

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Thursday 21st April 2016

PRESENT:

Cllr Alex Smith - Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R J Cochrane - Clerk

23 members of the public signed the Attendance Register (*attached to these minutes*)

BPM 01//16 APOLOGIES

County Cllr Julia Truelove, Richard Cage (Barking Tree Warden), Pastor Graham Steward (Barking Chapel), Sandra Reynolds (Choir & WI)

BPM 02/16 MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from the meeting held on 23rd April 2015 were handed out. It was proposed and agreed by those present that they should be signed by the Chair as a true record. The Minutes were duly signed.

BPM 03/16 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

BPM04/16 – POLICE – PC Stefan Henriksen

There was no formal report, but PC Henriksen provided a generic monthly report for the whole of Mid Suffolk. Key Points: More time concentrate on key issues such as Anti-Social Behaviour, Dementia, SpeedWatch, and Neighbourhood Watch.

Q – Who is going to deal with speeding issues?

A – A new team set up to target ‘Hot Spots’. SNT will concentrate according to statistics. Responsibility of Police to enforce speed limits. Highways have a responsibility to see what they can do to reduce speeds.

3 PCs and 6 PCSOs on this SNT, but roles have changed, so only a small pool of resources to cover a huge area/huge list of parishes.

Q/Comment – People seem to take notice of the flashing speed signs.

A – They do help as a reminder.

It was agreed there is a high proportion of people who just ignore the speed limits and it does appear to be getting worse. Insufficient manpower to be everywhere, but hot spots will be focussed on. There was a lot of general discussion about speeding/VAS signs/other measures.

BPM 05/16 INVITED REPRESENTATIVES:

Representatives of the following organisations were invited to speak and, where received, their reports are attached to these Minutes.

a) County Councillor Report – Cllr Julia Truelove

Cllr Truelove was not in attendance but had sent a report which was read by the Parish Clerk. (*Full report attached*)

b) District Councillor Report - Cllr David Card

Cllr Card was not present and had not sent a report nor apologies, but it was reported that he has resigned as District Councillor.

c) **Barking Neighbourhood Watch – Peter Wright - Barking Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Full Report attached.**
Main points: Fly tipping at entrance to Top Farm – has anyone reported it? Clerk to action.

d) **St Mary’s Church, Barking - Sue Marsh (Lay Chair). Full Report attached.**

e) **Barking Chapel – Pastor Graham Steward.**

Graham Steward was unable to be present, and no report had been received.

f) **Barking Tree Warden – Richard Cage. Full report attached.**

Richard Cage was unable to be present, but had sent his report in advance.

g) **Barking Community Council – Brian Smith for Sandra Reynolds (Community Council Chair). Full Report attached.**

Sandra was not able to be present, so Brian Smith read the report.

h) **BATS (Barking Amateur Dramatic Society) – Brian Smith – Full Report attached**

i) **Barking Village Hall Management Committee –Jeremy Reynolds Village Hall Management Committee Chairman). Full Report attached.**

j) Ringshall & Barking WI – Sue Bailey for Sandra Reynolds, President. Full Report attached
Sandra was unable to be present to the Report was delivered by Sue Bailey.

k) Barking Tye Community Choir – Sue Bailey for Sandra Reynolds. Full report attached.
Sandra was unable to be present, so Sue Bailey read the report.

l) Barking Carpet Bowls – Andy Gilder (Barking Carpet Bowls)
Andy Gilder was not able to be present, and no report had been received

m) Ringshall School – Fiona Parker (Key Stage 1 Teacher/SLT/SMSC Lead). Full report attached.

n) Barking Art Group – Mike Griffin for Kate Griffin. Full Report attached.
Kate Griffin was unable to be present, so her report was delivered by Mike Griffin.

o) Barking Pre-School – Shelley Symonds, Barking Pre-School Manager. Full Report attached.

p) Barking Footpaths Group – John Dickerson, Chair, Barking Footpaths Group. Full report attached.
O/S work to do – Bridge at Clipper Jimmys and a fir tree down near Ladyfield. John reported he is stepping down as Chair, with Shaun Cochrane taking over. More help is needed. The Chair thanked John for his work over the years on the Footpath Group.

q) Needham Market and Barking Welfare Charities – David Bishop. Full Report attached.

r) Theobald’s Foundation – Shaun Cochrane. Full Report attached.

BPM06/16 BARKING PARISH COUNCIL –Cllr Alex Smith (Chair). Full Report Attached.

BPM07/16 PUBLIC FORUM

The Chair invited questions from the public. There were no questions.

The Chair thanked all for attending especially those who had put together and delivered presentations to the meeting. The Chair closed the meeting at 9pm.

THE QUEEN’S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen’s 90th Birthday, a news reel of the Queens life was shown, plus a presentation of old photographs of Barking houses and people over the years plus a selection of 1926 music. A Birthday cake and sparkling wine was enjoyed by everyone to mark to occasion of Her Majesty’s 90th Birthday.

Thank you to Jeremy Reynolds (news reel), Rosemary Cochrane (slide show), Shaun Cochrane (music), and Ann Ross & Julie Head (cake) for their help in providing the entertainment and refreshments.

Chairman..... Date.....