



Barsham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm, Barsham & Houghton Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Andrew Ross (Chairman, James Goodley, Robert Fletcher, Frank Chapman, Grace Howlett. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk) there were no members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present.
Apologies received from Marie Strong (County Councillor), Tom FitzPatrick (District Councillor), Stuart Laws (Vice Chairman). Apologies accepted.

2. **Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

There were none.

3. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2019**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting**

Update on the deer coursing – Local police are aware of the situation and are looking into it.

5. **Receive reports from:**

5.1 Local Police officer was not present.

Police Newsletters are uploaded onto the pc website www.barshamandhoughton-parish-council.co.uk

5.2 NCC

Cllr Marie Strong – (see appendix 1)

5.3 NNDC

Cllr Tom FitzPatrick – Not present

6. **Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public**

There were none.

7 **Shrine Traffic Update**

There was nothing new to report but it was noted that the local police appear to be monitoring and controlling the larger events.

A copy of the shrine events calendar and the route from Norwich Cathedral were circulated.

8 **Defibrillator Update**

Cllr Laws has this in hand.

9 **Planning Matters**

There were none.

10 **Finance**

10.1 Clerk advised the Financial Statement for the period Dec 2019 to Jan 2020 which was AGREED.

10.2 The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

Payment to	Description	Amount (£)
J Bond	Salary	183.34
D Bracey	Play area inspection report	96
Hempton PC	Stationery & Clerk Mobile	26.11
	Total	£305.45
Receipts from	Description	Amount (£)
Barclays	Interest	1.84
	Total	£1.84

It was discussed and agreed to request another bottle bank in East Barsham. Grace will make enquires with Walsingham Parish Council regarding their bottle bank supplier. It will be ideally sited in the Barsham Arms car park.

11 Correspondence

The correspondence was made available to the Councillors.

The play area inspection was discussed. Clerk will obtain prices for the recommended remedial works for next meeting.

12 To consider and adopt the general power of competence

Following the Clerks successful completion of the CiLCA the Parish Council are now eligible to adopt the general power of competence. It was therefore agreed to adopt the GPC.

13 AOB & Items for inclusion at next meeting

There were none.

14 Date of next meeting

Monday 9th March 2020

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed by Chairman: Date:

DRAFT until agreed at next meeting

NCC Marie String Report

Better Broadband for the Barshams:

I asked and received an update on better broadband for the Barshams and here it is:

In September 2016 NCC was sorry to have to tell the Barshams & Houghton St Giles Parish Council that no fibre upgrade was planned that would benefit the Barshams. This was because to achieve the greatest coverage possible for the investment available NCC had not identified specific locations for upgrade as this would have created technical constraints on BT and led to less coverage and speed uplift across Norfolk.

However a new Better Broadband for Norfolk contract has recently been agreed. The new rollout will commence summer 2020 and conclude late 2022. It is expected that implementation of the Fibre to the Premises* solution will serve properties in the Barshams area as part of this rollout. At this stage we are unable to be more precise on dates but expect to have more information when detailed planning is carried out next year. This planning will identify when the implementation will take place and a survey will take place approximately 9 months prior to implementation. This survey will indicate which properties will be covered.

I must add that the whole project is subject to survey and there always remains the small chance that it reveals something that would require more work than expected which could cause a delay or, in extreme cases, it is possible that severe technical issues will be discovered that prevent implementation altogether. So potentially good news with a note of caution.

*Google 'Fibre to the Premises' where you will read of the benefits offered over and above Fibre to the Cabinet.