**MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 8th MARCH 2021 – REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Present:

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| Cllr R Burlend MBE (Chairman) | Cllr M Jaggard | Cllr K Kirkham |
| Cllr D Jackaman | Cllr S Tuttlebury | Cllr C Day |
| Cllr S Sellens | Cllr J Hills | Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk) |
| Cllr P Singleton | 6 members of public |  |
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| 1.00 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr S Barker, Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Clyne MVO, Cllr P Lavelle |
| 2.00 | **Declaration of Interest** - Nil |
| 3.00 | **Public Forum**  One member of the public highlighted the consequences associated with the road closure of High Easter Rd.  In particular, the businesses which operate at Martels Industrial Estate feel that the notice of closure should have been issued with at least 30 days’ notice and distributed more widely, for example a letter drop to businesses.  Cllr Burlend summarised a meeting which he attended with Cllr Bentley and Cllr Barker. Cllr Burlend explained the one. network which is the online live traffic map provided by Essex Highways. Cllr Burlend also requested better co-ordination between Highways and district and parish councils, in order to filter the information through to residents.  Cllr Burlend is waiting for a written document from Cllr Bentley following their meeting.  One member of the public proposed that the parish council should have a representative on the Barnston community Facebook page. Cllr Burlend suggested that Facebook was not the right forum for conducting parish business and that currently the clerk emails information to the editor of the page to circulate.  The clerk agreed to provide more links to the village website and regular updates. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  There was a general discussion regarding local broadband speeds and the providers of ultrafast broadband.  One member of the public raised concerns about antisocial behaviour that takes place in the entrance to Martels Industrial Estate. Cllr Day asked the resident to contact the Uttlesford police hub. Cllr Day expressed the need to report all incidents, no matter how small. |
| 4.00 | **High Easter Road Closures**  Addressed under item 3 |
| 5.00 | **District & County Councillors Report**  Cllr Day provided a District Councillor’s report for the meeting. Key points of the report included;  The elections formally start with the publication of the Notice of Election for the various polls that are taking place on 6 May. Poll cards will be issued around that date to those residents who are entitled to vote.  The nomination period runs from Monday 22 March until Thursday 8 April at 4pm.Full details of candidates for all polls will appear on the UDC website on Friday 9 April.  All polling stations in Uttlesford will have Covid safety measures in place, but postal voting is being encouraged.  **Staff required** - staff are required to assist at polling stations and at the count, which will take place at the Lord Butler Centre, Saffron Walden immediately after the polling stations close with the count taking place through  the night. Residents are encouraged to assist and anyone interested to contact Phillip Hardy, Electoral Services Manager at [PHardy@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:PHardy@uttlesford.gov.uk)  At a Full meeting of the Council, held on 23rd February, the budget which set out the council's spending plans over the next financial year, were debated and voted on by councillors. The meeting approved a £5 per year increase, which is about 10p a week for the district council portion of the Council Tax bill. This means the average Band D property will be paying £161.61 for services provided by the district council. This will give the authority around £190,000 extra funding to provide services for the year.  Local Plan updates can be found online by visiting:  https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan?utm\_medium=email&utm\_source=govdelivery  There is an on-going review of the governance arrangements for the planning process that has received significant input from the East of England Local Government Association (EELGA). It was anticipated that this review would not be completed until August this year at the earliest. A report on the review of the Development Control‘s processes was also expected by the end of this month, with the possibility of changes being made in the new financial year.  There was a discussion regarding the aim of achieving net-zero carbon status by 2030. Cllr Burlend suggested that zero carbon policies should be written into the local plan for building standards and low energy homes.  'Uttlesford Making a Difference Awards' has been launched. This is about recognising and celebrating those people who have made a difference to others during the coronavirus pandemic.  We would welcome residents within Barnston to nominate anyone in the village who they feel is deserving of an award. There are several categories, and the closing date for nominations is 14 April. Full details are on the UDC website or contact Sue Hayden [shayden@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:shayden@uttlesford.gov.uk)  Cllr Day provided an update on community safety. Reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) has seen a 28.9% increase, much of this is also linked to Covid and the lockdowns.  Criminal damage has also seen a spike, but this was due to the damage caused to rural locations and mass reporting that was encouraged in the Broxted and Debden areas. Reporting incidents raises police awareness.  Our Community Safety Officer is working closely with the Essex Police Fraud Officer, to produce an ‘easy to follow’ Scam Awareness booklet, which will be distributed to each household across the district.  Cllr Kirkham and Cllr Hills raised concerns regarding the increase in rural crime. Cllr Day stressed the importance of reporting all incidents to the police, no matter how trivial. The clerk agreed to upload information to the website. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 6.00 | **Road Safety**  Cllr Burlend has compiled the latest speed data information. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 7.00 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  Cllr Tuttlebury highlighted a correction to item 16. ‘An increase in dog waste from the end of Parsonage Lane to the church.’  Minutes of the previous meeting (8th February 2021) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr R Burlend, Chairman. |
| 8.00 | **Action Points from previous Meeting**  The clerk wrote to Cllr Barker the car park at Garnetts Wood this matter. Cllr Barker will report back in due course.  The Neighbourhood Plan presentation with Cllr Evans has been postponed until the meeting in April.  The damaged grass verge on Chelmsford Rd has been releveled and seeded.  The clerk contacted MCL Ltd regarding the vehicle oil leak in Barnston Green. They have agreed to check the vehicle and park the vehicle at their depot overnight.  Litter picks have been carried out on both sides of Buttles Hill. These will now be included in the grounds maintenance contract.  The clerk contacted UDC regarding the additional dog bin on Parsonage Lane. They confirmed that no new dog bin collections can be added to the rota.  The cracked window on the bus stop will be looked at in due course. |
| 9.00 | **Clerk’s Report**  Cllr Kirkham reported that the post box at Wells Tye Green has been removed. Both Cllr Kirkham and the clerk have contacted the Royal Mail to ascertain the reason for this. Cllr Day confirmed that the post box had been stolen. Incident number: 42/39820/21.  The Kompan quotation for new play apparatus will be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.  The UDC Green waste skip is now running, dates can be found on the village website and notice boards. |
| 10.00 | **Financial Position – Statement of bank account as at 28th February 2021**  The financial position as at 28th February 2021 was £ 28,875.64 in the current account. |
| 11.00 | **Planning Applications**  UTT/21/0600/TPO | 4no. Oak fell to ground level. | Honey Trees Bishops Green High Easter Road Barnston –Noted |
| 12.00 | **Planning Applications Determined - Nil** |
| 13.00 | **Planning Appeals - Nil** |
| 14.00 | **General Correspondence to note -** Nil |
| 15.00 | **EALC – Various (SS)** |
| 16.00 | **Bus News (ST) –** Nil |
| 17.00 | **Any Other Business**  Cllr Jackaman confirmed that the green waste skip was well attended and thanked the village hall caretaker and chairman for their assistance.  Cllr Jackaman requested that the pavement edging along Chelmsford Rd is cleared of debris. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  Cllr Tuttlebury reported a cracked drain located at Watts Close. The clerk agreed to report this to the Highways department**. ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |

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| **March 2021** |  |
| Landvista Ltd | £162.00 |
| Holmes & Hills Solicitors | £ 1728.00 |
| Landvista Ltd | £423.60 |
| Landvista Ltd | £837.60 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Salary) | £503.90 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Expenses) Zoom conferencing | £14.39 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Expenses) | £77.99 |
| **DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS** |  |
| EON | £95.07 |
| A&J Lighting | £59.88 |
| UDC | £56.46 |

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th April 2021, 7:45 p.m. via Zoom.

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