

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: S. Carr, G. Musson, W. Allan, J. Lea, D. Milward, District Councillors J. Whitehead and J. Caston and County Councillor J. Field

1.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was four members of the public present who presented the council with a list of questions that they would like answered (see file). The Chair indicated that the council would be taking legal advice in regards to next steps with Claydon FC.

A question was raised regarding the lack of response from MSDC to questions raised by the public in regard to the planning portal and other responses relating to planning issues. Councillors agreed to write to MSDC on behalf of residents raising these issues and other planning matters.

2.1 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Field's report was presented at the meeting (see file)

Councillor J. Whitehead's report was presented at the meeting (see file).

3.1 APOLOGIES: N. Cooper and A. Deveney

4.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None.

5.1 MINUTES of the meeting of 4th December 2017 were approved and signed.

6.1 WORKPLAN

The Parish Council have agreed to move forward with the joint approach for speed signs in the villages. The District Councillors and County Councillor have agreed to contribute to this using their localities funds and District Councillor J. Whitehead will take this to Claydon & Whitton Rural Parish Council Meeting next week.

The Clerk reported that she had been unsuccessful in her attempts to contact BT regarding the phone box but will continue to pursue them.

To enable the Parish Council to monitor road signage developments at Bells Cross Road councillors agreed to add this to the workplan.

Councillor Whitehead updated councillors in regard to Shrubland Park. After the Enforcement Teams site visit they have begun to take restorative action.

7.1 REPORTS

Councillor J. Lea reported back that speeding statistics had been released by the Babergh East, Police & Parish Forum. Following the reading of these the council have asked Councillor Lea to raise a request for them to visit Barham to complete speed checks and observations of the village.

8.1 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1526.41.
- b. The Council agreed 18/19 budget and the precept application was signed by the Chairman, two members of the council and countersigned by the clerk.
- c. Further to the agreement by councillors to close the Santander account a covering letter was written and signed.

9.1 PLANNING

Clerk fed back Mid Suffolk District Council’s reply to the requested update for Barham’s outstanding large Planning Applications.

- Application: 0928/17, 10 dwellings on land off Norwich Road - the clerk has received no update regarding this application, District Councillor J. Caston will look into this for the council.
- Application: 1856/17 - proposed development off Barham Church Lane is still awaiting re-consultation information to receive a planning committee date.
- Application: 2113/16 withdrawn and resubmitted as 0085/17 - 27 dwellings near Pesthouse Lane, this applications determination is on hold awaiting resubmission of flood risk assessment.
- Application: 0191/17 – proposed development off De Saumarez Drive was approved at a planning committee on 13.12.17.

10.1 REVIEW INTERNAL CONTROLS DOCUMENT

The Parish Council have received and approved the revised version of Barham’s Internal Controls document. This will now be reviewed on a yearly basis.

11.1 PICNIC SITE UPDATE

Councillors agreed to seek legal advice in regard to the issues that have arisen with Barham Picnic Site and to ask the solicitors to send a letter to the football club proposing that they either bring the site up to expected standards or if they are unable to do so surrender of the lease.

Chairman

Date