BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011 in the Church Hall at 7.00p.m.

Present: T Girling (Chairman), G Musson, N Cooper, H Whitefield, D Milward, R Farrow (Clerk), County and District Councillors Field and Whitehead and 1 member of the public with 2 arriving later.

Before commencing the meeting, Mr Girling introduced Claire Webb who has expressed a wish to serve on the parish council thus filling one of the vacancies. After giving a brief statement in which she outlined her interests, Claire was invited to join the parish council and will be officially co-opted at the next meeting.
Mr John Mitchell has also expressed a wish to be co-opted, but will be arriving later in the meeting

There being no other members of the public present, no PUBLIC FORUM was held.

1. Apologies: M Redbond (holiday), PCSO Brill (rest day), J Lea (business), A East (work)

2. Members declaration of Interest, either personal or prejudicial concerning items on this agenda - none.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2011 (previously circulated) were signed by the Chairman as being a true record.

4. Matters arising:
a) Barham Green
Response to enquiry re legal responsibilities: Mr Girling gave details of the information obtained from SALC which indicates that if the Common Land is owned by the Lord of the Manor then he has legal standing with the ability to bring an action.
With regard to parked cars, an injunction is a Court Order preventing the owner of offending vehicles from leaving them in their current position.
Commoners' support for the proposals put forward by BGRG: A list has been passed to the Parish Council of 23 residents of the Green who support both the formation of Barham Green Residents Group and the proposals put forward to protect the Green from unwelcome visitors. Of the 5 dwellings remaining, no response (for various reasons) have been received. It was therefore proposed by D Milward that the parish council supports both the formation of the Group and its proposals. This was seconded by G Musson and unanimously approved.
Mr Girling asked about the pile of shingle which to date has not been removed. Mr Lamplough stated that this will be dealt with by BGRG.
Re-siting of post box It is confirmed that arrangements are in hand to re-site the box close to where the notice board stands.

4b) Picnic Site update: Minutes of the meeting held 27th July previously circulated. Mr Field confirmed that there will be financial help from County to cover initial costs

of the project. The next meeting is on the 14th September when he should have more detail available.
Consideration of questionnaire wording: Amendments were suggested and a final version should be ready in time for the October newsletter.

4c) Proposed part-night lighting: Claydon Parish Council will be considering this at its meeting on 12.9.11, after which it is considered the two parish councils should make a joint decision.

Mr Girling at this point, introduced John Mitchell who gave a brief account of his links with Barham and expressed a wish to serve on the Parish Council. Mr Girling invited Mr Mitchell to attend the next meeting when he can be officially co-opted.

5. Written Reports:
Police – report previously forwarded. (copy on file)
Chairman – Mr Girling informed the meeting that the Recycling Centre is to re-open on the 12th September.
County Councillor – John Field gave his report (copy on file)
District Councillor – John Whitehead distributed his report in the room (copy on file). He explained that in future he and Martin Redbond would prepare reports alternatively.
Village Hall – no report
Recreation Ground and Community Centre – Mr Girling gave both reports (copy on file)

6. Finance: Minutes of the Finance Sub-committee meeting held 18th July 2011 (previously circulated) and the recommendations made therein were approved. Also approval was given for the cheques issued since last meeting. It was confirmed that the Finance Sub-Committee has reviewed the effectiveness of the Internal Auditor's Report and agreed that this is most helpful.
Clerk reported that the Audit for year ended 31.3,11 has been completed and that the Annual Return should be approved and accepted by the council. This was proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously.

7. Correspondence: Review of Polling station. It was considered that although there is a difficulty for car access, it was an acceptable arrangement. Comments were also made that there could be more signs.

8. Planning Matters: None

9. Matters raised by members:
Proposed Jubilee celebration 2nd June 2012 – agenda item for the next meeting.
It is reported that the footpath along the Old Norwich Road from Coopers Estate to Sorrell Horse is very overgrown. To be reported

10 Date of next meeting confirmed as 7th November 2011 at 7.00p.m. in the Church Hall.