

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018

PRESENT: G. Musson, A. Deveney, W. Allan, J. Lea, District Councillors J. Whitehead and J. Caston and County Councillor J. Field

1.4 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was one member of the public present.

The Webmaster wished to update the council with the confirmation of Amy Read taking over as webmaster. Amy will be receiving an email address for the councils to be able to contact her on. The webmaster and Amy are currently working together in a handover period. Again, the vice chairman Councillor Musson took the opportunity to thank the webmaster for his support and contribution over the years.

The webmaster also asked the council for some clarification on the following items in order to correctly publish them on the website: -

- The letter of response from Scott Properties regarding application DC/18/00861 land off Ely Road had a signature and contact details did the council want these details kept on the published letter? The council agreed that these details should be redacted before being published. The webmaster was also unsure if the information should be under Claydon, Barham or the planning section of the website. The council agreed that as this effected both villages and was regarding a planning application it would make sense to be published under the planning section.
- His reports had identified a committee date of the 19th April for application 0085/17 land between Norwich Road and Pesthouse Lane. Please see item 6.4 (b) for the action for this.
- He highlighted that MSDC's Needham Market office have a presentation event and asked the council if they knew what it was going to become. The district councillors were able to say that it was going to be housing with the possibility of a retail unit where the carpark currently is but it would not be staying offices.

Following a request from the Claydon & Whitton Rural Parish Clerk the webmaster is going to be publishing a piece about the Pigeon briefing session arranged for the 30th April at 7pm and wanted to bring this to the council's attention. As described in item 6.4 (b) the clerk would give the council an update on this matter.

2.4 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Field's report was presented at the meeting (see file)

Councillor J. Whitehead reported that the merger between Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council was on hold following Councillor Noble's review into a unitary county council in Suffolk.

3.4 APOLOGIES: S. Carr, N. Cooper and D. Milward

4.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations given.

5.4 MINUTES of the meeting of 5th March were approved and signed.

6.4 WORKPLAN & PLANNING LIST

a. The joint neighbourhood plan meeting has been rescheduled for the 12th of April at 7pm at the Community Centre.

Councillor J. Field was able to update the council regarding the road markings for Norwich Road. Following authorisation job numbers have now been raised but no date given for when the work will be completed. Councillor Field was also able to let the council know that a job number and the construction required had been ordered for road signs at Bells Cross Road but again no date given for completion of this work.

Councillor J. Whitehead was able to give the council an update regarding the new joint traffic speed sign with Claydon. Authorisation has been given for £2200.00 from their locality fund to be used to purchase the speed sign and the associated software needed.

Councillor J. Field will be checking when the current 30mph sign in Barham was last checked, as it has not been working for some time.

The council have asked Councillor J. Caston to speak to MSDC regarding the timescales for the enforcement issues at Shrubland Park.

b. Applications: -

0928/17 – erection of 10 dwellings at land off Norwich Road. Following the application being granted permission on the 28th of March. There was some confusion over the name on the application but Councillor Musson was able to inform the council that this was now resolved and Taylor Wimpey were now aware this had been granted. Taylor Wimpey are also looking into the approved access for this site, as it is currently still off the main road, as MSDC had changed the flood plain parameters and they are now in the area of Weavers Way where an alternative access for this site was being considered and preferred. Taylor Wimpey informed Councillor Musson they would hope to be able to start the development before Christmas.

0085/17 – erection of 27 dwellings between Norwich Road and Pesthouse Lane. There is some confusion over whether this application is going to committee on the 19th of April, as on MSDC planning portal under the important dates section clearly states 19.4.18 for the committee date but the district and county councillor have no knowledge of this. Clerk will also need to contact MSDC as Barham's comments are not present.

1856/17 – proposed development of 300 houses off Barham Church Lane. The Clerk was able to confirm that Pigeon have offered to meet with the councils to give them an update on the amendments to their original plans following their meeting with MSDC. The briefing will take place on the 30th of April at 7pm at Claydon & Barham Village Hall.

DC/18/00861 – erection of 74 dwellings off Ely Road. The Council received a response from Scott Properties, which will be published on the website and noticeboards.

It was agreed to remove planning applications that have been granted from the planning list.

c. There were no new planning applications received.

7.4 REPORTS

Councillor W. Allan attended a Claydon Pre-School meeting and let the council know that they are currently trying to gain planning permission for changes to the outside of the building to allow for more all year around usable outdoor space for the children to conform with their longer opening times.

Councillor J. Lea is unable to attend the next police forum and asked if anyone else would like to attend in his absence unfortunately,

Councillor G. Musson had already provided a report for the village hall following its rescheduled meeting on the 6th March (see file).

8.4 CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk was able to inform the council about a proposed one-way system due to be trialled in Coddensham & Hemingstone. There is a drop in public consultation and information session regarding this taking place on 18th April between 3 & 7pm at Coddensham Village Hall to be able to gather your views. You can contact James Quinton with any views using his email: jamesq030@gmail.com.

The clerk presented the council with the letter regarding the objections raised for the Ely Road application, which was previously circulated to them by email on the 3rd of April. This letter will be published on the website and noticeboards.

9.4 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £3714.68. The Clerk also informed the council that the first instalment of the precept totalling £12346.00 was paid into the councils account on the 5th of April. As previously agreed as of the 1st of April, Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) have taken over payroll for the council. However, communication would imply that they work on pay being in advance whereas the council were previously paying in arrears. The clerk is to clarify this and then inform the Chair in order to gain a resolution to potentially underpaying the clerk.
- b. The clerk presented the council with the quarterly finances report for the council’s information. This was accepted.
- c. The clerk was asked to seek advice from other parish councils regarding creating a contract for street cleaners moving forward, which could then be discussed at the next meeting.

10.4 PARKING PROBLEMS IN COOPERS WAY

Councillor Musson reported that he had been contacted by residents regarding an increase in the inconsiderate parking on Coopers Way again, which have resulted in two near fatal accidents. Previously the local PCSO did a good job of resolving this but unfortunately, as this is now not a possibility the Council have agreed to write to the police regarding this problem. The Council will also look to create a letter to drop through resident’s doors.

11.4 PICNIC SITE UPDATE

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

Chairman

Date