

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

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

The date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, 7.00pm in Barham Church Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, as always members of the public are most welcome to attend. An update will be given on all the work which the Parish Council has done throughout the year April 2021 to March 2022. The Annual General Meeting will then following on commencing at 7.30pm.

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. Meeting will also be advertised on the village website [www.barham-suffolk.org.uk](http://www.barham-suffolk.org.uk) Face Book page 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 - COMPLETED**



Until recently the children of Barham Village had to walk up to 2 miles to the neighbouring village of Claydon if they wanted to play on the nearest play area. Barham Parish Councillors, many who have young children or grandchildren of their own, decided to bring a play area to Barham. But first a piece of land would be needed, central to the village is a large open green at Kirby Rise, a residential area made up of approx 111 properties. The land was owned by BMSDC, Barham Parish Chairman, Darren Milward asked BMSDC if a lease could be drawn up for the Parish Council to take ownership, they were delighted to do so and gave their full support. Having carried out a survey with the residents of Barham, it was decided to install a small play area with equipment for younger children. The new Clerk to Barham Parish Council, Melanie Thurston, then got to work with applying for grant funding to help pay for 5 new pieces of play equipment.

On successful completion of grant applications by the Clerk, 5 pieces of play equipment were purchased, comprising of Swing with cradle seat and flat seat, Seesaw, Shark Springer, Swing with basket seat and a Climbing Tower with slide. This has all been possible thanks to the generous grant donations from BMSDC Cllrs John Whitehead & Tim Passmore, £2000.00 from their Locality Budget. £11,305.84 Capital Grant funding & Section 106 Grant both from BMSDC. £7966.00 from the SUEZ Communities Trust. Barham Parish Council would like to express its grateful thanks them all.

Marek Gordon, Chairman of SUEZ Communities Trust added "SUEZ Communities Trust provides funding awards through the Landfill Communities Fund. We were delighted to be able to offer funding to Barham Parish Council."

(For information on how to apply for funding visit [www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk](http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk))

Royston Emmerson, Communities Officer at BMSDC, "The Community Grants Team are pleased to have supported Barham Parish Council in the creation of a new Children's Play Area at Kirby Rise. This new facility will provide young children in Barham and Claydon with the opportunities to play, socialise and have fun for many years to come"

Another kind contributor who the Parish Council are extremely thankful to is Highways Assurance Ltd who are local Highways Maintenance Contractors and based in Barham. They generously provided and installed fencing around the new play area. The fully enclosed play area will protect children from vehicles and dogs, it also means that the area can be locked at night to protect from vandalism. The workmanship is of extremely good quality and was carried out in a seamlessly and timely fashion by the Highways Assurance team.

Barham Parish Council is now hopeful to provide a small parking area by the Kirby Rise play area for up to 20 vehicles and also to install a low post and rail barrier around the whole perimeter of the green. This will prevent vehicles from being able to drive across the grass, causing damage and giving further protection for the children who are playing. The cost of the work is anticipated to be in the region of approx. £30,000. The Parish Council will again need to apply for grants to enable the work to be carried out, however Suffolk County Councillor Chris Chambers has suggested that he may be able to give some funding.

**Barham Parish Council would like the older children to be aware that the new play area is for 11 year olds and under only. It is not acceptable behaviour for the younger children to be bullied by the old children/teenagers. The site is monitored and will be locked in the evening and reopen in the mornings.**

## **NHS WEST SUFFOLK CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

Dr Ed Garret – Chief Operating Officer has communicated with Barham Parish Council as follows;

"Thank you for your communication regarding the recent closure of the Barham & Claydon GP Surgery. Whilst we do acknowledge that the surgery was an important community asset, the CCG has a responsibility to ensure that primary medical services are delivered in the safest, most effective and efficient way to patients across the locality. Unfortunately, due to various issues at the Barham & Claydon Surgery and the realisation that patients would not continue to receive the high quality service that they were used to, the CCG mutually agreed with the partners of the Barham & Claydon Surgery that its contract for primary medical services should be terminated at the end of June 2021.

However, I can assure you that there were no gaps in access to primary care following this termination, as all patients registered with the surgery were allocated to a number of other local surgeries. Patients subsequently had the opportunity to re-register with another surgery if the allocated surgery was not convenient or suitable for them. The CCG supported the Barham & Claydon Surgery to ensure that the transfer of all patients was as smooth as possible, paying particular attention to those identified as frail and/or vulnerable. If there is any individual who

needs further support and is happy to share their details, Claire Pemberton, Head of Primary Care for the area, is happy to help with their practice allocation and can be contacted securely via [clairepemberton@nhs.net](mailto:clairepemberton@nhs.net).

The CCG supported Dr Naqvi on a daily basis and also met with the practice every week to discuss progress, we also commissioned an experienced Practice Manager to support them from within the practice throughout the whole closure process.

The CCG recognises that the closure of the Barham & Claydon Surgery and planned housing developments has resulted / will result in capacity issues at the surrounding local surgeries and is therefore working closely with estates colleagues and system partners.

I hope that this is a helpful response but if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Claire or me”

Ed Garrett email [ed.garratt@nhs.net](mailto:ed.garratt@nhs.net)

**Barham Parish Council would encourage residents of Barham & Claydon to write directly to Ed and Claire as detailed above.**

### **SPEEDING IN BARHAM**

The Parish Council is still working with Suffolk County Council Highways, SCC Cllr Chris Chambers and the Police to sort out speed reduction through the village and is hopeful to have this resolved soon.

**Barham Parish Council**  
**Parish Clerk – Melanie Thurston**  
**Tel: 07837528187**  
**Email: [barhampc@outlook.com](mailto:barhampc@outlook.com)**  
**Website: [www.barham-suffolk.org.uk](http://www.barham-suffolk.org.uk)**