

## **BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the Church Hall at 7.00p.m.**

**Present:** T Girling (Chairman), G Musson, N Cooper, D Milward, C Webb, J Mitchell, H Whitefield, M Redbond and J Whitehead (District Councillors), J Field (County Councillor), R Farrow (Clerk) and 1 member of the public who arrived late.

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

1. **Apologies:** J Lea (work commitment), A East (work), PCSO Brill
2. **Members Declaration of Interest** – none
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 (previously circulated) were signed by the Chairman as being a true record.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - a) **Barham Green update:** Following the last meeting, a detailed report was received from the BGRG (previously circulated) giving details of their proposals and requesting the sum of £2,500 as a donation from the Parish Council. (See item 6 – Finance Report).
  - b) **Picnic Site update** – Trevor reported that progress is being made. At the meeting of the picnic site sub committee held on 4.1.12 it was indicated that the Transitional funding of £12,000 is to be transferred to the Parish Council shortly. An estimate for converting the workshop into changing rooms gives a figure that is acceptable and the Football Club will apply for Grants to fund this. Mothballing of the whole site should be completed by the end of March. Draft Heads of Terms have been prepared by SCC (copies circulated in the room) covering all legal aspects of the transfer. After consideration the Terms of the transfer were approved unanimously
  - c) **PCSO** – response to letter re non-attendance at meetings - PC Amy Yeldham explained in her letter the various reasons why this occurs. However she promised that an Officer would attend tonight's meeting, but again there is no police representative. T Girling expressed his concern that we are not getting full value from the match funding of a PCSO and that our continued participation in the scheme should be reviewed annually.
5. **Written Reports**

**Police** – PCSO Phil Brill indicated in his written report that there have been 7 recorded crimes since his last report. It is clear there has been an increase in the number of outbuildings being targeted by burglars and he stressed the need to make such buildings as secure as possible. Just a reminder that to contact the police for non-emergency issues simply dial 101.

**Chairman's Report:** T Girling thanked D Millward for painting our notice board and making it presentable once again. He expressed concern that J Lea has been unable to attend meetings over the past few months due to work commitments and considered a letter should be written requesting his consideration re continuing.

**County Councillor's Report:** J Field handed out his report (on file) and went through the items. Concern was expressed that the Waste Site now make charges for green waste and wood.

**District Councillor's Report:** J Whitehead report had been previously circulated. There were no questions, but Mr Whitehead stressed that re the Waste site at Bramford residents need to "use it or lose it" .

**Village Hall** – No report received

**Recreation Ground** – T Girling attended a meeting on 16.11.11. The committee is still without a Chairman and Secretary. In order to rejuvenate interest, Mr Girling suggested using our 106 monies originally destined for play equipment at the picnic site, to purchase outdoor gym equipment for the Recreation Ground for use by adults and children. He will be attending a further meeting shortly and proposed that he should present this idea. This was agreed.

**Community Trust:** G Musson reported on the meeting held 15.11.12.. He said that the Parish Council could have two representatives on the committee. Item to be on the agenda to elect a second rep.

6. **Finance:**

**A list of cheques** (previously circulated) issued since the last meeting was unanimously approved and the bank reconciliation noted.

**Minutes of the Finance meeting** held 12<sup>th</sup> December and the recommendations made therein were considered, specifically the Barham Green donation of £2,500. C Webb indicated that work is to commence a.s.a.p and queried whether the P.C's contribution would be available in this financial year. It was agreed this could be taken from reserves so as not to hold up the work. Also discussed was the question of re-claiming VAT, if possible on the whole amount, or if not, on the donation made by the P.C. Clarification on this should be obtained from SALC.

**After consideration of all the recommendations it was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the Precept requirement for the Year 2012/13 should be £18,500**

7. **Correspondence:** Letter from C & B PCC conveying its thanks to the PC for the donation and letter from a resident thanking the PC for installation of a grit bin.

8. **Planning:** Mr Girling reported on planning applications that have been approved.

9. **Other matters for discussion:** The letter from Mr Whitehead re Claydon and Barham Amalgamating. The general opinion seemed to favour staying as we are.

10. **Matters raised by members:** J. Mitchell asked about street lighting which opened a brief discussion on part-night lighting. He also expressed concern re the traffic noise and there being no barrier and concern about a footpath in Pesthouse Lane. G Musson asked whether a notice board would be appropriate at the Sandy Lane area

11. **Date of next meeting confirmed** as 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.00p.m. in the Church Hall.