

Barden Residents Association Meeting - Tuesday 26th November 2019

In Attendance

Angela Clark (Chair), Matt Stabeler (Vice-Chair), Lucy Athey (Secretary), Alison Cackett (Treasurer), John Cackett, Mark Hood, Jo Young, Frankie Brady, Averil Langridge, Julie Lane, Pratik Parekh, Matt Marshall, Matt Rudd, Emma Cole, Glynn Rees, Claire O'Shea

Approval of Minutes & Apologies

Angela Clark (Chair) called the meeting to order and the previously circulated minutes from the AGM on 25th September were agreed. Apologies from Fran Long, Sarah Brown, Greg Fox, Megan LeGoubin, Matt Sargent and Gill Sargent.

20mph & Parking Update

The new 20mph signage, which we have been campaigning for since May 2016, has finally begun to be installed in our streets. We hope that the larger road markings will also be added soon, however signage will be slightly delayed in Avebury Avenue due to the scaffolding and current works on the library. MH had been in touch with KCC councillor Michael Payne asking for updates on this and also informed him about the uneven pavements in our area in need of maintenance. The new speed limit cannot be enforced until all the signs are completed.



We are due to have a meeting about the parking scheme as a follow up to our 2018 meeting. A consultation is scheduled shortly regarding a sliding scale of resident permit prices, according to how many cars a household has. MH has also requested that there be a consultation about the removal of *all* business permits in all of the Tonbridge area in his role as Councillor.

River Lawn Update

Unfortunately the proposed date of 3rd December for the decision on the River Lawn Village Green application has been delayed due to Election purdah, to be rearranged in 2020.

Litter Bins

JL reiterated the need for litter bins near the railway between Nelson and Clare Avenue, and also near Chestnut Walk to try to combat the litter in this area. There is also a missing salt box in this area. MH to follow up.

Christmas Social and Christmas Window Competition



Our **Christmas social** will be on **Sunday 22nd December** from 3:30pm onwards in The Nelson Arms. Donations of mince pies and prizes for the fundraising raffle will be gratefully received. Raffle prizes can be passed on to LA in 24 Gladstone Road or via Barden Stores. There will also be a prize for the best Christmas jumper to be judged by landlords Matt and Emma.

Local musician Tom Carradine will be performing at The Nelson Arms on the evening of the 23rd December.

Our local pub is also the venue for a community quilt making event organised by Tonbridge Calling on December 7th from 11am to 2pm. All ages are welcome to come and create a patch for the quilt.

Christmas Window competition – FB, JC & AC kindly volunteered to be the judges for our annual Christmas window competition. A prize will be awarded for the most festive window display in Barden,



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- Christmas bin schedule – Collections on Friday 27th December will be due Monday 30th December, collections on Friday 3rd January will be on Sunday 5th January https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/857120/Xmas-bin-hangers-2019.pdf
- Air Quality monitoring equipment has been replaced on the high street, just above McDonalds, after the previously monitor had been relocated to another area in Kent. Unfortunately, Tonbridge High Street is one of the worst areas in West Kent for air pollution, so it is good news that this is once again being monitored.
- A resident asked how can we get more involved with our older neighbours? JY suggested that residents invite their neighbours to the Angel Centre Christmas party on Thursday December 5th, 2pm to 5pm, this only costs £2.50 and includes a free raffle. <https://www.tmactive.co.uk/locations/angel-centre/calendar-of-events/angel-centre/special-event/senior-citizens-christmas-party-3>

We were also informed that the Lions Club host a senior singles party in February. MR offered to advertise future social events aimed at the elderly in The Nelson Arms monthly leaflet drop. MH to follow up this subject with his council contact who works in this area.

Next Meetings

Meetings usually alternate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8pm to enable as many people as possible to attend and are held at the Scout Hut in Lambert's Yard (unless advertised being elsewhere).

The next meetings are;

Wednesday January 22nd 2020

Tuesday March 24th 2020

Wednesday May 20th 2020