**MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2022 – 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 Chairperson | Cllr J Hills | Cllr D Sellens |
| Cllr R Jones | Cllr P Singleton | Cllr S Tuttlebury |

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| 1.00 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr C Day, Cllr P Lavelle, Cllr S Barker, Cllr K Kirkham, Cllr M Jaggard |
| 2.00 | **Declaration of Interest**  Cllr Singleton declared an interest in planning application UTT/22/0171/CLP | Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory/lean to. Timber frame construction with flat timber roof. New side dormer - timber construction | Hillington, Chelmsford Road |
| 3.00 | **Public Forum** - Nil |
| 4.00 | **District & County Councillors Report**  Cllr Jones attended the meeting and confirmed that the Uttlesford District Council planning department has been placed into special measures with a Section 62A Designation Notice. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities confirmed that its Planning Inspectorate overturned 16.5% of Uttlesford council's decisions in the two years to March 2020.  The Section 62A Designation Notice means that developers with major plans can choose to bypass UDC and send their proposals straight to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Jones provided the clerk with a guide to the Rule 6 for interested parties involved in planning appeals and called-in applications.  Cllr Jones is liaising with Cllr Barker regarding the crumbling road surface on the mini roundabout, Chelmsford Rd. He will provide an update in due course. |
| 5.00 | **Road Safety**  Cllr Clyne reported that the road surface on the mini roundabout on Chelmsford Road is deteriorating and breaking up. The kerb stone on the exit to Gt Dunmow is still loose and jutting out. Both issues have been reported via the Highways portal; References: 3527625 & 2704241.  Cllr Jones agreed to inform the Highways Panel.  The clerk confirmed that Cllr Barker is working with her ‘Highways Buddy’ to get the drains on Chelmsford Rd cleared, as soon as possible.  Cllr Burlend requested the replacement of the missing speed repeater signs on High Easter Rd. The clerk agreed to follow this up. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  Cllr Jackaman asked for the pavement on Buttles Hill and Onslow Green to be cleared of encroaching weeds. The clerk agreed to contact the Highways Rangers. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  There was a general discussion regarding overgrown vegetation in Rayfield Close and the clerk agreed to contact the relevant residents regarding these concerns. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 6.00 | **Village Hall garden – youth engagement**  Cllr Sellens provided a summary of the proposed project, which is to create a biodiversity garden at the front of the village hall in memory of Mrs Sharon Sellens. The project will be led by the Essex Volunteers for Youths. It will be supported by the Village Hall Committee and the EALC.  Cllr Sellens confirmed that the Village Hall Committee will maintain the garden once it is complete.  There is a proposed design competition for children and teenagers within the community to create the garden design.  The Parish Council agreed to support the project and Cllr Sellens will provide further updates. |
| 7.00 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  Minutes of the previous meeting (10th January 2022) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Burlend, Chairman. |
| 8.00 | **Action Points from previous Meeting**  After contacting Natural England the clerk confirmed the correct timing for the desilting of the pond at Wellstye Green, which is located within a SSSI protection zone.  A general discussion ensued regarding a few trees which have been planted on the green without permission from the Parish Council. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  A Wicksteed representative met with Cllr Clyne to discuss new play apparatus for the village hall park. Cllr Clyne will circulate the quotations in due course.  Cllr Clyne asked for the play equipment to be jet washed. The clerk agreed to consult with Landvista Ltd regarding this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  The Clerk obtained a quotation for the necessary tree work on the Ash tree in Watts Close park.  The Parish Council agreed to proceed with this work. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  The new park bench for the village hall park has been purchased and will be installed with a new concrete base. |
| 9.00 | **Clerk’s Report**  The AGAR Accountant Fees quotation from PMJ Accountants was discussed. The Parish Council agreed to proceed with this.  The new native hedge row has been planted in the village hall play area. It will be mulched in due course.  A Grant is now available from UDC for £700 to mark the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The clerk agreed to clarify whether the grant could be used for a tree plaque. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  The new Bank Mandate was signed and Cllr Jackaman agreed to be an added signatory. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 10.00 | **Financial Position – Statement of bank account as at 31st January**  The financial position as at 31st January 2022 was £ 21008.12 in the current account. |
| 11.00 | **Planning Applications**  UTT/22/0171/CLP | Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory/lean to. Timber frame construction with flat timber roof. New side dormer - timber construction | Hillington, Chelmsford Road  UTT/21/3538/LB | Proposed alterations to existing cartlodge | Broadgroves Farmhouse, Chelmsford Road |
| 12.00 | **Planning Applications Determined**  UTT/21/2202/DOC | Application to discharge condition 4 (noise) attached to  UTT/20/1311/FUL. | Barnston Lodge, Parsonage Lane – **Discharged conditions in full**  UTT/20/3380/FUL | Replacement Farmhouse and garage and use of the existing farmhouse  as ancillary workspace for the farm enterprise | Great Broadfields Farm, Chelmsford Road –  **Approved with conditions** |
| 13.00 | **General Correspondence to note -** Nil |
| 14.00 | **EALC – Various – NIL** |
| 15.00 | **Bus News (ST) - Nil**  Cllr Tuttlebury confirmed that the X30 bus timetable is now improving following driver shortages. |
| 16.00 | **Any Other Business**  Cllr Singleton asked whether training for the defibrillator would be available in the future for village hall committee members. Cllr Clyne volunteered to train members of the village hall committee. Cllr Singleton agreed to arrange this. |

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| **January 2022** |  |
| James Todd & Co | £31.20 |
| The Plastic Company | £978.00 |
| Barnston Village Hall | £12.75 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Salary) | £379.60 |
| Barnston Village Hall | £12.75 |
| UDC Skip | £1400.00 |
| Landvista Ltd | £ 897.60 |
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| **DIRECT DEBITS/STANDING ORDERS** |  |
| EON | £186.24 |
| A&J Lighting | £ 59.88 |
| UDC | £ 57.11 |

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th March 2022, 7pm at Barnston village hall.

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