BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CLAYDON AND BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: S. Carr, T. Girling, J. Lea, D. Milward, G. Musson, P. Usher, C Webb, County Councillor J. Field and District Councillors M Redbond and J Whitehead

1.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A resident raised concerns regarding the amount of litter along Sandy Lane, Barham Church Lane up towards Barham Green. It was agreed that the Clerk contact MSDC to ask if they could carry out a litter pick in these areas. The Clerk would also place an item in the In Touch magazine asking for volunteers to help carry out a community litter pick.

A representative from the Barham Green Residents Group raised concerns that the group were concerned about the increase in traffic speeding along Barham Church Lane especially the buses and coaches for the college. The group would also like to see the continuation of the 30 mph speed limit for the full length of Barham Church Lane until Bells Cross Road. The group also had concerns that there are insufficient road signs informing drivers of the dangerous bends along this stretch, some being extremely sharp where a number of incidents have occurred because drivers are unaware as there is no signage to indicate they are approaching them. Councillor Field would take these points to SCC Highways to see if any action can be taken. The Parish Council would also contact SCC in support of the points raised.

It was also reported that the No Through Road at the junction with Coopers Road and Mill Road was in need of some attention due to the number of pot holes. The Clerk would report this to SCC Highways.

2.1 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor J Field reported on the 106 monies available to the football club from the Blakenham Fields development and that through SCC Scrutiny Committee they were examining in general the 106 agreements and the new CIL arrangements especially in connection with education.

District Councillor M Redbond's report was circulated at the meeting. (see file)

3.1 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

No report was submitted.

4.1 Apologies: N. Cooper. It was noted that Mr East had resigned from the Council.

5.1 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda

There were none.

6.1 MINUTES of the meeting of 1st December 2014 were agreed and signed.

7.1 WORKPLAN

Councillors received an update on the outstanding matters.

05/14 2.5 - Enforcement Case 4 Barrack Cottages – A meeting had been arranged between the owner and MSDC. Update at the next meeting.

05/14 14.5 - Footpath along Norwich Road– The soil along the edge of the footpath had now been cut back and the overhanging shrubs had also been cut back. Since the work had been carried out a number of dangerous holes had appeared along the edge of the footpath. The Clerk to inform SCC Highways.

05/10 14.5 - Flooding in Sandy Lane – Following the on site meeting with SCC Highways a number of options had been discussed to ease the problem. Clearing out the soakaways was the best option but SCC Highways were having problems contacting the landowners of Shrubland Hall where the soakaways are situated. Mr Lea confirmed he would look into the matter to see if he could find out any contact details for Shrubland Hall.

10/14 12.10 - Enforcement Action – Pesthouse Lane – It was agreed that the Clerk contact MSDC to request that a site visit take place as soon as possible and to receive an update regarding this site for the next parish meeting.

8.1 REPORTS

No reports had been received.

9.1 FINANCE

a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to signed cheques to the value of £984.13.

b. Draft Budget 2015/16 – Councillors received the budget papers. It was noted that £1000 had been included in the budget towards the possible future maintenance of the Recreation Ground and £600 towards the purchase of a laptop for the Clerk.

It was agreed the final precept figure of £23,734 be requested from Mid Suffolk District Council. This represents an increase of 5% over the current year. This is to assist and support the management of the Recreation Ground.

Chairman Date