

BARHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CLAYDON & BARHAM VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT: S. Carr, G. Musson, D. Milward, W. Allan, J. Lea, A. Deveney, District Councillors J. Whitehead & J. Caston and County Councillor J. Field

1.10 PRESENTATION FROM PAUL WEBSTER, DIRECTOR, SCOTT PROPERTIES – RE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF ELY ROAD

Mr Paul Webster and Mr Richard Martin from Scott Properties introduced themselves to members of the Parish Council. Mr Webster thanked the council for taking the time to see them. They were only at the preliminary stages of the scheme but were looking to development the land on behalf of the two separate landowners (1 private owner and the other belonging to the Diocese of St Edmundsbury in Ipswich).

Councillors were given plans showing the outline of the site and the access points to the site being considered. The site is just under 8.5 acres and they were proposing a site of 75 units, including the statutory requirements for affordable homes. The design covers a block of flats (2 storey), bungalows and 2, 3, 4 & some 5 bedroom houses. Mr Webster explained that if the development is seen to place a burden on existing amenities then they would be required to make financial contributions to help.

The Chairman thanked Mr Webster and Mr Martin for attending the meeting. Mr Paul Webster asked that once they had completed technical assessments they would like to come back to meet with the Parish Council again to discuss the outcomes of these by the end of the year.

2.10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was four members of the public present who raised concerns over the various planning applications either approved, awaiting approval or proposed in Barham and the surrounding villages and wished for the Parish Council to take this is to consideration when making future opinions. A member of the public expressed their thanks for the way the Parish Council had effectively communicated with the residents over the past few months.

3.10 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor Field's report was presented at the meeting (see file)

Councillor J. Whitehead reported that the proposed boundary changes draft will be available from one minute past midnight on 3.10.2017. The Consultation for this will run until early December. Final proposal is set to be published in the New Year.

The MSDC move from Needham Market to Endeavour House will be completed by the end of October instead of the beginning.

Councillor Whitehead let the Parish Council know that he had personally taken the questionnaire responses received from the public regarding the planning applications (Barham Church Lane reference 1856/17 and Old Norwich Road, Claydon reference 1832/17) to Mid Suffolk District Council today (2.10.17). They will be added to the planning portal under the documents section.

Councillor J. Caston fed back that they are still hoping for more applications for the Localities Grants that are available.

Councillors Whitehead and Caston confirmed that they would continue to provide written reports bi-monthly and a verbal update when a written report is not provided.

4.10 APOLOGIES: N. Cooper

5.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST APPROPRIATE TO ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA There were no declarations.

6.10 MINUTES of the meeting of 4th September 2017 were approved and signed.

7.10 WORKPLAN

Councillors received an update on the outstanding matters:

The Parish Clerk fed back the information received regarding costs etc for speed signs used by Henley Parish Council. The Parish Council have now asked the Clerk to contact Claydon and Whitton Rural Parish Council to see if they would like to consider a joint approach with Barham in the purchase of a speed sign and data collection unit.

There has been no update from Mid Suffolk & Babergh regarding the issues surrounding Shrubland Park. The Parish Clerk has been asked to chase this to see if they have made any progress.

Great Blakenham and Claydon and Whitton Rural Parish Councils have both initially sounded positive for a joint neighbourhood plan between all three villages but we are awaiting their decisions at their next parish council meetings. The Parish Clerk has been asked to chase the other parishes to see if there has been any progress with this.

8.10 REPORTS

Councillor J. Lea reported back from the Babergh East, Police & Parish Forum that the Chief Constable was the person that made the decision for Barham to fall under Babergh. Councillor Lea also highlighted that the police are very open to being emailed with issues and they will be happy to come out to investigate. Therefore, it would be worth considering this for issues with parking and any nuisance that has been occurring around both Barham and Claydon. The Parish Council can also signpost any issues to Councillor Lea and he would be more than happy to feed this back to Sergeant Joanne Miah at the meetings held.

Councillor S. Carr reported back from the Recreation Ground Committee that things were all ticking along nicely until a few days ago when it was found that someone had been doing doughnuts (by the tyre marks left behind) on the junior’s field. Unfortunately, there were no witnesses to this.

9.10 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1861.08.
- b. The Parish Council noted the costs for next year’s external audit and it was agreed that more thorough checks would be needed throughout the year along with a stronger internal audit process before submitting next year’s accounts to external audit.

10.10 PLANNING

There have been no further developments on any of the large planning applications currently outstanding in Barham.

11.10 CLAYDON FOOTBALL CLUB/PICNIC SITE

The Parish Council discussed the email received by Tim Carr. It was decided that the lease drawn up the Parish Council and the Football Club would need to be brought to the next meeting so all councillors could be refreshed and/or familiarised with the exact contents that was agreed upon in order to be able to agree next steps.

12.10 CLAYDON AND BARHAM WEBSITE

The Clerk and Webmaster fed back to the Parish Council about the current option to change the website to another host solution but with the uncertainties of the capabilities that we currently use (forms and questionnaires), as well as the time commitment to get the data transferred to a new solution, it was agreed to stay with the current solution. The Parish Council took the opportunity to thank the Webmaster for his continued support of the Parish Website.

Chairman

Date