**BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017, VILLAGE HALL, BARNHAM, 7.30PM**

**MINUTES**

**Present**: Parish Cllrs. J. Bauer, M. Hawthorne, I. Heading, C. Merrifield (Chair), Mrs. S. Watson.

Borough Cllr. A. Smith, County Cllr. Mrs. J. Spicer. Clerk: Mrs. C. Dowson.

No members of the public.

1. **Apologies**: Cllrs. P. Keast and E. Wyer.
2. **Declarations of interest** – M. Hawthorne (DC/18/2010/FUL).
3. **The minutes of the 10th July 2018 meeting** were agreed and signed by the Chair.
4. **Matters arising** from those minutes.
	1. **Pathway** – Mr. J. Law has cleared the path approaching the traffic lights on the left hand side (even though it is the Borough Council’s responsibility). The parish councillors would like to thank Mr. Law for his help.
	2. **Parking on village green** – Mr. Law has asked that a note from the parish council be placed on cars parking on the village green. However, it was agreed that, as discussed at the last meeting, no further action should be taken at this time. The clerk will write to Mr. Law regarding this.

Cllr. Hawthorne will ask the school to ask parents to park considerately. It was also noted that more parking may be available at the village hall after the car park works have been finished.

Action: Clerk/MH

1. **Progress reports**
	1. **Suffolk County Council** – Cllr. J. Spicer
2. Speed Limit on A134. Cllr.Spicer informed the meeting that it is likely that average speed check/detectors will be installed on the A134 (the first in Suffolk) which should significantly help to reduce speeding. Cllr. Spicer has also asked for a review regarding reducing the speed limit down to 30 mph.
3. Suffolk Highways – poor condition of pavement to Barnham Heath. Cllr. Spicer is talking to people regarding the email that said the parish council could not cut this back in case the path was damaged. It is hoped that an officer will visit. She suggested that the next steps would be: to get permission to clear the path and then to find the money for works. Cllr. Spicer will hopefully be able to help with this cost.
4. Highways England – There will be closure on the A11 during September and October (evenings only). There is a diversion route to the Barnham traffic lights which is unavoidable.
5. North Farm – extension to planning application SE14.2211 and F.14.2324. Cllr. Spicer will be attending the Development and Regulation Committee (12th September 2018) regarding the application for renewal for the gravel pits (Cllr. Spicer will be objecting to the process). Cllr. Merrifield will be representing Barnham (Cllr. Merrifield will be objecting regarding the site/environment, etc.).
6. The Leader and Deputy from Suffolk County Council will be visiting our area on Monday, 17th September. Cllr. Heading agreed to attend on behalf on Barnham Council.
	1. **Bury St. Edmunds Borough Council** – Cllr. A. Smith.
7. Planning Application DC/18/1010/FUL. – 1 no. dwelling with associated

external works. Location: Land adjacent to Forge Cottage, Blacksmith Lane. Application: Mr Andrew Blenkiron, Euston Estate. This will be reviewed on 4th October. The parish council submitted a “No Objection” response with a note that implications for: parking, privacy and plumbing into the mains should be taken into consideration. Cllr. Merrifield is happy to attend and speak on behalf of the Borough Council.

Action: CM

1. The Borough Council will continue to offer the playground inspection service at no cost for the financial years 2019/2020.
	1. **Village Hall** – Cllr. Keast not present.
	2. **RAF Honington** – Cllr. Heading is in contact with the Honington Station Engagement Officer and hopefully the liaison meetings will be reinstated shortly. Noted RAF Family Day was very good.
	3. **Play Park** – Cllr. Watson. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr. Watson and Mr. Watson for attending to all the maintenance issues highlighted within the recent play area inspection report. Also, thanks to the “mums” who have tidied up the play area during the summer. A wasp nest was reported and has been dealt with.

* 1. **Speed Watch update** – Cllr. Bauer. A new rota is being organised and it’s noticeable that fewer people are speeding, so the speed watch is working. There has been one incident where a van driver was really abusive and this has been reported and action may be taken (Public Order Act). Regarding the purchase of a VAS unit (vehicle activated sign) various quotes have been received and the best seems to be one that highlights the speed of approaching cars with the message “slow down”. Cllr. Bauer explained that placement of VAS units need to be agreed by Highways. The VAT units can have multiple sites and can be fixed on a tripod with a solar charger. It was unanimously agreed that this would be beneficial for the speed watch initiative. Cllr. Bauer will obtain a firm quote and try to finalise possible sites in time for the November meeting. £500 has been received from the Borough Council for this and there is also £759 from the dissolved cricket club. The remainder of funding will need to be agreed and approved at the November meeting.

Action: JB

1. **Public participation session** – no one present.
2. **Planning matters**:
	1. **Applications**
3. Draft Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan Consultation. The Parish Council’s objection to this was submitted on 16th July.
4. North Farm - Renewal of planning application with variation of conditions. The parish council’s objection to this was submitted on 18th July. Cllr. Merrifield will be attending/speaking at the development and regulation committee meeting (Suffolk County Council) on 12th September. (see point 5 iv above)
5. “No comment” responses have been submitted for tree works on planning applications: DC/18.1368/TCA (Mwnt Cottage, Water Lane) and DC/18/1512/TCA (The Bellows, Blacksmith Lane).
	1. **Appeals** – nothing to report.
	2. **Neighbourhood Plan**. Cllr’s Merrifield, Watson, Wyer and Hawthorne will be meeting Amy Wright (West Suffolk Council) on 18th September. Cllr. Merrifield explained that no further work had been done to date and that there is very little interest in a plan from the village. However, it was agreed that preparing a plan would be beneficial.
6. **Safeguarding Policy** – Cllr. Keast not present.
7. **Payments**: Mr. D. Thrower (grass cutting) £275; Mrs. C. Dowson (clerk) £365.02 and A. S. Pest Control Services (wasp nest) £47.50.

1. **Clerk’s report and six month budget review**
	1. Bank balances: current account £14,202.93/savings account £4904.79.
	2. Six monthly budget review - on 11th September £3241.58 has been sent which is 42% of the £7800 2018/2019 budget figure.
2. **Correspondence** – Matt Hancock MP has asked the parish council to help publicise his details and surgery information – his poster has been placed on the Notice Board.
3. **Items for report from Parish Councillors**
	1. Cllr. Heading – asked that Cllr. Keast mention at the next Village Hall Committee the state of the field behind the hall.
4. **Date of next meeting**: Tuesday, 13th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.