

Barham Parish Council – May 2020 InTouch Report

Barham Parish Council Meetings update - Legislation is now in place that allows councils to hold meetings remotely and removes the normal requirement to hold an Annual Council Meeting until May 2021; Although there is nothing in the legislation that provides for Annual Parish meetings to be held remotely, the National Association of Local Councils advises that under current government guidelines such meetings should not take place in person. This means that we will not be holding our Annual Council Meeting or Annual Parish meeting on the 11th May 2020. As for normal monthly Parish Council or Finance Committee meetings during this time of lockdown, these can take place using electronic communications. During this time Barham Parish Council intends to hold meetings only if deemed necessary to meet our statutory or financial obligations.

Barham Parish Council would like to remind residents of the wonderful local group of volunteers who are going above and beyond to help those in need in the village and surrounding area. We would like to thank them for their kindness and support to residents at this time. If you need practical help and support or even a friendly chat then you can contact them using their Facebook page 'Claydon and local villages coronavirus support group' or call them on 07925 667671 (9am to 9pm).

We also wish to acknowledge support from the Bus Shelter Ipswich/Claydon food bank which has been set up at the Claydon & Barham Community Centre. They will be supporting residents of Barham, Claydon, Great Blakenham, Bramford, Henley and surrounding areas. The Bus Shelter Ipswich is an independent organisation primarily helping those who are homeless and vulnerable but over recent weeks, they have expanded to include foodbank services. They would be very grateful for any donations of food and household/baby items. If you can help or are in need of help then please message them directly using their Facebook page or call 07512 621005, and they will do their best to help you.

In this time of uncertainty if any local organisation needs additional financial support please download a copy of the grant request from our website or contact the Parish Clerk.

In these unprecedented times, to keep everyone safe please remember to always follow the latest government advice.

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