

BARNINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at 7:35pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs: C Hammond, E Sier, M Dolan, W Martineau & B. Cllr Bull

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs R Baxter, S Lusher, J Crittall & C. Cllr J Spicer

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None.

3. Minutes - Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 4th May 2016 signed and approved as a correct record.

Meeting Adjourned

4. Meeting open to the public

Pigeon Development came to the meeting to talk about their latest proposal for the village. There were a number of people who came, all from Lingwood Close who were initially upset, saying they knew nothing of the meeting. It would appear that unfortunately the agenda had not been put on the website. However, agendas had been put up at both the shop and St Andrews close, clearly showing that Pigeon were coming. After this initial debate and the PC expressing frustration of people not coming to meetings, events etc., despite having flyers put through every door, we moved on to the presentation from Pigeon. The new concept plan shows two areas for new build and another area for self-build and the same, or similar set up for a new community building. The Clerk informed Pigeon that we had been told that they were coming to speak about a new hall and that no mention of housing had been made and we felt this was underhand. Pigeon apologized for this and said they were unaware that this had been the case. After a lot of discussion and opposition and a very sensible suggestion from Cllr Carol Bull, Pigeon agreed to go away and look again at the proposal, removing the houses accessed through Lingwood Close. – The other houses would be accessed via Hepworth Road. They also put forward a suggestion for a mini round about at the shop cross roads. We finished with a discussion about what a new hall could be used for, if the development were to go ahead. There is a meeting the on Thursday evening, with regular users of the village hall, to discuss options for the new hall (if the development goes ahead) There was mention of between 50 and 150 new homes, plus the self builds. Sadly, once this discussion had come to a close a majority of the residents who came left before the meeting reconvened.

5. Report of County Councillor: J Spicer

Cllr Spicer was unable to attend the meeting and had no report to make.

6. Report from B. Councillor: C Bull

Cllr Bull reported that, following further investigation, she has ascertained that the Church have their own planning laws and as such are under no obligation to consult with the Parish Council. There is a new initiative, connecting communities which aims to assist rural areas with transport issues. A number is provided to call and arrange transport in areas not readily supplied with good public transport network. Information for using this service, which goes live on the 16th June can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com. There is going to be a Parish forum, a similar event to the former Parish Conference, held soon. Cllr Bull will provide the Parish Council with further details once she has them.

Meeting reconvened

8.1. Chairman

8.1.1 Bardwell Road

The Chairman has received a complaint about cars parked in Bardwell Road near the school. It was asked if part of the road could be widened. It was unclear if there is room to widen the road near the school. Further concerns were raised over the lack of pavement in Bardwell Road. It was agreed to put this item on the July agenda for further discussion.

Action Clerk

8.1.2 Bus timetables

The Chairman has some bus timetables. This is the last time they will be printed; after this they will be only available for downloading. She will distribute them to local residents and leave some in the village shop.

Action Cllr Hammond

8.1.3 Police meeting at Stanton

The chairman attended a meeting in Stanton to discuss the recent increase in crime in the area. Community Police Commissioner, Tim Passmore, promised he would be taking this matter seriously. The Chairman suggested that people go to the 'imobilise' website as they offer some good crime prevention ideas.

8.2 Clerk:

8.2.1 Village Hall Training

The Clerk attended some village hall training and was interested to know what form the trustee document took. In particular, she would like to check that the Committee have adequate indemnity insurance in place.

8.2.2 Highways Training

Following some training the Clerk has been informed that 'Traffic authorities have a duty to erect and maintain prescribed speed limit signs on their roads in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Direction 2002.' This contradicts advice given by SCC and this will be borne in mind if problems over replacing damaged/ missing signs continue. The 20's plenty sign has been collected from Cllrs Lusher's garden and been put back in its rightful place.

8.2.3 Training for Councillors

Following discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with arranging some bespoke Councillor Training. Cllr Dolan will put forward some dates for consideration. **Action Cllr Dolan**

8.2.3 Highway matters, to include Signs

A request has been made for village signs on the entry to the village from Coney Weston, from both sides. This matter has been forwarded to Suffolk County Council for consideration.

8.2.4 Grass cutting

Following an enquiry, the Clerk confirmed that the car park opposite the Church is included in the grass cutting schedule. She still needs confirmation of the insurance documents, the ones provided were not those requested. It was agreed that consideration needs to be made to add the grass at Lingwood Close once the road has been formally adopted. **Action Clerk**

9 Finance.

9.1 Payments The following payments were approved and the cheques signed by two signatories.

9.1.1 S Wilson, Village Caretaker for May	101559	£234.18
9.1.2 V Gay, Clerks wages for May	101560	£1086.72
9.1.3 V Gay, Clerks Expenses, May	101561	£93.51
9.1.4 HMR&C Tax	101562	£318.84
9.1.5 SALC, subs	101564	£346.52
9.1.6 Hall hire, KBB	101563	£ 17.50
9.1.7 E Sier, postage	101565	£16.40

10. GP Surgery at Hopton.

This matter is still ongoing with little progress being made at present.

11. Cricket Meadow.

Update on progress. The chairman, the Clerk, Cllrs Sier and Martineau met with Simon Collins from St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Helen Stephon Pike from HAGS-SMP to discuss the layout for the new equipment. It was decided to turn the existing goal round by 90 degrees and move it over slightly and have the pitch coming back towards the school, with a goal opposite, to make a pitch. The new equipment will then start at the swing with the freestyler on the left of the swing (back to the school) and then all the other equipment on the left hand side of the field. Starting with the zip wire followed by the shelter, table and finishing with the gym equipment. There was still a need to confirm the additional gym equipment and it has been suggested that a bin and some seating would be beneficial. The Councillors were asked to finalise their ideas by Wednesday 8th June and the Clerk will forward this on to HAGS. The Clerk has emailed all those at the meeting who left their email addresses to ask them for their ideas, disappointingly she has only heard back for one person. It was agreed that we should have an official opening once the project is complete. The Clerk will contact SEBC about arranging some press coverage. **Action Clerk**

12. Review of Emergency plan

Cllr Baxter was unable to attend the meeting so this item will be deferred until the next meeting.

13. Invitation to meeting hosted by Pigeon Development

Regular users of the Village Hall have been invited to meet with Pigeon Development to discuss their proposal for a new village hall in Barningham. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm on Thursday 2nd June

As discussed under item 4 the Parish Council, as regular user of the Village Hall has been invited to the above meeting. Cllrs Hammond, Crittall, Martineau, Sier and the Clerk will attend. Following further discussion, it was agreed that this approach, from Pigeon, would be favorable to a 'hostile' bid and that, if the government are under pressure to provide housing, we would rather be involved in the process to make sure we get what we want out of the process rather than having it forced upon us. A starting point may be the new hall, deciding what we want and then working back to see if it would be achievable through a reduction in houses and some other funding, -match funding lottery etc.? We also need to consider whether a new hall is really required bearing in mind that Hopton are probably going to have a pretty good hall at the end of their process. Mention was made again about a doctor's surgery or a preschool in the new community build. We are a long way from being able to make any informed decisions and we need to look at perhaps carrying out another housing need survey or Neighbourhood Plan. We also need to look at the legal aspects, as this land is currently outside the village boundary. The Clerk will look into this matter further. **Action Clerk**

14. Keep Barningham Beautiful

To discuss the success of the recent event and Bank opposite the Church. Although the turn out for the event was disappointing, with residents from Lingwood Close being in the majority, putting the rest of the village to shame, those who did attend made the event a great success and the Parish Council extends their thanks to all that attended and took part. Due to the lack of people, and a chain saw malfunction, it proved impossible to clear the bank opposite the Church. The Clerk will make enquires about having a contractor cut this back. It was proposed that Keep Barningham Beautiful should become an annual event and hopefully more residents will join us next year.

Action Clerk

15. Update on Community Speed watch and Aggies Piece:

The speed gun is back and is now available for use. New members are still being sought, a member of the public volunteered his parents, Cllr Sier will liaise with him regarding this.

Action Cllr Sier

Cllr Sier is liaising with the school about getting the children involved, with the help of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, in a project at Aggie's Piece.

Action Cllr Sier

Cllr Martineau may know someone who could cut Aggie's Piece this year. If this person is not able to the Clerk may know someone who could do it instead.

Action Cllr Martineau/Clerk

16. Councillors reports and items for future agenda

There is a large shrub on Sandy lane footpath that needs to be cut back. The Clerk will get a quote to have the work done. **Action Clerk**

There has been cars park on the green triangle at Pound Corner. The Clerk will look into this. **Action Clerk**

Cllr Sier is trying to arrange for the Coffee Caravan to visit the village. He wants to arrange for somebody from the Alzheimer's Society to come at the same time to help support the Dementia Friendly Communities initiative. **Action Cllr Sier**

Cllr Martineau reported that plans for the Queen's Birthday's Celebration are coming along. A member of the public volunteered their services, which Cllr Martineau gratefully accepted.

17. Caretakers report

Things are back to normal after the community litter pick. Extra work this month has included some lopping at Aggie's Piece and the weeding of the elevated footpath opposite the Spar shop. The edging of the footpath at Sandy Lane has continued in a piecemeal fashion with one session of work remaining to complete it.

18. Cemetery

It would appear that the moles are not currently causing a problem in the Lawn Cemetery.

The Lychgate Cemetery Hedge needs cutting back as does an overgrown corner behind the Lychgate. The Clerk will arrange for some prices for this work. **Action Clerk**

19. Planning Matters

None received.

20. Correspondence for information

20.1 Letter from Village Hall. A tap had been left running after the last meeting. The Councillors will make sure this does not happen again.

21. Playing Field (Cricket Meadow) Legal date 2nd February 2014 to 1st February 2015.

22. Date of next meeting: 6th July 2016

23. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

23.1 Personnel Issues. Clerks new hourly rate and increase in hours.

The Clerk's increase in her rate was recognised at £12.44 per hour. It was agreed to increase her hours to 15 per week with immediate effect.

23.2 Legal Issues. None