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Chair

Barnham Broom PC

Re Planning Barnham Broom for the future

We are all now aware that South Norfolk wish to increase the number of houses in Barnham Broom and have identified 3 sites where they could be built. It seems that they have recently made a visit and come up with the list you described at the recent meeting of the PC

We feel that this approach is not good enough for Barnham Broom

Our view and I believe the view of several others in the village is that we need to look at the bigger picture, to include the whole village for both the short and longer term. We would include:

* Developing the field opposite the pub as a facility for the village
* Upgrading the facilities offered by the village hall.
* Carefully considering how our plans could neutralize the risks of BB becoming a rat run between the A47 and the A11
* When we have set down the proposed lay out, identifying spaces for new houses

We are sure there will be others who have excellent ideas and a vision for the future which goes well past the immediate need for new housing.

**The Field on the corner**

For many years we have thought that the field opposite the pub and the shop should become a focal point. When we came to Barnham Broom one could at least see the grass but now the hedges have grown up that enjoyment of an open space in the middle of the village has gone.

One of the quintessential features of some many beautiful English village is a piece of grassland in its middle

* We believe it would increase the quality of life of everyone in the village, even if the hedges were removed it would help
* If it became accessible it could be a place for people to meet, there could be some benches and a small pavilion.
* Perhaps an area opposite the pub could be made available where awnings could be erected and where it would be possible to have a drink / eat, especially if a traffic calming system was placed in the road where people could cross safely.
* Working in some parking opposite the shop must be something most of us would like to see
* There would still be space for houses but as an amenity for the village these suggestions could be massive. There is no reason why some grazing should still be possible.
* This is only a taster in terms of what is possible and we are sure the village should give the idea some thought before the whole area is smothered in concrete.

Could the village buy the field? Doubtless, it would be very expensive but there would be grants available.

**The Village Hall**

The village hall has served us well and great credit must go to Sir Richard Jewson and the band of helpers that built it, round about the time we came to BB.

Nowadays village halls are much more sophisticated and available to more groups of people needing different requirements. A higher ceiling would allow badminton, a stage etc. The school might well have some ideas how they could use . Any new design must be based around multipurpose use.

Thus, we would strongly recommend to your committee that consideration is given to taking a wider look at the whole of the village and generate a vision for the future development of Barnham Broom.

We will conclude by saying:

That if this letter triggers a wider debate we will feel it was worth writing and that we would be very happy to play a part in any future discussion if we could be of help.

We look forward to your response

Kind Regards