

**MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 – BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

Cllr R Burlend MBE (Chairman)	Cllr J Clyne MVO	Cllr K Kirkham
Cllr D Jackaman	Cllr J Hills	Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk)
Cllr M Jaggard	Cllr C Day	Cllr P Singleton

1.00	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>Cllr S Sellens, Cllr S Barker, Cllr S Tuttlebury, Cllr P Lavelle, Cllr R Jones</p>
2.00	<p><b><u>Declaration of Interest</u></b> – Nil</p>
3.00	<p><b><u>Public Forum</u></b></p> <p>Mr Rankin attended the meeting to discussion agenda item 6: the management of Onslow Green Nature Reserve.</p>
4.00	<p><b><u>District &amp; County Councillors Report</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Day provided a District Councillor’s report for the meeting. Key points of the report included;</p> <p>Uttlesford District Council has just completed the initial consultation on its Local Plan, this is on track with the timetable agreed in the Local Development Scheme in October 2020.</p> <p>Affinity Water have just published their draft Drought Plan for 2022 and are now in a period of public consultation. Further details can be seen by following this link  <a href="https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/corporate/plans/droughtmanagement">https://www.affinitywater.co.uk/corporate/plans/droughtmanagement</a>  Comments on the draft Drought Plan should be submitted by 5pm on 30th July 2021</p> <p>The London Stansted Airport Appeal was discussed. Members of the Parish Council raised concerns about the financial implications of the outcome of the appeal.</p> <p>It was noted that the decision by UDC to turn down the application which had been approved by the previous Administration had ultimately led to Stansted Airport Limited being successful at Appeal and UDC being ordered to pay Stansted Airport Ltd costs.</p> <p>It appeared likely that the appeal costs incurred by both the District Council and the costs of Stansted Airport Ltd would be substantial and Parish Council members were concerned this money is public money which would no longer be available to provide facilities and services to the local community.</p> <p>Members of the Parish Council had reviewed the decision by the Planning Inspectors and were concerned that UDC’s decision to turn down the application was not prudent or robust and had led to unnecessary expense, this was supported by examples of the comments made in the inspectors report which included:</p> <p>‘The Council resolved to grant permission for the development on 14 November 2018 but subsequently reconsidered its position more than a year later and then formally refused planning permission. Whilst there is nothing wrong with a different committee exercising different planning judgement, such a drastic change in position by a public body should be fully and robustly justified</p> <p>‘Despite advise from its officers that there had been no material changes in policy or circumstances that would justify a different decision in 2020 the Council formally refused planning permission’.</p>

	<p>‘The reasons for refusal were unquestionably vague and generalised, suggesting that the appellant had failed to demonstrate the effects on aircraft noise and air quality despite the extensive evidence presented and accepted on these topics. The reasons for refusal left the actual and specific concerns of the Council opaque, even having regard to the Committee minutes....Indeed the Council’s own appeal evidence was that the planning balance was favourable, such that planning permission should be granted.’.</p> <p>The reasons for refusal became vaguer still at reason 3 which sought to rely on a conflict with general accepted perceptions and understandings of the importance of climate change’.</p> <p>‘This was notwithstanding the Council’s witnesses individually accepting that the issues raised could be overcome by conditions or obligations, and its planning witness having accepted in written evidence that the development was acceptable in planning terms overall’.</p> <p>‘So far as conditions were pursued, much time was taken at the Inquiry dealing with ‘condition 15’ an unnecessarily onerous and misconceived condition that patently fails to see the relevant tests’</p> <p>‘The panel therefore find that unreasonable behaviour resulting in unnecessary or wasted expense, as described in the PPG has been demonstrated and that a full award of costs is justified’.</p>
5.00	<p><b><u>Road Safety</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Hills requested replacement road chevrons which were positioned on the Barnston bends. The clerk confirmed that these have been reported. Cllr Hills agreed to obtain some photographs. <b><u>ACTION: CLLR HILLS</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Jaggard raised concerns about the block paving on the mini roundabout. He confirmed that there are loose blocks which require attention. The clerk agreed to report these. <b><u>ACTION: PARISH CLERK</u></b></p>
6.00	<p><b><u>Management of Onslow Green Nature Reserve</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Jackaman and the parish clerk attended a meeting with Mrs and Mrs Rankin on 26<sup>th</sup> May, regarding the management of the nature reserve at Onslow Green. Cllr Jackaman provided a summary of their discussions.</p> <p>Cllr Burlend thanked Mr Rankin, the Honorary Warden for his contribution towards the upkeep of the nature reserve. For many years, Mr Rankin maintained the reserve with the assistance of the Essex Wildlife Trust, but in recent years Mr Rankin has managed the reserve in line with the landscape management plan for Barnston.</p> <p>The parish council unanimously agreed to take over the management of the nature reserve. The maintenance will continue to be undertaken in line with the landscape management plan for Barnston, whilst in accordance with sustainable guidelines from the EWT and the Royal Horticultural Society.</p>
7.00	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting (10th May 2021) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr R Burlend, Chairman.</p>
8.00	<p><b><u>Action Points from previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The faulty street lights in Watts Close &amp; Rayfield Close have been repaired.</p> <p>The Laurel hedge on Chelmsford Rd has been pruned following the issuing of a second letter from the parish council. There was a general discussion and it was agreed that the Oak tree, located next to the Laurel hedge should also be pruned of overhanging branches. A letter will be issued. <b><u>ACTION: PARISH CLERK</u></b></p> <p>The clerk has reported that the missing 30mph speed repeater signs which have not yet been replaced along High Easter Rd.</p>

9.00	<p><b><u>Park Gym</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Clyne and Cllr Burlend presented their research to the council. Quotations from Wicksteed and The Great Outdoor Gym Company were discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Clyne will contact the village hall committee to discuss the repositioning of the gym. The exact location of the gym needs to be finalised with the village hall committee. <b><u>ACTION:CLLR CLYNE</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the National Lottery Community Fund application for the park gym was successful and the sum of £9900 had been received on 21<sup>st</sup> May.</p> <p>The clerk has Received confirmation that the parish council would be eligible to apply for further funding through the Community Initiative Fund. The council agreed for the clerk to submit an application. <b><u>ACTION:PARISH CLERK</u></b></p>
10.00	<p><b><u>New Play Equipment – Watts Close</u></b></p> <p>The clerk reported that the new Toddlers Castle will be installed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The orientation of the apparatus was reviewed and agreed.</p>
11.00	<p><b><u>Play area inspection report – (previously circulated)</u></b></p> <p>This was undertaken by RoSPA for both the Village Hall and Watts Close Play Areas. Items in need of attention have been identified and the clerk will instruct Landvista Ltd to undertake them.</p> <p>The clerk will obtain quotations for the concrete ramp into Watts Close park and a new timber bench. <b><u>ACTION: PARISH CLERK</u></b></p>
10.00	<p><b><u>Clerk’s Report</u></b></p> <p>The Annual Return is now on display as per the statutory requirement. The AGAR documentation has been submitted to PKF Littlejohn.</p> <p>The local councils insurance for the parish council has been renewed.</p> <p>The VAT return was submitted and £2960.34 was received on 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>The internal auditor, Mr Maurice Howard is retiring, so an internal auditor is now required.</p> <p>Declarations of office have been signed by Councillors following the AGM.</p>
11.00	<p><b><u>Financial Position – Statement of bank account as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021</u></b></p> <p>The financial position as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 was £ 48757.27 in the current account.</p>
12.00	<p><b><u>Planning Applications - Nil</u></b></p>
13.00	<p><b><u>Planning Applications Determined</u></b></p> <p>UTT/21/0963/HHF   Proposed erection of single storey side extension to dwelling. Conversion of detached garage to home office, alterations to fenestration, construction of pitched roof. Creation of extended parking area to front garden with associated works and landscaping.   1 Barnston Green – <b>Approved with Conditions</b></p> <p>UTT/21/0600/TPO   4no. Oak fell to ground level.   Honey Trees Bishops Green High Easter Road - <b>Granted</b></p>

	<p>UTT/21/1104/HHF   Demolition of existing brick garden wall and erection of new garden wall made from brick pillars and fence panels.   41 Rayfield Close, Barnston - <b>Refused</b></p> <p>UTT/21/1585/PDE   Proposed single storey rear extension- extending 6m from rear wall, maximum height 3.20m and height to eaves 3m   15 Berners End Barnston - <b>PDE-No Objections</b></p>
14.00	<b>General Correspondence to note - Nil</b>
15.00	<b><u>EALC – Various (SS)</u></b>
16.00	<b><u>Bus News (ST)</u></b>
17.00	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Burlend reported a Notice of Alleged Breach Of Planning Control - not building in accordance with planning approval at Haydens House, Onslow Green. An allegation had been made to the council that a breach of planning control may have taken place at the above site.</p> <p>An investigation has been carried out and a decision made to close the file as no breach.</p>

<b><u>June 2021</u></b>	
EALC	£297.54
Dunmow Waste	£538.56
Landvista Ltd	£951.60
Kompan	£7011.93
BHIB Councils Insurance	£ 369.63
Mrs F Jupp (Salary)	£515.20
M. Howard	£150.00
Mrs F Jupp (Expenses)	£ 2.69
Barnston village Hall	£21.25
Rospa Play Safety	£164.40
<b><u>DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS</u></b>	
EON	£105.25
A&J Lighting	£59.88
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UDC	£57.11

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 7pm at Barnston village hall.

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