

BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday, 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm – Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Parish Cllrs: I. Heading, P. Keast, Mrs. S. Watson, M Hawthorne, E. Wyer (Chair).
Suffolk County Cllr: Mrs. J. Spicer. West Suffolk District Councillor: A. Smith. Mr A Blenkiron (Euston Estate), Mr Karl Boldero (Material Change Ltd. Operators of Euston Bio Gas) Clerk: Mrs. C. Dowson & Mrs N Deverell. Twenty eight members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr. John Bauer and these were approved.
2. **Declaration of interests** – Three received.
 - I. Suffolk County Councillor J Spicer whose husband was a former employee of Euston Estate
 - II. Parish Cllr Matthew Hawthorne – current employee of Euston
 - III. Parish Cllr Ian Heading
3. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9th November 2021 were unanimously agreed to be a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** from those minutes.

Parish Clock – Quote for Clock Inspection /Repairs Smith of Derby :
Approved - Clerk to liaise with Simon F and Smith of Derby

Rubble behind bus Shelter – Remove the rubble from behind the bus shelter
Approved - Clerk to liaise with Paul W Action: Clerk
5. **Appointment of New Parish clerk** (following retirement of Mrs Dowson) - Mrs N Deverell - Unanimous
6. **Co-option of Parish councillor** (following resignation due to ill health of Cllr. Charles Merrifield) – Martin Belsham - Unanimous

7. **Public Forum and Reports**

a.& c. Public forum

The Chair welcomed twenty eight members of the public who were in attendance to voice their concern regarding the increased number of large agricultural vehicles driving through the village. A member of the public spoke to advise of the resident's concerns over road safety in the village he asked for understanding & investigation into the increase in vehicles over the last 5 years, driving over the speed limit of 20mph, exceeding the weight limit of 31 tonnes, the size of the tyres causing vibrations to walls and listed properties, operators breaching the planning application.

Andrew Blenkiron apologised for the concerns that have been raised due to the volume of traffic through the village, He advised that he had met with the Chair to discuss mitigation measures and could therefore provide assurance that during 2022 that there would be:

- No maize silage clamp at Mill farm (the land area to the west of the A134) in the future
- A minimum 60% reduction in Maize harvest traffic from 2021 to 2022
- The implementation of a one way harvest traffic system through Barnham
- A full tractor driver briefing asking them not to use the "slip" road in front of the school
- A promise to take action with drivers if we are provided with number plate details

Action: Andrew B

Karl Boldero advised on the seasonal harvests being June, July for Rye which is a smaller harvest with the Maize harvest peak in September, October and early November with a reduction in traffic from 5th November. The Chair advised that Andrew B is not responsible for all agricultural vehicles that go through the village and explained the importance of capturing data through the Lorry and Speed Watch

schemes. He asked for a show of hands from the members of the public who would be willing to be a part of it, a show of 4 hands.

A member of the public asked Andrew B for comment on points from the Planning application relating to traffic flow, roads used, permits, impact on listed properties on the C634. The Chair interjected and advised that the information that the member of public was referring to was part of the planning application not the Planning Consent, the chair asked West Suffolk District Cllr Andrew Smith to comment. Cllr Smith confirmed that all of the listed documents associated with the planning application were carefully considered by planning Officers prior to planning approval being granted on the 9th December 2013. The approval specifies what Euston Estate were required to comply with for construction and operation of the AD.

A member of the public thanked Andrew B for the mitigation measures and understood that it wasn't just Euston and Biogas vehicles using the village roads and asked the Parish council to take on board their concern related to road usage through the village.

A member of the public asked for vehicles to stop using Mill lane as a slip road and only use The Street turning onto the A134 at the traffic lights. Karl B advised that he holds daily tool box talks where he provides guidance to drivers on speed and directions and assured John that he would issue an instruction to his drivers to access the A134 via the traffic lights.

[Action : K Boldero](#)

A member of the public requested notes from the meeting between the Chair and Andrew B due to her concerns regarding the impact of the volume and weight of traffic is having on her home as she is in the process of selling it.

[Action: Chair/Andrew B](#)

Cllr J. Spicer updated on Speed watch and advised that they had contributed in conjunction with the Parish council to the VAS device which will be installed in the village. Cllr Spicer also advised the County Council has provided 4-6 ANPR's (Automatic number plate recognition) for use in the surrounding villages, a fortnight at a time and would highlight it as a priority for Barnham. Cllr Spicer will also liaise with the Governor's and Head of the Barnham School to review road safety

[Action: Cllr J Spicer](#)

The Chair reiterated the importance of having the Lorry watch up and running and advised that a minimum of 4-6 people would be needed. He asked for a show of hands, 7 hands went up. Cllr J.Spicer suggested a meeting between her, Trading standards, the Chair and Mark Hirst to organise how they can progress lorry watch. The Chair asked Mark H to gather a list of names of volunteers and they would meet to discuss.

[Action: Chair/Mark Hirst](#)

A member of the public asked if the village could have cameras installed to monitor traffic rather than a Lorry Watch scheme and Cllr Spicer advised it would be an unaffordable option.

A member of the public commented that he did not feel supported by the Parish Council, and asked for a show of hands. The Chair advised that he had only been made aware of the concerns at the previous meeting and since then the Parish council had reviewed the TRO, sought mitigation measures from Euston and has sought to extend the Lorry Watch to include the C634 (main village). A member of the public commented that a sensible approach would be to think and reflect on the meeting for a month and then decide what the next steps are. The Chair reiterated he would meet with Mark H to discuss the Lorry Watch further.

Lastly, Karl Boldero offered the members of the public the opportunity for a guided tour of the Biogas site in the summer.

[Action: K Boldero/ A Blenkiron](#)

8 Reports

a. Suffolk County Council

Update on Quarry Application Elveden Estate - It has been deferred for 2 months. The next date for Development Control is 22nd March and the Site visit is 18th March

Update on Paper storage at Little Heath site (previously Indigo) – they are not meeting conditions of planning applications, Cllr Spicer will chase up response a week from now.

Action: Cllr J Spicer

Damaged Sign on A143 – Provide a photograph of sign damage and send to Cllr Spicer

Action: Clerk

b. West Suffolk District Council (District Cllr smith)

Update on breach of conditions NRG Oil, Station Road – meeting delayed

Update on Gypsy Site Enforcement – no update

c. **Village Hall (Cllr Hawthorne)** – No update

d. **RAF Honington (Cllr Heading)** – No update

e. **Play Park (Cllr Watson)** – Gate Closure – Cllr Hawthorne aware and advises it needs new parts

Action: Cllr Watson/Cllr Hawthorne

f. **Speedwatch and VAS Vehicle Activated Sign Update (Cllr Bauer)** – Post Meeting Update – The sign has left the manufacturer and it is expected at their depot in the next few days. It will be tested and then they will be able to install it. I will continue to liaise with them and once they have received it, I will arrange a date for the installation.

Action: Cllr Bauer

9. Planning Matters

a. Applications received for comment:

- **DC/21/1853/HH.** Single storey rear extension (following removal of conservatory). Yew Tree House, The Street, Barnham. After email consultation with parish councillors, a “no comment” response was submitted as the consultation expiry date fell before the November meeting.
- **DC/21/2046/FUL** – installation of a nitrogen storage tank, associated infrastructure and ancillary works (following demolition of existing shed and storage tank). Cryoserve Air Product Plc, Station Road, Barnham. It was unanimously agreed to submit a “no comment” response.
- **DC/21/2508/HH** – Householder planning application – single story rear extension – Birchwood Mill Lane Barnham – “no comment” response.

10. Financial Matters

a. Appointment of grass cutting contract - majority decision to appoint Ian Austin. Clerk to send contract

Action: Clerk

b. Approval of Budget 2022/2023 and Precept application – Approved – note use of reserves for Training and New Pc will mean an overspend in 2022/23.

c. Clerks report – previously distributed to councillors and was accepted

d. Cheques for signature were approved.

11.1.22	101147	Clerk Mrs Dowson	£447.95
1.11.22	101148	Clerk Mrs Deverell (Handover Month)	£447.95

Bank Balances: Current account (31.12.21) £15,412.38. Savings account (31.12.21) £4,923.52.

11. Correspondence

Emergency Plan - The Chair will develop an emergency plan for Barnham

Action: Chair

12. Any Other Business/Issues from Parish Councillors – None

13. Items to note from Parish Councillors – None

14. Date of Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, 8th March, 7pm at the Village Hall

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman Signed:.....