

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held in the Church Hall on Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.00p.m .

Present: T Girling (Chairman of Barham PC), R Farrow (Clerk), M Redbond and J Whitehead (District Councillors), J Field (County Councillor), PCSO Brill and 9 members of the public.

Apologies: H Whitefield

Mr Girling opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th April 2011 (circulated in the room) were confirmed as correct and signed by Mr Girling.
2. Matters arising:
Contingency plans re Travellers – Following the formation of Barham Residents Group, plans are in hand to erect posts to prevent access onto Barham Green.
Post Box – this has been successfully re-sited in a safer position
Buses using Church Lane – Unfortunately no alternative routes have been adopted by the bus companies.
3. Treasurer's Report: Mrs Farrow circulated details of receipts and payments (copy on file) for the year 2011/2012 showing a surplus for the year of £9060.62. It was pointed out that the transitional funding of £11113.00 to cover costs for the transfer of the picnic site to Barham PC accounts for this for high surplus figure.

In order to allow people to get away in time for other meetings, items were taken out of sequence.

5. Suffolk County Councillor's Report: Mr Field gave his report (copy on file)
6. District Councillor's Report: Mr Whitehead gave his report and Mr Redbond reported on the Claydon Area Youth Support Group. (copies on file).
7. Police Report: PCSO Phil Brill gave his report (copy on file). He indicated that as from 17th April 2012 there is a new SNT Officer for Barham – PC1546 Andrew Pursehouse.
4. Parish Council Report: Mr Girling gave his 5th annual report (copy on file) in which he outlined the activities of the Parish Council over the past 12 months. Matters that have been dealt with and are still on-going include transfer of the picnic site from SCC to the parish council, safe-guarding Barham Green from unauthorized encampments, liaising with Claydon PC on various matters and giving local organisations financial assistance with projects. Two new Councillors were welcomed on to the council. Finally Mr Girling expressed his appreciation to Councillors John Field (SCC) Martin Redbond and John Whitehead (MSDC) for

their support and advice over the year. Special thanks to Gordon Musson (Vice Chair) and Ros Farrow (Clerk) for their unstinting help and support.

8. **School Reports:**
Detailed reports (copies on file) have been received from both Head teachers of the High School and Primary School outlining the year's activities. These were read out by Mr. Girling (copies on file)
9. **Other Local Organisation Reports:**
Recreation Ground: Alan Baldry outlined the difficulties faced during the year with so few members on the committee. He said the committee cannot continue as it is and is hopeful that a meeting between both parish councils and the football club can find a way forward. (full report on file)
Village Hall: No report available
Community Trust: David Mallett reported a successful year with major improvements to the Centre already made and further refurbishment planned. (full report on file)
10. **Matters raised by electors – None**

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