

## **Barham Parish Council – February 2022 InTouch Report**

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

The date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall.

All meetings of the Parish Council are advertised on the village noticeboard (outside the Co-op) and hopefully from 2022 on the new noticeboard by Pesthouse Lane. Also on the village website [www.barham-suffolk.org.uk](http://www.barham-suffolk.org.uk) and the In Touch Magazine (however Extra Ordinary Meetings may not make the deadline to be advertised in the In Touch)

### **KIRBY RISE PLAY AREA**



We are delighted that at the time of writing this report, the new play equipment is currently being installed on the Kirby Rise green. A full ROSPA Health & Safety inspection will need to be carried out on the new play equipment before it is safe to use. This should have been carried out on Monday 10th January.

Highways Assurance is very kindly providing the fencing of the new play area and the Parish Council express their thanks for this generous donation.

£2000.00 has recently been received from BMSDC Cllr John Whitehead and Cllr Tim Passmore from their Locality Budget towards the new equipment. A Big Thank You to them.

We will report further on the new play area in the March In Touch magazine.

### **BARHAM PICNIC SITE**

Barham Parish Council as owners of the picnic site, are going to give up to a 99-year lease to the Barham picnic community project group. Unfortunately, there has been hold ups due to incorrect information and this has delayed the process. Hopefully, now things will get moving and Draft Heads of Terms has been issued. The Parish Council are very keen to have the picnic site back to its former glory and fully support the Community Project Group.

We wish them all the success in the future.

## **BARHAM COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The team has had their training and now out in force in Barham – “WATCH YOUR SPEED”. The Police has approved 5 sites in the village which the speed watch team can patrol, it is hoped to add more sites in the future.

Speeding notices have been sent out to offenders and these are sadly all LOCAL RESIDENTS. Speed watch patrols will continue in Barham, “SO YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED”.

We want to be able to continue to carry out speed monitoring in the village, we urgently need more volunteers to join the Speed Watch Team. If you are interested in becoming part of the Community Speed Watch team in Barham please contact the Chairman or Clerk.

## **DOG FOULING**

It has been noticed that some dog owners not cleaning up there dogs mess in Barham.

Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocarasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100. If the case goes to court this could cost the owner or person in charge of the animal up to £1,000.

Please take your dog waste home with you or put it into a dog poo bin or into any public bin. There is no excuse to leave it.

Thank you for being a responsible dog owner.

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