

## **Barham Parish Council – May 2021 InTouch Report**

### **DATE OF FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and will start with the Annual Parish Meeting, all members of the public are encouraged to attend and village organisations will be invited to give a report. The Annual Parish Meeting is a great opportunity to hear what the various organisations have been up to throughout the previous year. However due to the unprecedented times we have been going through, we understand that organisations may not have as much to report. This meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting. Both meetings will take place in Barham Church Hall. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to attend as strict socially distancing rules will be in place, therefore space will be limited.

Further Meetings 2021;  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
(There will not be a meeting as previously advertised in June)

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – We need YOU to apply.**

There is currently a vacancy for one Barham Parish Councillor .

Would you like to help make a difference to your village?  
Do you care about where you live, its facilities, activities, open spaces?  
Whatever needs tackling or improving locally, becoming a parish councillor gives people the opportunity to change things.  
YOU can help to make a difference to the quality of life for people in Barham.

If you are;

- Age 18 or over
- You are an elector of the parish
- During the whole of the last 12 months have occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish

The Parish Council meets every 3 months on the first Monday, at 7pm. Meetings are held in Barham Church Hall.

The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now, come along to a Parish Council meeting or speak to our Parish Clerk (see contact details below) or email Darren the Chairman at [bkplimousinesa8@hotmail.com](mailto:bkplimousinesa8@hotmail.com)

### **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SPEED SIGN – NORWICH ROAD**

Barham Parish Council are now the proud owners of a 2nd VAS sign, located by De Saumarez Drive, on Norwich Road. Chairman, Darren Milward, proudly shows off the new

Vehicle Activated Speed Sign. The new sign which is the same as the VAS sign which is located the opposite end of Norwich Road, will register and show the speed which a vehicle is travelling and if travelling over 30mph will flash SLOW DOWN. A Bluetooth Data Collection Unit has also been purchased, so that the Parish Council can download and analyse speed data. BMSDC Councillors Tim Passmore and John Whitehead have kindly awarded £3,000 from their Locality Budget towards the cost of the sign. The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to them as the money is most gratefully received.

Speeding traffic through the village is a great concern and the Parish Council is very much trying to address this in all ways. Suffolk Highways and Speed Management Team will soon be installing a post in Sandy Lane for a speed indicator device to be placed.

At the Extra Parish Council meeting which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th April, **Community Speed Watch** is on the agenda for discussion. The Chairman has already met with PC Mike Small the Community Speed Watch Officer to discuss this for Barham. A team of 6 volunteers are needed to help develop this for further information see the community speed watch website on <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org.uk/get-involved/>

Suffolk County Council has recently purchased 10 ANPR – Automatic Number Plate Recognition device. SCC Cllr John Field is actively trying to get one of these devices for the Gipping Valley. So, watch this space.

## **FLY TIPPING**

There has recently been a number of Fly Tipping incidents in Barham. Fly Tipping is not acceptable and is a criminal offence resulting in prosecution.

It is your responsibility to get rid on your unwanted items and rubbish, you are at risk of prosecution if the rubbish is dumped.

A local business is offering a reward for any evidence relating to a fly tipping incident in Barham, which leads to a prosecution.

## **STREET CLEANER NEEDED**

The Parish Council would like to recruit a street cleaner to litter pick and keep the footpaths clear and tidy along the Norwich Road to Pesthouse Lane & Sorrell Horse public house. Please contact the Clerk if you require further information.

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