

BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday, 14th July 2020 at 7.00pm using “zoom”

MINUTES

Present: Parish Cllrs: J. Bauer, M. Hawthorne, C. Merrifield, P. Keast, E. Wyer (Chair), Mrs. S. Watson. Suffolk County Cllr: Mrs. J. Spicer. Clerk: Mrs. C. Dowson

1. **APOLOGIES** received from West Suffolk District Councillor A. Smit. (No declaration of interests or requests for dispensations received).
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Tuesday, 9th June 2020. These were unanimously agreed.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes of 9th June. None.
4. **Reports/updates** regarding:
 - a. **Suffolk County Council (County Cllr Spicer)**
 - i. **New average speed camera A134.** Cllr. Spicer has requested a report regarding number of speeding vehicles.
 - ii. **The Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local plan** for the next 5 years was adopted last week (via zoom). A few small items have changed. Cllr. Spicer reported that the applicant could now apply for planning permission at any time (although permission for the 15 ha plot is already in place). When the planning permission is received, it will be critical for Barnham how the haul traffic will go in and out of the site.
 - iii. **Indigo retrospective planning application.** Cllr’s Spicer and Wyer attended a virtual site meeting, although this mainly consisted of using photos. Cllr. Spicer and Wyer will be attending “virtually” the Development & Regulation Committee on Wednesday 15th July. Several of the proposed conditions are an improvement, but it is still proposed that vehicles accessing and leaving the site will be using the C633 in both directions. Cllr. Wyer will be arguing against this. The highway problems regarding this relate to the original TRO wording. As rewriting the TRO would realistically be a very expensive and timely exercise, Cllr. Wyer suggested that the best solution would be to have conditions set on individual sites at the planning stage.
 - b. **West Suffolk District Council** – Cllr. Smith not present.
 - c. **Village Hall** – Cllr. Spicer mentioned that the District Council have offered large grants to village halls to help financially whilst they have been closed due to the Coronavirus. The clerk will check with the village hall committee that a grant has been received.

Action: Clerk
 - d. **RAF Honington** – Cllr. Heading not present.
 - e. **Play Area** (Cllr Merrifield/Watson) – Cllr. Watson has spoken to the head teacher who feels that it would be good if the play park could be re-opened as this would benefit many families during the summer. It was unanimously agreed that the play park should open again on Monday, 20th July. Cllr. Merrifield will tidy the area (moles and overhead branches) and display the Notice prepared by West Suffolk Council regarding how the play park should be used. The clerk will put details in “The Link”.

Action: CM/Clerk

- f. **Speedwatch – including VAS sign update.** Cllr. Bauer reported that it is very disappointing that there is still no response from the County Council regarding the approval for the sign placement – despite several reminders over many months. Cllr. Spicer will follow this up. Cllr. Bauer has been informed that “Speed watch” can resume and he will be contacting volunteers to see if it will be viable to start again.

Action: JB

5. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Applications

DC/20/0960/TCA	Jubilee Cottage, Euston Road, IP24 2NJ	1 no. maple - overall reduction by 1/3 rd (Belsham) “No comment” submission made
DC/20/0952/TCA	Mwnt Cottage, Water Lane. IP24 2NA	1 no. rowan – fell (Dunning) “No comment” submission made
DC/20/0960/TCA	11 Portal Close. IP24 2NP	Single storey side and rear extension. Agreed to submit a “no comment” response

- b. **Enforcement** – Cllr. Wyer reported that gypsies are illegally back on the site at Station Road. The Enforcement Officer is now involved.

c. Retrospective planning applications

- Indigo Waste Services – see above (4.a.iii).
- NRG Oil – This will be considered by the Development Committee at the beginning of August.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Payments. The following payments were approved:

Auditor - Mrs. D. Dunning	£50
Information Commissioner (direct debit instruction created)	£40
Grass cutting – July – D. Thrower	£285
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Clerk – June/July – C. Dowson	£466.57
VE/VJ Day commemorative bench – Euston Farms	£480

- b. **Clerk’s report** – this was accepted (distributed to councillors before the meeting).

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Items from Parish Councillors. Cllr. Merrifield thanked Cllr. Hawthorne for his help sourcing the new bench to commemorate the end of the WWII. He will arrange for an engraved brass plaque and liaise with the Rev’d Sue Nutt regarding a small ceremony on VJ Day – 15th August.

Action: CM

8. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, 8th September 2020 at 7.00pm