

Barham Parish Council – March 2021 InTouch Report

DATE OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next meeting had been set to take place on Monday 1st March 2021, 7pm on Zoom. However depending on the outcome of the governments recommendations for the easing of lockdown on 22 February, the Chairman of the Parish Council has a preference to hold a face to face meeting in Barham Church Hall. Therefore the date of the next Parish Council meeting is to be confirmed.

Meetings 2021;
24th May APM & AGM, 6th September, 6th December

Outcome of the MSDC Planning Referrals Committee Meeting 1856/17 for 269 dwellings on land north of Church Lane, Barham

The outline planning application for 269 dwellings on land north of Church Lane was heard on Wednesday, 27th January 2020 at the Mid Suffolk Planning Referrals Committee. Despite putting forward detailed evidence of our transport, planning and community objections, the Committee voted to approve the application with 8 in favour and 4 against. Our Ward Councillors spoke eloquently in support of the Parish Council's position, but disappointingly, the proposals were pushed through.

However, in pressing our case we have secured some important concessions:

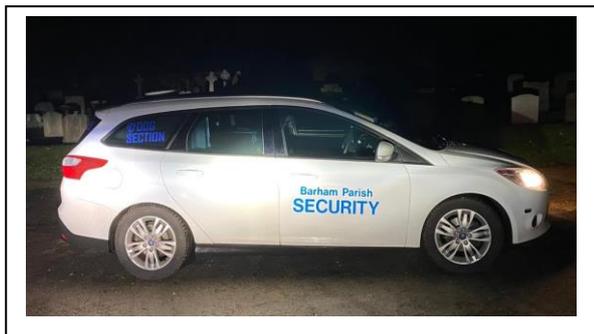
- The land for a proposed community building or health centre will now be retained for community use indefinitely – the developers had wanted it returned to them after a period of time;
- The developers must provide a Village Green next to the proposed community site as a new heart for this part of the village;
- The developers must prepare a Design Code and consult the two Parish Councils and the community before submitting further planning applications. A Design Code sets out the standards that new development must adhere to. A Design Code generally improves the quality of what is eventually built compared to situations where a developer is free to submit planning applications for whatever they want.

We thank you for your support and we will continue to monitor activity around the site and keep you updated once the developer's intentions or programme become clearer.

DK9 SECURITY FOR BARHAM

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the DK9 Security patrols which have been taking place within the village, are being well received. This has also been acknowledged by Highway Assurance Ltd, who have pledged to pay £100 a week towards the cost to the Parish Council. We are greatly indebted to them. A Blog post will be reported once a week on the Parish Council website, to keep you up to date with the feedback we receive from DK9. The trial contract period which the Parish Council has with DK9 is due to end on 13th

March 2021. At the next Parish Council meeting date TBC, discussions will take place to consider any future arrangement with DK9 Security.



The security patrols take place 7 days a week (but not on bank holidays, Christmas Day or Boxing Day) for 6 hours a day. The patrols are carried out by a DK9 security guard, patrol car and a guard dog.

In the event that residents of Barham suspect anything suspicious please telephone the DK9 central control room during the above times on 07912109335 and a security guard will be at the scene within 5 minutes.

DK9 Security Ltd, have many years of experience in providing high quality dog handlers and static guards, throughout East Anglia, North London and the South East of England. They provide custom made security packages tailored specifically to the requirements needed. They have full insurance cover. The officers are highly trained in the use of firearms/drugs and the tracking dogs are widely used for searches in local schools and colleges, construction sites, events and rural areas. Further information can be found on the DK9 website <https://www.dk9security.co.uk>



Claydon & Barham Good Neighbour Scheme



Barham Parish Council are delighted to support the Good Neighbour Scheme who are;

**HERE TO HELP IF YOU ARE;
HOUSEBOUND - ISOLATED - UNABLE TO GET OUT, TEMPORARILY
INCAPACITATED, WITHOUT FRIENDS OR FAMILY NEARBY**

CALL IF YOU NEED HELP WITH URGENT SHOPPING - PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION, MINOR JOBS OR DAY TO DAY TASKS THAT YOU MAY FIND DIFFICULT TO DO SUCH AS LIGHT BULB CHANGE, OR PUTTING YOUR BIN OUT/IN

All volunteers are DBS checked
Available each day 9am - 5pm call 07925 667 671

2nd New Barham Village Sign



The Parish Council is pleased to report that the 2nd new Barham village sign, is now in place and is located opposite Coopers Way, Norwich Rd.

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