

**BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Tuesday, 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: J. Bauer, P. Keast, E. Wyer (Chair). County Councillor: Mrs. J. Spicer, Borough Councillor: A. Smith. Clerk: Mrs. C. Dowson. Two members of the public: Mr. Blackburn, Mr. R. Watson.

1. **Apologies** were received from parish councillors: Hawthorne, Heading, Merrifield and Watson. It was noted that when apologies are tendered approval should also be requested, as this was not the case no approvals were given.
2. **Declaration of interests and request for dispensations** – none.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – Tuesday, 9th July 2019 and also the Planning Committee meeting of 8th October 2019. These were unanimously agreed.
4. **Matters Arising from the minutes** – none.
5. **Planning Committee Member** - Cllr. Watson has asked to resign from the committee and it was agreed that Cllr. P. Keast will take on this post.
6. **Start time for parish council meetings.** It was unanimously agreed to revert back to the 7pm start time for parish council meetings. Clerk will check with absent parish councillors.

Action: Clerk

7. Public forum followed by reports:

- a. **Public forum.** Mr. Blackburn informed the meeting that he is now running the Barnham oil syndicate and he noted that it would be beneficial if as many residents as possible use the syndicate. It was noted that that Mr. Blackburn works for BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) and we would welcome his assistance and inputs for future SMWLP consultations (point 8.e. below).
- b. **Suffolk County Council (County Cllr Spicer)**
 - i. **Electoral Boundary Review of Suffolk.** Cllr. Spicer will be endorsing this review which will see county councillor numbers reduced from 75 to 70. However, it has now come to light that the Blackbourne area may change with Barnham being aligned with Brandon. Cllr. Spicer will be questioning this.
 - ii. **Average speed cameras on the A143.** Signage is not yet in place. Cllr. Spicer informed the meeting that not all the cameras will be working.
 - iii. **Lorry watch.** Cllr. Wyer noted that some help might be needed from Cllr. Spicer as Highways aren't recognising vehicles infringing the TRO conditions (this relates to a very "loose" use of the condition regarding access to sites). The lorry watch signs are not in place yet.
- c. **Proposed Modifications to the Suffolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation.** The clerk will acknowledge this document and note that the parish council welcomes the amendment that "a traffic management plan drafted to avoid traffic routing through local villages including Barnham" has been included.

Action: Clerk

d. West Suffolk Borough Council (Borough Cllr Smith)

- i. **Rural Task Force** - this is ongoing and should be completed by mid to late January.
- ii. **Enforcement issues:**
 - . Indigo Site. This has now been passed exclusively to the county council.
 - . NRG Oil Depot. The retrospective planning application has now been received following enforcement intervention by West Suffolk Council. Cllr. Smith is seeing the planning officer next week to raise issues to be taken into account for Barnham residents. It was unanimously agreed that the parish council will object to this planning application and a list of proposed conditions has been prepared. Cllr. Wyer will forward details to Cllr. Smith. One important issue regarding this planning application is the interpretation given to the Traffic Regulating Order on the C633 which is dated 1999 (see also lorry watch point above). HGVs using C633 cause a problem for the village as the road is busier than originally envisaged and isn't maintained. Cllr. Spicer will try to get clarification on this –and Cllr. Wyer will forward a copy of the existing TRO.
Action: EW/Clerk
- iii. Star Platforms and new warehouse. No update on these enforcements.
- iv. New Local Plan – no development sites have been included.
(It was noted that Barnham Heath not included in the map – Cllr. Smith will check this).

e. **Village Hall** – nothing to report.

f. **RAF Honington** (Cllr Heading not present) – nothing to report.

g. **Play park** (Cllr Watson not present) – nothing to report.

h. **Speedwatch update and lorry watch scheme**. Cllr. Bauer noted that there is a new member for the speedwatch team. The siting of the new VAS sign has been confirmed with Highways so installation should happen quite soon.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

a. Applications

- i. **DC/19.1905/TE1**, proposed telecommunications mast, land adjacent to Gravehill Plantation, Euston Road. This has been approved.
- ii. **DC/19/2142/LB**, Listed Building Consent, 60A-60K Gorse Industrial Estate, Applicant: Mr. Keith Eldred. Agreed: No Objection.
- iii. **DC/19.2155/FUL** – continued use of heating fuel storage and distribution business – Oil NRG Limited. It was unanimously agreed to object to this retrospective application. See point 7.c. above. The clerk to forward the conditions that should be included regarding this application (should it be approved).
Action: Clerk

b. **Appeals** – nothing to report

c. **Enforcement** – See point 7.c. above

d. **Report outlining problems for residents on Station Road**. It was unanimously agreed to forward Cllr. Bauer's report to both the Borough and County Council. It is felt that the problems on the C633/industrial estate (Station Road) need to be looked at as a whole by the authorities, rather than individual departments only looking at specific items (eg. planning or highways). The report covers:

- NRG – Oil, Station Yard site – noise and light pollution/late deliveries
- Indigo Waste Services – Use and conditions. Ref. poor state of by-way.
- New Storage unit, Station Road – Breach of condition. Ref. planting of trees as screen
- Star Platforms – Extended “cherry pickers”, siren noise and flood lighting
- HGV's on the C633

Cllr's Smith and Spicer will inform the clerk of the appropriate persons to send this to.

Action: Clerk

e. Suffolk County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan

- Update from councillors who contacted respective agencies (Ref. minute 7.d. of the July minutes): Cllr. Bauer has been in touch with Tim Cowan at the RSPB. They are taking a keen interest in the scoping exercise.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. The following cheques were agreed and signed:

8.10.19	101092	D. Thrower Grass cutting September	£285.00
8.10.19	101093	SALC – playground training – C. Merrifield	£90.00
8.10.19	101094	West Suffolk Council – Election Fees	£21.34
12.11.19	101095	D. Thrower Grass Cutting October	£285.00
12.11.19	101096	Mrs. C. Dowson – Clerk – Oct/Nov (incl. expenses)	£445.49
12.11.19	101097	Mrs. C. Dowson – reimbursement for payment to Community Action Suffolk – website hosting	£60.00
12.11.19	101098	Royal British Legion (donation for wreath)	£50.00

b. Bank balances:

At 30th September 2019:

Business Current Account - £14,801.50

Business Savings Account – 4,916.74

c. Clerk's report – this was received and it was noted that precept/budget will need to be agreed at the January meeting. Any requests for funding to be sent to the clerk.

Action: Clerk

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Request for funding for a Police Community Support Officer – it was agreed that there were not enough councillors present to make a decision on this.
- To consider purchase of a defibrillator for the village – it was agreed that there were not enough councillors present to make a decision on this.
- Response form for 2019 West Suffolk Sustainable settlements review – 2019. The clerk will inform West Suffolk that there is no longer a public house in Barnham.

Action: Clerk

d. Any other items from Parish Councillors

11. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, 14th January 2020 at 7pm (note new start time).

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.