

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARNHAM BROOM PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs Garrard (PG), Burns (JB), Hensley (JH), Edwards (ME), Ewles (JE) and Read (BR)(Chair).

In attendance: Beth Boorman (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr John Cowan

2. The Minutes of the meeting held in August were approved by BR

3. To accept any declaration(s) of interests

With concern to item 5. JB wished to declare herself as now a Governor of the Primary School.

4. Adjournment for Public Participation

Incorporating item 5.

Headteacher of the Primary School, Mrs Heather Benson, summarised previous changes to the entrance of school. Pedestrian gate was moved due to being a safeguarding issue. HB was informed that yellow lines would not be moved as they would push traffic further down the road despite being advised by health and safety of their concern. HB explained that the safety of the children was a real issue here and exiting the school is not as safe as could be. Clerk has asked highways as to why now changed opinion. HB clarified that parents are continually reminded about safe parking and Clerk clarified that Happy Days also reminded parents in newsletter issued last week.

ME raised point that much has clearly been spent liaising with health and safety as well as Highways yet Highways have chosen cheaper option by only agreeing to extend lines rather than completing job properly by removing and replacing them. ME referred to a recent car accident and that this could occur again if traffic pushed back further. 'Giving in' to highways is wrong. JB explained that the lines should be where the children leave the school and their safety is paramount over a minor inconvenience. JB explained that cars are parked down the road at present so extending the lines will not make that much difference.

It was confirmed that Highways have said that removing the lines would cost too much. JH added that if lines were extended it is only peak times when there are extra cars.

Councillors voted for extending lines with 4 agreeing, 1 disagreeing and 1 neutral. Mrs Benson is in agreement.

Residents have mixed views according to ME and JB.

Clerk to update Robert West at Highways.

BR referred to a letter from 20<sup>th</sup> Feb that confirmed a 20mph speed restriction would be put in place during building works for new housing development. HB also added that the Road Safety officer who visits every year was flabbergasted at speed on the road.

5. Yellow zig-zag lines outside Primary School

As above

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)

None

7. Correspondence

a. Parish Partnership Scheme

Options were discussed. Clerk to investigate two ideas: a) cost of removing yellow lines and replacing them and b) new village signs with picket fence each side. **Clerk to action**

b. Any time limited correspondence

South Norfolk Council, issue of Tree Preservation Order at Mill End, Mill Road. BR proposed to recommend permanent TPO, JB seconded. **Clerk to action.**

8. To update planning responses and consider the Councils view of the following planning applications:

- a. 67 Norwich Road. Proposal: Loft conversion including raising the height of the roof  
No objections. JB requested comment made that due to location of property, to recommend construction vehicles are aware of school peak times.
- b. Any planning notifications  
Home Farm- replacement windows. Approval with conditions.  
Quail Barn- single story extension, cart shed, garage. Approval with conditions.

9. Village Issues

- a. Village newsletter. Quotes were shared.  
Harlequin £80, Wensum £94, Minute Man Press £115, Parish Magazine Printing £41 (inc delivery). **Clerk to investigate** Parish printing. JH to investigate printing from home.
- b. A47 changes  
BR summarised changes and a map sent from Highways England was shared. A new roundabout is being placed at Honingham. Traffic within village could be affected. ME offered to be council representative for future developments.
- c. Any other village Issues  
**Clerk to research**, 'Speedwatch' via PC Squires. And, 'Homewatch'.  
**Clerk to chase** updates on recent NWT survey on Fen land. A nearby resident has taken interested in renting 2 acres of the land for keeping bees, resident to be invited to next meeting. Local resident to the Fen asked can it be sold. **Clerk to confirm** but it is believed as it is a Trust, it cannot be sold.

11. Payment of accounts and precept update

The following payments were agreed and a precept summary distributed.

- a. Clerks salary and reimbursements £153.80 and £328 (Zurich have paid £250 to fix laptop).

12. Future Business- none

13. Dates of future meetings

16 November 2017 at 7.30pm Barnham Broom Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm