined the activities of the Parish Council over the past 12 months. He said that since the last APM, we had lost the services of Councillors Carl Reeder and Peter Lamplough, both of whom had given valuable service to the parish council. The vacancies were soon filled with the co-option of Darren Milward and Chris Stokes, both of whom have quickly got into the swing of things. Mr Girling expressed his gratitude to all parish councillors and to John Field and Martin Redbond for their help and support over the year. Special thanks to Helen Whitefield for her support as Vice Chair and to Ros Farrow for her continued invaluable service.

Items 5 and 6: County and District Councillor's reports delayed until later

7. **Police Report:** PCSO Howard distributed copies of her annual report (copy on file). It was interesting to note that crime levels have decreased over the past year. In the year that Cat has been our local PCSO, she has become involved with many local organisations making a real difference to

our community. Her colleague Tina, reported that there is still the problem of anti-social behaviour at the Picnic Site.

8. **School Reports:**

Both the High School and the Primary School headteachers had provided written reports (copies on file) detailing the activities over the past year. Mr Girling read these to the meeting.

9. **Local Organisation Reports:**

Community Trust: Mr David Mallitt (Acting Chairman) gave an interesting report on the progress of the Community Centre over the past year and outlined future plans.

Recreation Ground: - Mr Kevin Kitchen gave his report on the efforts made over the past year to improve the Recreation Ground. Mr Girling in recognition of the hard work put in by Kevin and his committee, thanked him for his efforts in bringing about the improvements that have taken place.

Village Hall – Since taking on the role as Chairman, following the departure to another area of Peter Welham, Geoff Rogers gave an interesting report outlining improvement work that has taken place recently and detailing how he wishes to promote the facility by using links to the website.

Items 5 and 6: County and District Councillors' reports.(Copies on file)

In the absence of John Field, Martin Redbond talked through both reports which covered topics such as Budget, Leisure, Planning and Affordable homes etc. Regarding the coach problem in Lower Crescent, Mr Redbond said the parish council must continue to put pressure on him to achieve a satisfactory outcome. Jan Risbrow made the point about Enforcement Orders, i.e. that they should not be served where there is no likelihood they will be successful.

10. **Matters raised by Electors** None

Mr Girling thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30p.m.

Chairman's Signature: _____

Date: _____