

## **Barham and Woolley Parish Council**

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### **Annual General Meeting and Parish Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 held at St Giles Church, Barham**

Councillors Present:

Mr P Harrison  
Mr T Massey  
Mrs Grove –Price  
Mr Norman Grundy

2 members of the public present

**1.** AGM was opened at 19.35

**2. Apologies.** None

#### **3. To elect a Chairman**

Mr T Massey proposed Mr Harrison to stand as Chairman seconded by Mrs Grove-Price , unanimous vote

#### **4.To elect a Vice Chairman**

Mr Grundy proposed Mrs Grove –Price to stand as Vice Chairman seconded by Mr T Massey, unanimous vote

#### **5. To elect a Responsible Financial Officer**

Mrs Grove-Price proposed Mr Massey to stand as Responsible Financial Officer seconded by Mr Grundy. Unanimous vote.

**6.** As a vacancy became available when Mr John Williams stepped down, Fiona Webb would like to volunteer to be co-opted onto the Parish Council in Mr Williams place, Mr Grundy proposed this action, seconded by Mrs Grove-Price. Unanimous vote. Mr Harrison welcomed her to the Parish Council. As there wasn't an AGM held in 2020 due to Covid 19 there were no minutes to be read.

**The AGM closed at 19.43**

Mr Harrison opened the Parish Council Meeting at 19.44

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in February via a zoom meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions still being in place, had been circulated and were approved after Mrs Grove-Price read them out to refresh councillors memories. Proposed N Grundy, seconded Mr T Massey.

## **7. Matters Arising**

State of the roads will be covered in any other business.

**8.** Declaration of Pecuniary interest – none, and forms were handed out by the Clerk for completion by Councillors.

## **9. RFO report**

The Responsible Financial Officer, Mr Massey, reported that there is still £500 allocated for the pond in the accounts. A copy of the accounts was distributed to Councillors which show that as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 there was £3972.55 in the current account and £1806.77 in the reserve account. The Insurance, fee to CAPALC and the website hosting fees were still to be paid, but would be done so shortly. All agreed that Mr Massey could go ahead and pay these outstanding invoices.

Mr Grundy proposed to accept the accounts and Mrs Grove-Price seconded.

Mr Massey needs to get the accounts audited. He also asked for Mr Harrison and Mrs Wolfe to provide signatures to be scanned for the Bank to enable him to carry on with online internet banking.

## **10. Correspondence**

None

## **11. A14 junctions update and passing place issues**

Mrs Grove-Price had attended an online team meeting with the MP and representatives of all the local Parish Councils along the Ellington to Northants border A14 to discuss the dangerous cross over junctions and lack of slip road length at many of them, along with the petrol station at Spaldwick. The planned flyovers for these junctions was scrapped indefinitely in 2003 and nothing has been done since. With the traffic now increased along this stretch, and with faster moving traffic, the local Parish Councils have been liaising with Councillor Ian Gardiner, for safety improvements or the shutting of the cross overs so that the existing flyovers had to be used. Easton and Keyston want to keep the crossovers as it would affect these villages particularly.

Highways England included their employee for this part of the A14 in the meeting, and he knows the road very well as he drives it every day. The landowner at Ellington for the slip road to Easton was also in attendance, and requested a site meeting to assess. The dates for a site meeting at each junction are still awaited, and this will be with Highways England, landowners, and PC representatives. This has been left with Councillor Ian Gardiner to move forward.

## **12. Any Other Business**

Councillors have asked the Clerk to write to Councillor Gardiner again regarding the state of the roads, especially verge sides and potholes, on the Spaldwick, Leighton and also Buckworth roads. It was noted that a lot of the surrounding roads and villages had seen some remedial work to the potholes etc, but the above mentioned roads had been left out. The issue of passing places on these roads will be addressed with Councillor Gardiner.

Mrs Grove-Price also attended a meeting of the Woolley Hill Wind Farm grant committee. Alconbury school had asked for more funding, as had the recreation ground at Alconbury Sports & Social. Alconbury Church's request was rejected due to conflicts of interest. Another Parish had asked for funding for a defibrillator.

Ellington have requested some roadside gates to slow traffic entering the village, and have recently had an automatic speed sign installed, the smiling and sad face design for speed. These are solar powered, and it was discussed amongst Barham & Woolley Councillors, whether we should apply for funding from the wind farm grant for this type of sign for Barham village initially, and maybe Woolley at a later date.

It was decided to go ahead with the application for the August Wind Farm Grant meeting, as there is approx. £60,000 in their kitty of which only approx. £20,000 has been granted to date. The Clerk would get some pricing, but Mr Grundy estimated approx. £3000 per sign.

**13.** Next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 19th at 19.45 at St. Giles Church, Barham.

Meeting closed at 20.20

**Signed by the**  
**Chairman.....Date.....**

**Signed by the**  
**Clerk.....Date.....**

