

## BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the Church Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: T Girling (Chair), G Musson, H Whitefield, J Lea, N Cooper, D Milward, A East, R Farrow (Clerk), M Redbond (District Councillor), J Field (County Councillor), PCSO Phil Brill and 4 members of the public

### Public Forum

Mr Jones wished to thank the parish council for getting the newsletter delivered to the outlying parts of Barham. He went on to say that, in the past, he has raised the subject of extending the 40mph speed limit along the Old Norwich Road, but says he has received no feedback. He also complained of the traffic and heavy lorries that go through when a diversion is set up. The 7 ½ ton restriction at Church Lane is suspended at these times...

Mr Field explained that speed limits are assessed on the number of houses and he stated there is no likelihood that the limit can be extended further. Regarding the Lorries passing through causing damage to his property, he agrees this must be disturbing for residents. It was considered a letter should be written to Highways in support of Mr Jones, who it was said, should also write.

Mrs Garwood questioned the wording on the new sign at Barham Green. Mr Girling explained that the area is Common Land and is covered by different laws to that of a Green. Mr Holmes said he has now re-arranged some of his possessions and the caravan is now immediately outside his house. Vehicles are on the drive way and the boats now in the garden. He went on to say he felt victimised as other people break the rules and are not approached. Mr Lea considered a letter should be written to all explaining the rules but this should be delayed until we have heard from Mr Picton-Phillipps.

Mr Girling opened the meeting by welcoming our new PCSO, Phil Brill

1. Apologies: Chris Stokes, Mr Girling read out a letter of resignation, due to work commitments, from Mrs Jan Risbrow.
2. Members Declaration of Interest: None
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January (previously circulated) were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
4. On-going matters from the last minutes:
  - a) Response from Mr Picton-Phillipps is still awaited.
  - b) Removal of builder's rubble –Removed at a cost of £180. The shingle is to be removed by the resident shortly.
  - c) Removal of vehicles etc – see above Public Forum
5. Written Reports:

Police – report circulated in room (copy on file) Phil warned to be wary of distraction burglaries now the Census has been received.

Chairman – Local Historian for Barham – no response received from advertisement.

Complaint received re the closure of the waste site at Bramford. – it is recommended that residents should write to express their dismay at the closure and the Parish Council will do so as well.

Financial help towards expenses has been requested by the Recreation Ground. It should be pointed out that organisations must apply for a grant prior to the PC setting its precept i.e. by October..

Picnic Site – a meeting is needed to complete the forms relating to taking over the site.

Incinerator meeting arranged by Claydon – Barham PC was invited to join in this initiative, but declined.

County Councillor's report – copy on file

District Councillor's report – copy on file

Village Hall report – copy on file

Community Centre – copy on file

Working in Collaboration – copy on file

6. Finance –A list of cheques issued since last meeting was approved and the bank reconciliation noted.
7. Barham Picnic site – detailed report previously circulated on file
8. In Touch Newsletter – detailed report previously circulated on file
9. PCSO Tasking meeting – detailed report previously circulated on file
10. Bus Service 113/114 is to continue.
- 10b Correspondence: Letter received indicating that the Polling Station will be in the Scout and Guide Hut, Kirby Rise
11. Planning: The application for 12 dwellings at the site of the Poultry Farm has been approved. It is proposed that the remaining land will become woodland. Allotments had been considered, but the soil is unsuitable. (letter to be kept informed
12. Matters raised by members:  
Mr Musson asked about two caravans sited behind Honeymoon Cottages which appear to be lived in plus a lot of fly tipping. Letter to be written to MSDC expressing concern.  
Mr East said the footpath along Old Norwich Road towards the Sorrell Horse has become very overgrown. This should be reported to Highways.
13. Date of next meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2011 Annual Parish Meeting