

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM
AT BARNHAM VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Belsham, Hawthorne, Heading, Keast, Watson
& Wyer (Chair)

County Councillor J. Spicer, District Councillor A. Smith
member of the public
A. Morris (Clerk).

Councillor Wyer, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7pm.

- | AGENDA ITEM | ACTION |
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| 1. Apologies/requests for approval for absence - (councillors to notify the clerk or chair) – apologies received from Cllr Bauer due to work commitments. Apologies accepted and approved. | |
| 2. To declare any interests and request dispensations - none received. | |
| 3. To approve draft minutes of the previous meeting – 8 th November 2022 – minutes of this meeting, as previously circulated, were accepted as a true record of said meeting. Proposed by Cllr Hawthorne, seconded by Cllr Watson and unanimously agreed. | |
| 4. To discuss progress of actions from the last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Item 8(a) Cllr Keast reported that the church clock has now been serviced and has received a clean bill of health with no advisories. The cost of the service is £264.00 excluding VAT.b. Item 13(b) – Cllr Heading confirmed that the Great British Spring Clean is scheduled for Spring 2023 exact date unknown due to work commitments. Item work-in-progress (WIP).c. Item 5 – the provision of a 2nd noticeboard by the bus shelter at Barnham Heath, which is not in this year's budget, was discussed. A member of the public is yet to advise where they want this noticeboard to be located. Update at March meeting.d. Item 6(e) – Cllr Watson to give update at item 5(e) on this Agenda.e. Clerk to check which Cllrs have returned the 'Other Registrable Interests' form for the revised Code of Conduct and advise Cllrs accordingly. | IH

Clerk |
| 5. Public forum – public participation on a specific agenda item – no requests from members of the public were received. | |
| 6. Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. <u>Suffolk County Council (County Cllr Spicer)</u> – Cllr Spicer advised that she has still not received a date for SCC to consider the recycling planning application. Cllr Wyer pointed out that works to alter the access onto the C633 have started but not completed – 1 | |

member of the public will send a photo to Cllr Spicer of the state of this unfinished work plus the work that has not been completed near Triangle Cottage. MoP

Discussion took place regarding the Development and Regulation Committee meeting which was held in December 2022 at which the planning application at North Farm, Elveden Road Barnham, Thetford, IP24 2PH for the extraction of sand and gravel was tabled. It was agreed that there were considerable procedural questions regarding the validity and outcome of the meeting – Cllr Spicer is waiting for the approved minutes of the meeting to be issued. Cllr Spicer has agreed to write a letter of complaint to the Committee within 1 week of this meeting to advise them that Barnham PC were very disturbed about the format and chairmanship of the meeting having studied the transcript. JS

Cllr Spicer also reported that both she and the SCC Community Engineer will visit the village on 25th January to look at the telegraph poles on Mill Lane to see what can be done to allow access for double buggies and wheelchairs. Cllr Wyer requested that the Engineer also looks at the poor repair work which has been carried out at the traffic lights on the Station Road side. Cllr Wyer will send an email and photos to Cllr Spicer of the state of the completed work. EW

- b. West Suffolk District Council (District Cllr Smith) – Cllr Smith will contact Britta Heidecke for an update on the status of the NRG planning application and advise the Clerk. No further reports. AS

Cllrs Spicer and Smith left the meeting at 7.30pm.

- c. Village Hall (Cllr Hawthorne) – Cllr Hawthorne will arrange for mole treatment to be carried out. No further report.
- d. RAF Honnington (Cllr Heading) – no report.
- e. Playpark (Cllr Watson) – Cllr Watson reported that she had received the latest playpark inspection report and that she is waiting for a quote for the repair of low risk/very low risk items that had been identified (i.e. bushes near swings, nuts and bolts on slide). Discussion took place on overgrown hedges in the village – it was agreed to place a reminder in the next edition of The Link to remind landowners that their hedges should be trimmed to allow full access to footpaths. Cllr Wyer will draft for the next edition. EW
- f. Speedwatch and VAS update – Clerk read out a report from Mark Hirst regarding the Speedwatch initiative. 9 volunteers have been recruited for this with training booked for Saturday 28th January 2023 in the village hall after which the initiative will go live. VAS stats were also given.

7. Planning Matters – planning applications received as previously circulated. No enforcements.

8. Other Actions for this Meeting

- a. **Broken glass in the village telephone box** – Cllr Keast will place an advert in the social media site 'Nextdoor' to source someone to repair this. PK

- b. Clerk vacancy** – this has become vacant again. Advert placed on the SALC website and enquiries are being made locally.

9. Financial Report

- a. To review income and expenditure from 1st April 2022 to 30th November 2022 against budget and to confirm that the bank reconciliation agrees with the bank statements as previously circulated and sign off – proposed to accept by Cllr Hawthorne, seconded by Cllr Keast and voted unanimously.
- b. To sign off payments scheduled and authorise payments:
Ian Austin (grass cutting November) £225.00, VAT £0.00, total £225.00
SCC (provision of speed indicator device post) - £190.00, VAT £0.00, total £190.00
Andrea Morris (Clerk) – salary for 15 November – 31 December 2022 £193.00, VAT £0.00, total £193.00
HMRC (personal tax for Clerk) - £48.20, VAT £0.00, total £48.20
SARS charitable grant - £100, VAT £0.00, total £100
Proposed by Cllr Heading, seconded by Cllr Watson and unanimously agreed.

10. Church Clock Maintenance – see item 4(a) above.

11. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Cllr Wyer, Chair, closed the meeting at 8.05pm