

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: S. Carr, G. Musson, A. Deveney, N. Cooper, D. Milward, J. Lea, County Councillor J. Field and District Councillor J. Whitehead

1.9 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

2.9 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor J. Field's report was presented at the meeting (see file). Councillor Field was able to confirm that he had, had no luck in obtaining a scoping document that would have been given to developers by Suffolk Highways but did provide the council with a letter from SCC to MSDC Planning regarding their concerns over highways infrastructure in light of the amount of different developments being proposed in Barham and the surrounding villages.

Councillor J. Whitehead's report was presented at the meeting (see file).

Councillor G. Musson asked a question about why MSDC are purchasing land when there are empty industrial units that could be used as land for the housing strategy.

Councillor J. Lea asked a question about the backdated pay rises for District Councillors.

3.9 APOLOGIES: W. Allan and District Councillor J. Caston

4.9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations given.

5.9 MINUTES of the meeting of 2nd July were approved and signed.

6.9 WORKPLAN & PLANNING LIST

a. Workplan: -

- Councillor J. Whitehead had not had the opportunity to liaise with the Enforcement Team at MSDC or Councillor J. Caston regarding Shrubland Hall but will chase this and provide the Parish Council with an update at the next meeting.
- Councillor J. Whitehead is still organising a new speed sign for the village. He is hopeful this can be in by the end of the year.
- Councillor J Field will chase for a date for completion of road markings to the Norwich Road.
- Councillor J Field will chase for a date for completion of signage to Bells Cross Road. Councillor Deveney has said he will take pictures to show it has not been completed and forward to Councillor Field.
- The Council have asked the Clerk to liaise with Claydon regarding continuing the Neighbourhood Plan discussions without Great Blakenham so this can be moved forward.

b. Planning List: -

1856/17 – proposed development of 270 houses off Barham Church Lane. The councils transport report was submitted to MSDC. There is still no update of a new committee date following deferral back in June 2018.

DC/18/00861 – erection of 74 dwellings off Ely Road. Following the committee date on 4.7.18 it was deferred for a decision, but no new date has been given as yet. The council have also submitted their addendum to the transport report to factor in this proposed development. No update on next committee date has been provided at this time.

0085/17 - erection of 20 dwellings including 7 affordable homes (with appearance, landscaping layout and scale forming Reserved Matters) (resubmission of application 2113/16). Land Between Norwich Road and Pesthouse Lane Barham. There have been no updates following re-consultation to the amended plans in May, it is still pending a decision.

DC/18/02758 – application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to vary or remove Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) and Condition 3 (Highways - Access Layout) **relating to 0928/17** – erection of 10 dwellings with associated landscaping. Land Off Norwich Road, Barham. There have been no updates following changes to the conditions in July, it is still pending consideration. Councillor Musson will liaise with his contact at Taylor Wimpey

c. Applications: -

DC/18/03653 - erection of conservatory. The council has no objections to this application, as it is a proposed like for like conservatory to be built.

7.9 REPORTS

Councillor S. Carr gave the council an update to the Recreation Ground carpark. The Recreation Ground is a charity in its own right and the committee are the trustees. It is not managed by Claydon & Whitton Rural Parish Council as was thought. A temporary surface has been started for this school year with a permanent surface planned over the summer holidays next year for completion in time for the school intake in September 2019. S.C.C will be financing £120,000 to complete the project and then £24,000 for ongoing maintenance of the carpark.

Councillor J. Lea provided the council with documents from the latest Police meeting.

8.9 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk informed the council that following their letter to the MSDC CEO regarding brown bin collections she was contacted by Oliver Faiers, who has agreed to attend the Parish Council's meeting on Monday 1st October to answer any questions or queries the council and any members of the public may have.

The clerk informed the council of the MSDC Joint Housing Strategy Consultation. The consultation period is from 21st September until 1st November 2018. The clerk will forward the councillors the email sent with links attached.

The clerk informed the council of MSDC Licensing Team's letter regarding the consultation on the Gambling Act 2005 Local Policy. The clerk will scan in the letter and forward it to the councillors.

The clerk discussed her change of working hours moving forward. It has been agreed that the hours will be done over 2 days a week being Tuesday's and Wednesday's and on the week the council has a meeting the clerk will work extra hours on that Monday to ensure that the meeting is prepared for.

9.9 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £571.56 – for the full list of payments (see payment schedule document on file) The clerk also informed the Parish Council of the cheques to the value of £1668.37 were signed out of the meeting during August. (see payment schedule document on file).
- b. The Clerk provided the council with July and August's bank reconciliation. This was noted and approved by the council.
- c. Finance committee – the council agreed to adopt SALC's recommendation for the committee's terms of reference.
- d. Street Cleaning – the council have asked the clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Sillett to agree to an increase to £7.85 at this time. The council will be reviewing the contract moving forward, as the possibility of more hours and more work may need to be carried out in the future. Councillor Lea wishes to have it noted that he feels they should be completing a time sheet. The remainder of the council were not in agreement with this, as they are contractors not employees.

- e. Grass cutting – the council have agreed to instruct N P Jelley Gardening Services to continue with cutting the grass on the junction of Norwich Road and Barham Church Lane for this year and then following the completed and agreed grass cutting tender enter into an agreement with them for future years.

10.9 TRAFFIC/PARKING

The Council agreed to write to Suffolk Highways about the possibility of creating parking bays around the green at Kirby Rise to help with the parking issues there.

It was noted that the clerk’s grandparents live on Kirby Rise to ensure no issues over pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests.

It was suggested following feedback from Suffolk Highways that the Parish Council send a letter to residents in Kirby Rise for their views.

11.9 PCSO

The council discussed what options they had for moving forward with funding of a PCSO. The council felt that the hours and cost that the police were proposing was not great value and did not cover evening/night hours when they felt trouble is most likely to arise.

The clerk has been asked to write to the police with what the council is proposing and await their feedback.

The council have also asked the clerk to write to Barham’s neighbouring villages to see what interest there is in joining forces to fund a PCSO.

12.9 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Councillor S. Carr discussed the opportunity for Barham to join with Claydon for future annual parish meetings, as both parishes receive the same reports. MSDC did not see any issues with this if the parishes decide on a chair for the meeting and the parishioners in attendance only vote on matters pertaining to their parish where necessary.

Barham Parish Council were in favour of this and Councillor Whitehead would be discussing this with Claydon & Whitton Rural at their Parish Meeting on the 10.09.18 for their decision.

13.9 BARHAM PITS

Councillor S. Carr provided the council with information regarding complaints to the changes occurring at the pits since new owners have taken over. However, there are issues with the definitive map being incorrect for the area and as part of projects on the Railways, the railway will be closing current paths and realigning of a new footpath between Great Blakenham and the Sorrel Horse in Barham.

Councillor S. Carr also wrote the Suffolk Ramblers to inform them of the current findings for them to investigate further if they wished to.

14.9 PICNIC SITE UPDATE

Councillor S. Carr was able to update the councillors on the latest communications regarding the picnic site and Claydon Football Club (see confidential document). The Parish Council agreed next steps to continue to try to move matters forward.

Chairman

Date