

# BARKWAY BULLETIN

A Regular Newsletter from the Parish Council of Barkway



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## Welcome to another edition of the Barkway Bulletin.

There are many items included in this edition. You should find them very informative and interesting. As always, comments and thoughts on the wide range of material covered will be welcome through the usual channels

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### Chairman's Statement



#### Looking back

Firstly I would like to thank Sonia Falaschi-Ray for her contribution during her time as Chairman through the beginning of 2017.

Let's take a look back over the last 12 months and what we have achieved as a Parish Council

#### War Memorial

In November we unveiled our newly refurbished War Memorial. I would like to thank Catharine Toms and Bob Davidson for all the effort they put in seeking the grants and creating a memorial fitting to remember all those who served during the two world wars and many other conflicts since.

#### Planning

NHDC Local Plan and BK3

A huge amount of our time in the last year has been taken up dealing with the NHDC Local Plan and applications that are associated with the land. The Local Plan is currently being reviewed by the Inspectorate and we currently have no time frame on when a decision will be made.

The Parish Council would like to thank Sonia for the representation she made in February on behalf of the Parish Council. I would like also to thank all the Parish Council for the effort they have all put in wading through the Local Plan information.

#### Windmill Close

At long last the Parish Council has secured a new open space for the use of the village. It is located to the rear of houses along Royston Road and Windmill Close. This is a valuable open space and is there for the enjoyment of all the residents.

The dividing fence shows the area that will eventually be sold off for housing.

We would like to remind residents that this is an open space and as such should not be used as a dumping ground for garden waste or other household or business waste, as this is classed as fly tipping and is a criminal offence.

### Looking ahead

The Parish Council is now up to full strength and this will aid us greatly in the year to come.

Looking at the year ahead, below are just some of the highlights we envisage that will come to fruition.

#### New Zip Wire

Unfortunately the very popular zip wire on the "Rec" was condemned as unsafe earlier this year. We have carried out repairs in the past and are pleased to say that funding has now been secured for a replacement zip wire. The old one will now be dismantled in readiness for the installation, starting on 14th May, of a new longer zip wire

#### Bus Shelter

The "Beast from the East" blew and blew and lifted the bus shelter on Royston Road off its foundations. Full funding has now been secured for a new improved shelter, which we hope will be installed before September.

#### Phone Box

After much discussion with regard to the use of the refurbished phone box, we have decided to install a defibrillator, this is currently being investigated and we hope to have an update soon.

#### To report fly tipping

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/transport-and-streets/street-cleaning/fly-tipping>

#### To report a pothole

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/highways-roads-and-pavements.aspx>

**Graham Swann**

## Meet your new Parish Councillors

### Jackie Connolly



Jackie moved to Barkway in 2001 with her husband Dave and their two daughters. The early years were busy with all things child related and now that the girls are older any extra free time has been absorbed by Jackie's accounting practice and also working for a local company based at Cokenach. She has really enjoyed living in Barkway over the years and hopes that she can give something back during her time as a Parish Councillor. Jackie was co opted to the Council on 18th December 2017 and will be managing any special projects initiated by the Parish Council.

### Bill Dennis



Bill moved to Barkway with his wife Pat to be closer to family. Bill worked in the manufacturing industry before setting up his own consultancy firm before retiring. His hobbies have included sailing, gardening and model railways. He was co-opted in January and will have the Highways portfolio.

### Peter Baker



Peter is a head teacher. He is a keen jogger and enjoys walking his two dogs. Peter was co opted to the Council on 12th Feb this year and brought the Parish Council up to its maximum of seven Councillors. Peter will look after the Property Portfolio.

### **\*Barkway and Newsells Annual Parish Meeting—Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start\***

Barkway Parish Council cordially invites residents to the Annual Parish Meeting, which is being held in the Community Room at the Pavilion. Drinks will be served from 7.30pm.

There will be an opening statement from the Chairman, Graham Swan, updating residents on Parish Council activity over the past year.

This will be followed with a talk by our guest speaker. This year the Parish Council is delighted to be welcoming Mr Kevin FitzGerald from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). His talk is titled: *'What is the future for Hertfordshire's countryside?'* It will be based on - *Our countryside, in particular the allegedly 'protected' Green Belt, is under threat again.*

Following a short interval, representatives from village organisations will be giving reports on their activities over the past year. It is hoped to see as many of you as possible.

### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

The new law regarding Data Protection comes into effect on 25 May 2018. To be compliant with the new regulations the Parish Council must demonstrate it has consent to use your data. As a resident of the Parish of Barkway and Newsells and/or someone who has requested to be included on the email database to receive emails from Barkway Parish Council containing important news about matters relating to the village, it trusts that you are content for your data to be held on the database system. However, you have the right for your data to be removed from the system at any time. To review your data, you may contact the Parish Clerk who can advise what is currently on file. Any changes to data can be performed after a written request (which can be done via email or letter to the Parish Clerk).

When dealing with personal data, Barkway Parish Council staff and Councillors ensure that:

1. Data is processed fairly and lawfully
2. Data is processed for specified purposes only
3. Data is relevant to what it is needed for
4. Data is accurate and kept up to date
5. Data is not stored longer than it is needed
6. Data is processed in accordance with the rights of the individuals
7. Data is kept securely

**If you would like to continue to receive emails from Barkway Parish Council regarding important Parish matters, you will be contacted shortly asking if you would like to 'opt in', otherwise your contact details will be deleted from our database before 25th May 2018.** This is a mandatory requirement by law for all organisations to comply with these new regulations (GDPR).

If you are not already receiving emails from Barkway Parish Council and would like to be kept up to date with information relating to the Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Your Councillors**

Graham Swann: (Chair) Planning  
Giuseppe Frapporti: (Vice Chair) Environment  
Bob Davidson: Corporate Governance & IT  
Bernie Morss: Leisure & Recreation  
Bill Dennis: Highways  
Jackie Connolly: Special Projects  
Peter Baker: Property  
Catharine Toms: Parish Clerk

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## MORE PARISH MATTERS.....

### The Pavilion - Maintenance Day— Volunteers Wanted



The Parish Council is seeking help to carry out a few necessary maintenance tasks at the Pavilion.

It is looking for able and willing people to volunteer for a few hours on **Saturday 9th June**.

Tasks involved include re-coating the outside wooden cladding, which has become very sun bleached.

Also outside, there are gutters to be cleared out.

Inside the Pavilion, if the outside jobs get finished (or the weather is bad) there are walls which would greatly benefit from being re-painted.

All in all, a few jobs to smarten the place up again.

If you fancy joining a willing group of volunteers on this Community Event, there will be also be some beers and a BBQ lunch provided as a thank you for all helpers, along with unlimited tea and coffee throughout the day.

If you are able to help out on this day, please let the Parish Clerk know.

[parishclerk@barkway-village.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@barkway-village.co.uk)

Thank you.

### Highways

The effect of the bad weather in the past months has had a devastating effect on some of the roads within and surrounding the village. If you spot a pot hole please use the NHDC website to report any potholes, so that a quick repair can be made.

### Parking on Pavements

Please consider pedestrians when parking on the foot path. Whilst it is not an offence to park partly on the path, it is an offence to block it partially or fully.

Especially if you are forcing any user of the footpath to step in to the road to go around your vehicle.

### Heavy Goods Vehicles

The Parish Council will soon be looking for volunteers to help with gaining a weight restriction along the length of the B1368.

Whilst it will not stop lorries accessing local businesses, it will stop HGVs using it as a short cut to by pass Royston.

We have been in contact with Parish Councils along the length of the B1368 and all have agreed that action needs to be taken.

Our next step would be to start taking traffic surveys to measure how big an issue this is.

If you are interested in supporting this please contact Councillor Bill Dennis via the Parish clerks email

### Speeding

Councillor Bill Dennis lives close to Cambridge Road, and is aware that there is a problem of speeding traffic both entering and leaving the village. Councillor Dennis would be pleased to hear from residents as to their views and experiences on this topic.

### **\*\*New Garden Waste and Separate Food Waste Collections\*\***

Residents are reminded that the new chargeable garden waste collections will start week commencing 14th May.

Crews will be informed which addresses have paid for this service using their in-cab screens.

Residents can continue to sign up to the chargeable garden waste service up to and beyond the start of the service by visiting: [www.north-herts.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

Weekly separate food waste collections will also start from week commencing 14th May. All outdoor caddies should have been delivered to households by 4th May.



### Coffee Mornings



An innovative, community minded activity has been organised by Tom Wornham. On the second Thursday of every month, coffee mornings will be held in Barkway Village Hall at 10.30am. Everyone from Barkway and the surrounding area is welcome. For just £2 per person, you can drink as much tea or coffee as you like and eat as many biscuits as you can manage. It is a great opportunity to meet people and discuss whatever you want. Future dates are 10th May, 14th June and 12th July.

## Environment Issues

By Giuseppe Frapporti



### Burning of Waste

There have been a few instances recently of burning of waste. Your own domestic waste, for example garden waste, can be burned as long this will not cause pollution or harm to people's health. In light of recent charges of garden waste collection, it is likely more garden waste will be burnt. If the garden bonfire is happening in a manner likely to cause pollution of the environment or harm to human health (including offence to man's senses) it is an offence. Please contact North Hertfordshire District Council and ask for the Environmental Health department on 01462 459368. The

website <https://www.gov.uk/garden-bonfires-rules> outlines the rules.

If the waste being burnt is of a different origin, trade waste, tyres or manure for example - you are unable to burn this waste. You can report someone burning this type of waste to the Environment Agency incident line: 0800 80 70 60.

The burning of manure is regulated in the same manner. North Hertfordshire District Council regulates burning on domestic premises/stabling. The Environment Agency regulates the burning on commercial/agricultural premises. Controlled waste from commercial/agricultural premises can only be burnt under the conditions of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010. Under these regulations there are currently no exemptions available for the burning of manure. Therefore any site that wants to burn manure must apply for a bespoke environmental permit. Please report these incidents to the Environment Agency incident line: 0800 80 70 60.

### Fly Tipping

Fly tipping recently occurred on private land. Smaller incidents of fly tipping (less than a lorry load of 20 cubic metres) should be reported to North Hertfordshire District Council. Larger fly tipping (several lorry loads) should be reported to the Environment Agency. Telephone numbers are same as reporting waste burning. Fly tipping will be investigated and it is very helpful if you can provide answers to the following questions:

What type of waste has been tipped (asbestos only - is it fibrous or bonded)?

Is the amount of waste greater than 20 tonnes (or greater than 5 cubic meters for asbestos)?

Who has tipped the waste?

Do you have any vehicle details?

Is there any other evidence of who has tipped the waste?

Where has the waste been tipped?

Is there any immediate risk of pollution from the waste?

Please do not to engage with fly tippers when you witness the event, but try to collect as much evidence and information as you can.

**Unfortunately, it is the land owners responsibility to clear any waste from their land.**

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### Dates for your Diary

Parish Council meetings are held in the Reading Room on the second Monday of every month, starting at 7.30pm. Scheduled meetings for the next quarter are 14th May (including the Annual Meeting) and 11th June. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Please do not forget that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 16th May in the Community Room at the Pavilion at 7.30pm. Parishioners are warmly invited and refreshments will be provided.**