**MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2021 – BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

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| Cllr R Burlend MBE - Chairman | Cllr J Clyne MVO | Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk) |
| Cllr D Jackaman- Vice Chair | Cllr J Hills | Cllr P Singleton |
| Cllr P Lavelle | Cllr S Tuttlebury | 1 member of public |
| Cllr M Jaggard |  |  |

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| 1.00 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr K Kirkham, Cllr C Day, Cllr P Lavelle, Cllr R Jones, Cllr S Barker |
| 2.00 | **Declaration of Interest** – Nil |
| 3.00 | **County Broadband update – Mr Steven Figg**  Mr Figg – Operations Manager for County Broadband attended the meeting to address concerns regarding the recent installation of telegraph poles at Wellstye Green. The Parish Council had raised concerns regarding the lack of communication prior to the erection of these new poles. In addition, the location and siting of them within the green creates maintenance issues and an eyesore.  Mr Figg apologised on behalf of County Broadband and provided a summary of various options in order to overcome these problems.  The Parish Council agreed to the removal of the poles and a Wayleave Agreement, allowing County Broadband to pursue an underground solution within the verge at Wellstye Green.  Mr Figg agreed to contact the Parish council once details had been finalised.  There was a further discussion regarding the traffic management for this operation and the current road closure along High Easter Road. |
| 3.00 | **Public Forum**  One member of public attended the meeting and reported that the road drains from The Chase to Parsonage Lane had been cleared.  Cllr Clyne reported that he had contacted Cllr Barker requesting a date for the drain clearance from the mini roundabout down towards Buttles Hill. The Parish Clerk agreed to follow this up. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 4.00 | **District & County Councillors Report**  Cllr Day provided a Councillors report prior to the meeting. Cllr Lavelle attended the meeting and items within the report were discussed. These included the following;  An update on the Local plan - Presently, an exercise is underway which will represent the first stage in the Sustainability Appraisal process. Its purpose is to identify the scope and level of detail of the information to be included in the Sustainability Appraisal report.  A 3-month trial of card/contactless only machines within the car parks in Great Dunmow. Cllr Lavelle confirmed that this move was driven by recent vandalism within Saffron Walden.  Chequers Lane and New Street car parks are currently free of charge awaiting the installation of card/contactless only machines.  Cllr Jackaman raised concerns about people who do not operate with cards and apps. There was a general discussion regarding the impact that these will have on the shops and the High Street.  The London Stansted Airport Appeal was discussed. UDC received notification from the High Court of Justice of an order made by the Honourable Mrs Justice Lang DBE declaring the application for permission to apply for a planning statutory review was refused. UDC have agreed not to pursue the matter further.  Members of the Parish Council again raised concerns about the financial implications of this process. 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.  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 inspector’s report.  Cllr Lavelle reported that a series of recommendations towards the planning service at Uttlesford District Council are due to be considered by councillors next month. |
| 6.00 | **Road Safety**  Cllr Clyne confirmed that the road drain outside the Mission on Chelmsford Road is blocked. The clerk agreed to report this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 9.00 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  Minutes of the previous meeting (13th September 2021) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Burlend, Chairman. |
| 10.00 | **Action Points from previous Meeting**  The clerk has reported the loose kerb stone and blocks on the mini roundabout to Highways.  Highways reference number: 3527625 Awaiting Inspection.  The missing speed repeater signs on High Easter Rd are scheduled to be replaced.  The clerk has reported the missing chevrons on the Barnston bends are scheduled for repair. Highways reference numbers: 3454207, 3454209, 3288264 & 3288265  The broken street light at the Rayfield Close footpath has been repaired.  The broken street light at 19 Watts Close has been repaired.  The nature reserve meadow at Onslow Green has been mown. General horticultural maintenance was undertaken around the pond.  The two broken drain covers in Watts Close have been reported to Highways. Ref numbers: 3597290 & 3509998 |
| 11.00 | **Park Gym**  The parish clerk confirmed that the fencing quotation with Bell Fencing had been agreed and the fence will be installed in due course. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  Cllr Clyne provided an update on the park gym order. A plan for the layout of the equipment will be requested.  Cllr Clyne is also finalising the safety signs, which will be displayed on the gate and individual apparatus. |
| 13.00 | **Clerk’s Report**  A general waste skip is booked for Saturday 30th October from 10am in the village hall car park.  Precept was received on 20.09.21 for £14082.00  Winter salt delivery has been received.  The finance meeting was held on Wednesday 6th October to discuss the budget. |
| 14.00 | **Financial Position – Statement of bank account as at 30th September**  The financial position as at 30th September 2021 was £ 46016.43 in the current account. |
| 17.00 | **Planning Applications**  UTT/21/2894/HHF | Loft conversion to form new bedroom within rear dormer, new velux windows to front elevation and single storey ground floor extension. | 31 Rayfield Close Barnston |
| 18.00 | **Planning Applications Determined**  UTT/21/2424/HHF | Demolition of rear conservatory and extension and erection of single storey and two storey rear extensions, with fenestration changes on rear and side elevations | Haydens House, Onslow Green **– Approved with conditions**  UTT/21/2143/HHF | Proposed loft conversion to form new bedroom within rear dormer, new velux windows to front elevation and single storey ground floor rear and side extension. | 31 Rayfield Close **– Refused**  UTT/21/1931/LB | Retention of shingle French drain. Proposed repair of existing rainwater pipes and soil vent pipes, replace plastic gutters, repair of rear wall lime render and paint external walls. | The Old Rectory, Parsonage Lane **– Approved with conditions**  UTT/20/2836/TPO | Reduce lower crown of oak tree by up to 2 meters. Reduce section of Oak tree by up to 4 meters | 45 Watts Close **– Tree granted**  UTT/21/2630/HHF | Demolition of existing rear pitched roofed conservatory, erection of a single story flat roofed conservatory | 2 Mill Field Barnston – **Approved with conditions** |
| 19.00 | **General Correspondence to note -** Nil |
| 20.00 | **EALC – Various - Nil** |
| 21.00 | **Bus News (ST) - Nil** |
| 22.00 | **Any Other Business - Nil** |

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| **September 2021** |  |
| James Todd & Co | £ 93.60 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Salary) | £ 492.60 |
| Landvista Ltd | £ 897.60 |
| Landvista Ltd – Onslow Green | £514.80 |
| **DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS** |  |
| EON | £ 105.25 |
| A&J Lighting | £ 59.88 |
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| UDC | £ 57.11 |

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 8th November 2021, 7pm at Barnston village hall.

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