

# BARSHAM AND SHIPMEADOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held in Barsham and Shipmeadow Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Present:** Mr N Smith Chairman, Mrs P Harris Vice Chair, Mr P Holmes, Mrs J Howell, Mr D Lay, Mrs P Midwinter, Mr M Smith

**Apologies:** Mr J Bumpus family commitment, Waveney District Councillor Mr K Springall emailed his monthly report

**Declarations of Interest:** None

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record

## **Matters Arising:**

112-1115 **Neighbourhood Plan Operational Group** – N Smith and J Bumpus attended. Letter to residents discussed.

113-1115 **Clearing Barsham Village Sign Area** - will be completed when weather permits. Barsham War Memorial site has been weeded, the grass cut and the Memorial seat in memory of Denis Sporle cleaned.

114-1115 **Bus Service 80 Route Change** – Reply received from Anglian Bus. The decision to change the route was made by their route planners and operators in order to provide a better service for customers, decisions will be made based on many varying factors and influences. Many customers have contacted them regarding the changes, should enough do so the route may be reviewed. From 2<sup>th</sup> November route 80 has changed to the Norfolk side between Beccles and Bungay.

115-1115 **Remembrance Day Memorial Service** – The service was taken Rev'd Ian Byrne, with a large congregation attending. Names of the fallen were read out. Mrs Taylor Head of Music at the Sir John Leman High School timed the two minute silence and music student Elliott Fenn played the Last Post and Reveille. Poppy wreaths were laid at the memorial after the service. Refreshments were served. Letters of thanks will be sent to the SJLHS for their continuing support in our community and to Elliott for playing the music so professionally.

116-1115 **B1062 Problems of Flooding, Overgrowing vegetation, Replacement of Grit heap and Alignment of Clarks Lane sign** - Clerk emailed the problems reported in the October minutes. To date no response received from Suffolk County Council Highways.

### **Matters Arising Continued:**

117-1115 **Laurels Farm Wind Turbine** – The Permission to Appeal, granted by the Court of Appeal took place and was heard on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. Lords Justice Richards and Briggs, sitting with Sir David Keene, have now reserved their decision on the appeal and will give their ruling at a later date.

118-1115 **Police Report** – Email received from PC Stirling Parsk giving incidents which have occurred since the last report.

Shipmeadow – Report of suspicious male looking around a business premises.

Barsham – B1062 highway flooding near Barsham Rigg.

Vehicle broken down on highway.

Complaint of mud on road.

### **Public Contribution – None**

### **119-1115 Planning Matters:**

Listed Building Consent Granted DC/15/3573/LBC Replacement of 4 Dormer windows.

12B Viewpoint Mews. Shipmeadow.

### **Financial Matters:**

#### **120-1115 Financial Report to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

BT/Fwd £4115.71

Receipts 925.00 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of Parish Precept

Payments None

Total Balance C/Fwd £5040.71 Statement 286 refers

121-1115 **Payments to be approved** – Mrs P Harris proposed and Mr P Holmes seconded three payments to be reimbursed to the Clerk. All agreed

1) Two Poppy Wreaths for Memorial Service £34.00.

2) Woodstain for Maintenance of wreath stands £7.94.

3) Stationery and postage (March to October) £17.56.

122-1115 **Parish Precept 2016/2017** – The Clerk presented the estimated budget to the Councillors and went through the costings. The bank balance has been building up to enable the PC to cover the cost of £2415.52 which would be owing to WDC if two separate contested elections took place, in addition the Clerk has not taken any salary for three years totalling approx £1900.00. Both parishes did not hold contested elections in May 2015 as not enough residents were prepared to stand. The two uncontested elections cost £252.84. The Clerk recommended that the precept should be reduced. After discussion Mrs P Midwinter proposed and Mrs J Howell seconded the proposal that the Precept for 2016/2017 would be reduced by £600.00 to £1250.00 all agreed.

**123-1115 Correspondence Received:**

**BACT-** Newsletter

**East Suffolk Line Community Rail Partnership** – Invitation to meeting, letter and Annual Report

**SALC** – The case for the Right of Appeal in the Planning Process

**South Norfolk Council** – Adoption of Local Plan Documents

**WDC** – Invitation to Christmas Carol Service

**Any Other Business:**

**124-1115 Mud on B1062 Barsham** – After the October PC meeting several complaints regarding the volume of mud being left on the Beccles side of the old dual carriageway were received. Suggestions were that it was caused by heavy lorries and farm vehicles that were constantly on and off the field being used for bulk storage. SCC Highways have been informed.

**125-1115 Stolen Walnuts** – Email received from the owner of The Old Rectory, Barsham.

Two walnut trees were planted in the private park at the front of the house, every year since the trees have fruited the walnuts have been stolen. As a consequence of these persistent acts of dishonesty the two gates into the park will be padlocked to prevent any access.

**126-1115 Village Hall Entrance of the B1062** – The Chairman reported the problem of vehicles parking in the lay-by in front of the Village Hall entrance and therefore blocking entry or exit. Would some form of hatching on the road at the entrance prevent this?

Chairman will speak to Village Hall Committee to get their views before approaching SCC Highways.

Next scheduled meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: