

Barham Parish Council – July 2018 In Touch Report

At Barham's Annual Council Meeting on Monday 14th May 2018 the Parish Council duly elected Stephen Carr, as Chairman and Gordon Musson as Vice-Chairman for 2018/2019.

The following Parish Council Representatives were also agreed upon: -

- Suffolk Association of Locals Councils (SALC) – Andrew Deveney
- Recreation Ground Committee – Stephen Carr & Wayne Allan
- Claydon and Barham Village Hall Committee – Gordon Musson
- Claydon & Barham Community Trust – Wayne Allan
- Parish Liaison/MSDC Meetings – Stephen Carr & Gordon Musson
- Barham Green Resident's Group – Andrew Deveney
- Babergh East, Police & Parish Forum – Jeremy Lea
- Planning Sub Committee – Stephen Carr, Gordon Musson, Neil Cooper & reserve – Darren Milward
- Finance Committee – Stephen Carr, Jeremy Lea, Darren Milward & Andrew Deveney

Many residents have been asking about the missing brown bin collection and a reimbursement of money for this. Barham Parish Council spoke with our local District Councillors regarding this. The following feedback was given: -

“When it became clear that the bad weather was preventing brown bin collections, the council offered, via its website, the opportunity for brown bin customers to receive free-of-charge additional waste bags for the storage of any excess garden waste. These bags are normally available but at a charge. I'm advised that a number of residents did take up this offer. The brown bin contents together with additional waste bags were then collected when the weather finally permitted.”

Our thoughts are that this pragmatic, cost-effective and sensible solution was better chosen by the council rather than any piecemeal and administratively intensive small rebates being offered. Individual residents must determine for themselves the value for money offered by the brown bin collection service throughout the year based on the possibility of some very occasional weather enforced delayed collection. From its ever-increasing take up, this does seem to be a very popular service offered by the council.

Exercise of Public Rights

The Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2017/2018 has been submitted and residents are able to inspect the Council's accounts between 11th June & 20th July by appointment. Please contact the Parish Clerk using the details below.

Future Meetings and agendas are available via the website or can be viewed on the village notice boards, which are located near the entrance of the Co-op and at Barham Green. If you would like a specific topic discussed as an agenda item then please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Culley between 9.30 & 11 am.

Calling all residents of Barham, the Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies. If you have the time and commitment to become a Councillor for your Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk as below.

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