

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held in the Church Hall on Monday 18th April 2011 at 7.00p.m. in the Church Hall.

Present: T Girling (Chairman of Barham Parish Council), R Farrow (Clerk), M Redbond (District Councillor), J Field (County Councillor), PCSO Phil Brill and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: G Musson, J Lea, H Whitefield, G Rogers

Mr Girling opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2010 (circulated in the room) were confirmed as correct and signed by Mr Girling.
2. Matters arising:
 - (a) The Quad bike track problem was quickly resolved and the activity discontinued.
 - (b) Lower Crescent parking of coaches – nothing to report
3. Treasurer's Report: Mrs Farrow circulated details of receipts and payments (copy on file) for the year 2010/2011 showing an overspend of £327.18 for the year. The bank reconciliation showed that our reserves stand at £14984.68
4. Parish Council Report:

Mr Girling gave his 4th annual report (copy on file) in which he outlined the activities of the Parish Council over the past 12 months. In particular he reported that a great deal of time and effort has been spent during the year dealing with the possible conversion of the Picnic site to football pitches and the encampment of Travellers on the Green. Finally Mr Girling expressed his gratitude to all parish councillors and to John Field and Martin Redbond for their help and support over the year and to Ros Farrow for her continued invaluable service.
5. Suffolk County Councillor's Report: Mr Field gave his report. (copy on file).
6. District Councillor's report: Mr Redbond gave his report. (copy on file)
7. Police Report: PCSO Phil Brill who has replaced PCSO Cat Howard gave his report (copy on file) including a comparison of the numbers of crime and anti-social behaviour figures for the past two years. He concluded by

saying he looks forward to working closely with the community to make Barham a safe place for all.

Mr Girling thanked PCSO Brill for attending Barham Green at the time the Travellers had returned.

8. School Reports:

Detailed reports (copies on file) have been received from both Head teachers at the High School and Primary School outlining the year's activities. These were read out by Mr Girling.

9. Other Local Organisation Reports:

Community Trust: David Mallitt, Chairman had provided a detailed report of the year's activities which was read out by Mr Girling

Recreation Ground: Kevin Kitchen, Chairman had provided a detailed report of the year's activities which was read out by Mr Girling

Village Hall: Geoff Rogers, Chairman had provided a detailed report of the year's activities which was read out by Mr Girling

(Copies on file)

10 Matters raised by Electors:

Mr Gray raised 3 points:

1) Re the visit of Travellers – what contingency plans do we have in place?

2) Post box – considered being in a dangerous position – could it be removed to the other side of the road?

3) The number of school buses using Church Lane is of concern. As many as 6 buses, one after another, (double deckers included) travel the route with only a small number of children on board.

Mr Girling stated this is a problem that has been investigated in the past by John Field. At that time Otley College was asked to find alternative routes.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm with Mr Girling thanking everyone for attending.