

Barham Parish Council – MARCH 2026 In Touch Report

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Barham Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Would you like to become a Barham Parish Councillor and help make a difference to your village? Do you care about where you live, its facilities, activities, open spaces? Whatever needs tackling or improving locally, becoming a Parish Councillor gives people the opportunity to change things. YOU can help to make a difference to the quality of life for people in Barham. If you are age 18 or over, you are an elector of the parish, during the whole of the last 12 months have occupied as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish. The Parish Council meetings are usually held every other month on a Monday evening at 7pm in Barham Church Hall. The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish Councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it now, come along to a Parish Council meeting or speak to our Parish Clerk (see contact details below). Applications to be sent to the Clerk by Monday 9th March 2026.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR CHRIS CHAMBERS.

Reported that £26 million has been secured in bus funding, this will help to maintain and improve the fleet and enable more bus routes to be included.

An application has been submitted to improve the No 88 bus service.

SCC has put in a holding objection to the Port One Planning Application, objecting to Highways issues and the fact that the Highways consultation is not good enough. Expects BMSDC to take at least a year to come to a decision on the Port One planning application.

A battery safety campaign is now live, advice on how and where to safely dispose of batteries.

Issues were raised regarding the number of pot holes in the roads around the village. Cllr Chambers urged that these should be reported on the SCC Highways reporting tool. Website link;

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

PLANNING APPLICATION DC/25/05114 – Land At Field Quarry (Also known as Masons Quarry) Bramford Rd, Great Blakenham, IP6 0XJ Outline planning permission (with layout, scale, appearance and landscaping being reserved) for the extension of Port One Logistics Park, to include up to 195,000 sqm of commercial floorspace comprising logistics warehousing with ancillary offices; offices and vertical farms; up to 115,000 sqm of depots and container storage; a solar farm, cafe and substations; new vehicle and HGV access from the south, the improvement of the existing access from the B1113 and a means of emergency access only from Circular Road; associated earthworks to create development platforms and bunds to boundaries; new landscaping and recreation areas; creation of nature reserve and the burying of overhead powerlines underground; together with a full sustainable drainage scheme and the provision of private treatment plant(s). (Accompanied by EIA Statement).

The PC discussed traffic issues visual impact on the skyline. An extension to the deadline for comments to be made to BMSDC 23rd February 2026. The PC agreed to object to the planning application.

Port One representative will attend the next Parish Council meeting, on 16th March to give further details on the proposed planning application.

FORTHCOMING PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The venue and agenda for all our meetings is always advertised on the Parish Council notice boards at Barham Green, Lower Crescent and outside the Co-op Food Store. Unless otherwise announced, full council meetings are held on every other month on a Monday evening at 7.00pm at the Barham Church Hall. (However Extra Ordinary Meetings may not make the deadline to be advertised in the In Touch).

Members of the public will be welcome to raise any matters in the Open Forum before the meeting.

Dates for 2026;

16th March, 18th May, 27th July, 21st September and 16th November.

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