**BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, 12th January 2021 at 7.00pm using “zoom”

**MINUTES**

**Present**: Parish Cllrs: J. Bauer, M. Hawthorne, P. Keast, Mrs. S. Watson, E. Wyer (Chair).

(Partly) Suffolk County Cllr: Mrs. J. Spicer. District Councillor: A. Smith.

No members from the public. Clerk: Mrs. C. Dowson.

1. **Apologies** received and approval for absence granted for Cllr’s. Merrifield, I. Heading.
2. **Declarations of interest** and requests for dispensations - none received.
3. **Minutes of previous meetings**:
   * 10th November 2020 – these were unanimously approved.
   * 24th November 2020 - Extraordinary meeting regarding response to the Local Plan Consultation. These were approved subject to the following amendment:

Realignment of settlement boundary … From Rose Cottage… ~~south~~ **north** of Euston Rd. The District Council has been informed regarding this error and have acknowledged the change.

1. **Matters Arising from those minutes** – none.
2. **REPORTS**:
   * + 1. **Public forum** – no members of the public present.
       2. **Suffolk County Council** (County Cllr. Spicer)

* C633 - It was noted that there is a follow-up meeting on 14th January with Suffolk County Council/West Suffolk District Council regarding current issues around the C633. Cllrs. Wyer and Bauer and the clerk will be attending and the agenda points requested by Cllr. Wyer have been included in the clerk’s report for information.

Although the planning application for the quarry hasn’t been received yet, Cllr. Wyer suggested that an additional point to raise at the meeting was concern regarding increased water levels in the ditches. Various signage on the C633 is also a relevant point to raise (cost and siting).

Cllr. Spicer would like clarification about which authority will take responsibility when various conditions aren’t met, ie. what is enforceable and how.

* Indigo planning retrospective application – nothing to report, but this is an agenda item for the 14th January meeting.
* Quarry planning application. Although expected, this has not been received.
  + - 1. **West Suffolk District Council** (District Cllr. Smith)
* Update on NRG Oil Depot retrospective planning application. The NRG agent has informed the District Council that the requested documents to clarify various items should be submitted to them by the middle of February.
  + - 1. **Village Hall** – still closed.
      2. **RAF Honington** (Cllr. Heading) – nothing to report.
      3. **Play Area** (Cllrs. Merrifield/Watson). Goddards have made some repairs to the play area and submitted their invoice. Cllr’s Watson and Hawthorn will check the area and payment of the invoice was agreed, but subject to the satisfactory completion of the works.
      4. **Speedwatch** - VAS sign (Cllr. Bauer) – nothing to report as no checks have been carried out due to lockdown. No news regarding the VAS sign.

**Lorry watch** (Cllr. Wyer) – nothing to report – hopefully there will be clarification regarding TRO/enforcement after the 14th January meeting (5.b. above).

1. **PLANNING MATTERS** 
   1. No applications received since the November meeting.
   2. Enforcement issues – nothing to report.
2. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
   1. **Budget for 2021/2022** – it was unanimously agreed to maintain the existing budget total of £8545.
   2. **Parish precept for 2021/2022** - it was unanimously agreed to submit an application of £8345 (expenditure £8545). This entails a contribution of £150 from the reserves in order to maintain the current council tax rates. (The West Suffolk District Council is contributing £50).
   3. **Cheques for signature** were approved:

* Mrs. C. Dowson (clerk Jan/Feb) - £447.95.
* Barnham PCC – donation towards The Link, village newsletter - £60
* Goddards – playarea repairs £733.20, incl. £122.20 VAT (see point 5.f. above)
  1. **Clerk’s Report** – this was received (distributed to parish councillors prior to the meeting). Bank Balances – Statement dated 31st December 2020: Current Account: £15806.44 and Savings Account: £4923.04.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
   1. **Correspondence**:
      1. Barnham War Memorial has been designated Grade II - Listed Building Status – this was noted, no further action needed.
      2. Community Emergency Planning Initiative – West Suffolk District Council. Agreed that no action needed.
   2. **Church clock** - Cllr. Wyer explained that money is being put aside to save for an automated clock mechanism (£500 per year). At present the clock is being maintained and wound by a volunteer in the village, Simon Ford, who is happy to continue, but he has suggested that the clock face could be refurbished. Approval was unanimously agreed in principal to use the current savings and perhaps an allocation from the reserves for this purpose. Cllr. Keast will liaise with Simon Ford regarding a quotation for this work.

Action: P. Keast

* 1. **Items from Parish Councillors**. None.

1. **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Tuesday, 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm