

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 5th MARCH 2018

PRESENT: S. Carr, G. Musson, W. Allan, N. Cooper, J. Lea, D. Milward and District Councillors J. Whitehead and J. Caston

1.3 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was four members of the public present.

The Webmaster wished to update the council on current website upgrade issues as well as taking the opportunity to ask the council whether they would be attending the Barham Church Lane Committee and what comments they would be submitting regarding the Ely Road Development application, as he felt it lacked a sufficient environmental impact report. The Chair took the opportunity on behalf of Barham Parish Council to thank him again for all his hard work especially during the websites upgrade. The Chair also let the webmaster know that the committee and application were due to be discussed during item 6 of the agenda.

A member of the public asked the council for an update on their proposal for the picnic site. The Chair was able to tell them that the council were still unable to discuss their proposal, as the picnic site was still in the hands of the solicitors whilst we awaited a response from the current tenants.

2.3 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Field's report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting (see file)

Councillors J. Whitehead & J. Caston report was presented at the meeting (see file)

3.3 APOLOGIES: A. Deveney and County Councillor J. Field

4.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations given.

5.3 MINUTES of the meeting of 5th February 2018 were approved and signed.

6.3 WORKPLAN & PLANNING LIST

a. Due to the Clerks illness and Councillor Field's absence it was agreed to defer discussing the workplan until the next meeting. However, the clerk was asked to chase Claydon & Whitton Rural Parish Council for a date for the rescheduled joint neighbourhood plan meeting. A member of the public has also shown an interest in helping with this should Barham have to carry on this venture on their own.

b. Applications: -

- Additional building plot near Low Farm Cottages – council has concerns that individual plots will keep appearing from Low Farm Cottages all the way to Honeymoon Cottages. Councillor D. Milward will take photo evidence of the flood plain issues surrounding this land. Parish Council will also consider obtaining an independent Flood Report.

- Barham Church Lane Development goes to committee on the 14th March at 2.30pm at Endeavour House, Ipswich. Unfortunately, the parish council will not be able to have anyone represent them on this occasion and will be able to prepare a written statement to be read out on the day. Again, councillors wish to make clear they feel the transport report is flawed and Councillor J. Lea would like it restated that the council should consider commissioning an independent report to make sure it is done more accurately.

- c. Ely Road Development - the outline application for 74 dwellings has been submitted for comments by 22.3.18. Councillors discussed the application and provided the following as comments for the planning portal: -

Barham Parish Council has mixed views about this development. While many in the Parish accept that housing on this site would be appropriate others have serious concerns over the impact of such a development on the local infrastructure and the environment.

On balance Barham Parish Council objects to this development unless our concerns listed below can be clearly mitigated.

1. Roads are very busy with the current population of the village; any additional vehicles will slow traffic flows during busy periods. What plans are in place to alleviate the village from the pressure of additional traffic?
2. The sewer running through Norwich Road has had its problems over recent years and will need upgrading to cope with the extra demand. Will the sewer be upgraded?
3. The Slade is a unique in the villages of Claydon and Barham and any development that encroaches will seriously impact this feature. How will the developers protect this area?
4. Although, often an eyesore, due to rubbish being dumped, the pit in the North East corner of the site is a haven for wildlife. With many residents asking if the burrowing that is currently taking place is a sign of badgers living locally. Will this area be protected and enhanced as part of the development?

7.3 REPORTS

Councillor W. Allan attended the Community Centre Trust meeting and reported that the community centre is reviewing its options in regard to an alternative to the community café.

Following the last police forum Councillor J. Lea spoke to Sergeant Miah based at Hadleigh Police Station regarding speeding checks for the village and asks that the clerk also writes to them to request that Barham is included in any speed check days.

Councillor G. Musson reported that the Village Hall Meeting was postponed due to the recent bad weather and he was due to attend the rescheduled meeting on 6.3.18.

Chair S. Carr attended the CIL workshop but felt it left attendees more confused. He has asked the District Councillors if they could get this clarified from Mid Suffolk District Council.

8.3 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received since the last meeting.

9.3 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1998.83.
- b. ICO renewal – The Council agreed that the clerk should complete the ICO data protection renewal.

10.3 PICNIC SITE UPDATE

The Chair was able to update the councillors on the latest communications regarding the picnic site and Claydon Football Club (see confidential document).

Chairman

Date