

BARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Cllr John Bauer Vice Chair: Cllr Martin Belsham

Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Barnham Parish Council

to be held on

Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.00pm in Barnham Village Hall, Mill Lane, Barnham IP24 2NG

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and any other interests in items on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2026.

4. Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to make comments or ask questions relating to matters on this agenda. Any other matters may be raised at the Chair's discretion.

5. County and District Councillor Reports

5.1 Suffolk County Cllr Harry Richardson

5.2 West Suffolk District Cllr Andrew Smith

6. Highway matters

7. MoD Barnham

7.1 Update

7.2 Arrangements for the next Community Engagement Session

7.3 Next newsletter

7.4 Any other matters requiring consideration

8. Planning Matters

8.1 To consider planning applications received: None at the time of issuing agenda

8.2 To note planning decisions and appeals: see attached

9. Finance

9.1 To approve payments and receipts

9.2 To receive the bank reconciliation

9.3 To note budget monitoring

10. Contracts for Review

10.1 Insurance renewal due on 30 September 2026

10.2 Annual mole contract due on 31 August 2026

11. Barnham Village Hall: Internet and Wi-Fi Progress

To receive an update on progress.

12. Reports from Councillors

To receive updates from councillors on external meetings and village matters.

13. Clerk's Report

To receive the Clerk's report and update on actions.

14. Diary Dates

15. Correspondence

To note correspondence received requiring attention

16. Questions to the Chair

To raise items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

17. Date of Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2026 (budget planning)

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County Councillor Report – Harry Richardson

September 2026

A143	The surface dressing and 'LockChip' have now been completed, which represents the permanent repairs to the road surface after it repeatedly failed over the summer. The temporary speed limits remain in situ for the time being to ensure the new surface settles; Highways will return at a later date to reinstall the white lines.
Dunwich Heath wildfire	The major incident was stood down on 10 August after a sustained multi-agency response. Around 600 Suffolk firefighters attended during the incident, supported by crews from 18 other fire and rescue services. Road and footpath restrictions remained while hotspots were monitored and the site made safe; the incident was formally closed on 21 August. Residents were reminded to avoid the area during operations and to follow countryside fire-safety advice.
Home energy support	Two initiatives were announced to help residents reduce energy use and modernise home heating. Homeowners can apply for loans towards eligible energy-efficiency improvements through a county council partnership. Suffolk's public-sector organisations also launched a free proposal service to help households assess options for replacing ageing gas, oil or other heating systems.
River Gipping path	The full 17-mile Gipping Valley River Path reopened following major repairs and improvements at two key locations. The work restores the complete riverside route for walkers and reconnects communities along the valley, improving access to green space and supporting active travel and leisure.
Adult learners	Suffolk's adult learners were recognised at an awards ceremony at Portman Road. The event celebrated individual achievement and the contribution of adult learning to skills, confidence and opportunity across the county.
Adult social care reform	The council highlighted the importance of technology and artificial intelligence in national adult social care reform. Its position was that digital tools should support earlier intervention, more personalised care and better use of staff time, while keeping people and safeguarding at the centre of service design.
Suffolk in Motion	Families were invited to a free Suffolk in Motion travel experience day taking place in the autumn. The event will showcase practical and sustainable ways to travel, giving residents opportunities to explore alternatives for everyday journeys and encouraging healthier, lower-carbon choices.

Cllr Harry Richardson

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Planning Appeal Dismissed 6th August 2026

AP/26/0015/STAND|Planning application - change of use of converted barn from holiday let (class C1) to residential dwelling (class C3)|Workshop Walnut Tree Cottage 4 Thetford Road Barnham Thetford Suffolk IP24 2PA

Planning application approvals July and August 2026

DC/26/0847/TCA|Trees in a conservation area notification - two beech (marked T1 and T2 on plan) overall crown reduction by two metres, one beech (marked T3 on plan) overall crown reduction by 2.5 metres and four lawson cypress (marked G1 on plan) overall crown reduction by three metres |Ridge House Euston Road Barnham Suffolk IP24 2NJ

DC/26/0740/HH|Householder planning application - a. loft conversion with flat roof dormer to rear and two pitch roof dormers to front b. front porch|Half Acre Water Lane Barnham Suffolk IP24 2NA

DC/26/1105/TCA|Trees in a conservation area notification - a. three Beech (T1, T2 and T4 on plan) overall crown reduction by up to three meters b. one Beech (T3 on plan) fell|Hill View Euston Road Barnham Suffolk IP24 2NJ

DC/26/1067/CR3|Regulation 3 planning application (application on behalf of Suffolk County Council) - variation of condition 1 (duration of permission) of permission SCC013516SE - installation of temporary modular building|Barnham Church Of England Vc Primary School Mill Lane Barnham Thetford Suffolk IP24 2NG

DC/26/0991/TCA|Trees in a conservation area notification - one Ash (T1 on plan) fell|Harefield Euston Road Barnham Thetford Suffolk IP24 2NJ