**MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023 – BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

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| Cllr D Jackaman | Cllr J Clyne MVO | Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk) |
| Cllr R Burlend MBE (Chairperson) | Cllr S Tuttlebury | Cllr J Hills |
| Cllr P Singleton | Cllr D Sellens | Cllr S Barker |
| Cllr M Jaggard | Cllr K Kirkham | Cllr R Jones |
|  |  | 2 Members of public |

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| 1.00 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr P Lavelle & Cllr T Loveday |
| 2.00 | **Declaration of Interest** -Nil |
| 3.00 | **Public Forum**  Two residents attended the meeting to report an update on the traffic activity along High Easter Rd.  Both residents thanked Cllr Jaggard for his efforts in reducing the speeds of the HGVs and his continued efforts to monitor the situation.  Cllr Barker confirmed that she has liaised with the Essex police speed diversion and speed checks are due to take place along High Easter Rd.  Cllr Barker also confirmed that she will raise the matter of the speed survey of High Easter Rd with the Highways panel at the next meeting. |
| 4.00 | **District & County Councillors Report**  Cllr Barker reported that the Highways department had uncovered a gully opposite the ditch at “Albans”, High Easter Road. The gully connects to the ditch on the Eastern side. The team also spent some time clearing this ditch. The drain at Albans seems to have improved with the water draining away into the ditch on the Dog House side.  A discussion ensued on the issue of drains along Chelmsford Rd. Cllr Barker confirmed that jetting/investigation of the gullies and drainage system at the junction with The Chase and downstream (south) had been completed. Highways had identified an issue with the system near 7 Millhouse Villas.  On looking at Anglian Water records, they passed this onto them as although not shown on their records the system was thought to be theirs. Cllr Barker will provide an update in due course. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK & CLLR BARKER**  Cllr Barker also reported that there was no further update from the Planning Enforcement Team regarding the recent work Haydens Barn.  A general discussion followed and the Parish Council raised concerns regarding the time delay with this investigation. The Councillors reiterated the issue of the new brick wall, positioned around 12” from the road side and the risks associated with this. In addition, the North End directional sign, which has been removed without permission and the removal of the pavement, which have been replaced with a loose gravel material. Cllr Barker agreed to liaise further with the Enforcement department on these matters. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK & CLLR BARKER**  Cllr Jackaman reported an area of flooding on the B1008, near to the Butchers Arms pub. Cllr Barker and the clerk agreed to report this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK & CLLR BARKER**  Cllr Clyne thanked Cllr Barker for the repair of two potholes located on the mini roundabout. Cllr Clyne identified two additional potholes which are also located on the mini roundabout. Cllr Barker agreed to report these for repair.  Cllr Jones confirmed a 16.4% turnout at the recent By-Election. Cllr Loveday (Conservative) has been elected as the new representative for Gt Dunmow south and Barnston, replacing Cllr Day.  Cllr Jones confirmed that the Highways Ranger service has now been withdrawn.  Cllr Jones provided an update on the 2025 Local Plan. Regulation 18 has now been postponed until after the elections in May.  Cost of Living Support information can be found on the UDC website.  <https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/cost-of-living>  Cllr Kirkham requested an update on the current position of the planning department and the category of special measures, in which it has been placed. Cllr Jones confirmed that this position will be reviewed after year one and could continue inro a second year, if it is deemed necessary by the Planning Inspectorate.  Cllr Jones reported that the Elections in May 2023 will be the first time that voter identification will be required to be shown by all voters at a polling station. This has been introduced under the Elections Act 2022. Further details will be provided in due course on what is acceptable ID and what to do if you have no suitable form of photographic identity.  Cllr Kirkham raised concerns regarding these changes and how this could discourage voters from voting. |
| 5.00 | **Road Safety**  Cllr Hills reported a recent road traffic incident on the A120 at the Felsted junction involving seven vehicles. |
| 6.00 | **Play Equipment – Village Hall**  Cllr Burlend circulated two quotations for a new piece of play equipment for the village hall park.  Cllr Clyne confirmed that these quotations from Kompan were similar in price compared to the quotations which were received from Wicksteed for similar apparatus.  Cllr Clyne and the clerk raised concerns regarding the expense of the apparatus and whether to consider postponing the purchase to a time when funds are more readily available.  Cllr Jaggard suggested purchasing the piece of apparatus without the installation costs. Cllr Clyne and the clerk agreed to liaise with the suppliers regarding this matter. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK & CLLR BARKER** |
| 7.00 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  Minutes of the previous meeting (12th December 2022) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr R Burlend, Chairman. |
| 8.00 | **Action Points from previous Meeting**  Cllr Jaggard will continue to monitor the traffic issues on High Easter Rd along with residents.  Defibrillator maintenance: The clerk agreed to continue to check for availability of a loan unit. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  The clerk reported the blocked drains along Chelmsford Rd and Buttles Hill via the Highways online portal.  The clerk requested an update from the Planning Enforcement department regarding the investigation at Haydens Barn. |
| 9.00 | **Clerk’s Report**  Precept documentation has been submitted to UDC.  The Wicksteed outstanding park gym invoice has been paid.  The village hall committee enquired as to whether the grit supplies could be distributed to residents. The chairman assessed the current supply levels and salt bins. These levels are sufficient and residents can access salt from the grit bins which are located around the village.  The clerk has submitted an application for a paying in card to HSBC Bank plc.  An information page has been added to the village website for cost of living support.  Village Hall have confirmed the alternative meeting dates for Monday 3rd April and Thursday 11th May (to follow the Marcelle dance class) both meetings to start at 7pm and end at 8.30pm |
| 10.00 | **Financial Position – Statement of bank account as of 31st December 2022**  The financial position as of 31st December was £ 8238.32 in the current account. |
| 11.00 | **Planning Applications - Nil** |
| 12.00 | **Planning Applications Determined**  UTT/22/3099/PAQ3 | Prior Notification of change of use of agricultural buildings to 5 no.  dwellings | Barns 2,3 And 5 At Parsonage Farm Parsonage Lane Barnston - Application  Required - **Prior Approval Refused**  UTT/22/3104/PAR3 | Prior notification of proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to  a flexible use within Storage or Distribution (Use Class B8), Hotels (Use Class  C1), Commercial/Business/Service (Use Class E) | Part of Barn 1 At Parsonage Farm Parsonage  Lane Barnston **– Withdrawn**  UTT/22/1429/FUL | Conversion of barn to 1 no. dwelling and associated works following  approval under planning permission UTT/18/1432/FUL | Sparlings Farm Chelmsford Road  Barnston - **Approved with Conditions** |
| 13.00 | **General Correspondence to note -** Nil |
| 14.00 | **EALC – Various –** Nil |
| 15.00 | **Bus News -** Nil |
| 16.00 | **Any Other Business**  Cllr Hills reiterated the surface water issue along Chelmsford Rd and questioned whether Anglian Water are responsible for the current issue.  Cllr Kirkham raised the matter of the Highways Act and that a highways authority are under a duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by issues such as blocked drains and flooding. The clerk agreed to write to the Highways department regarding this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |

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| **December 2022** |  |
| Landvista Ltd | £1077.12 |
| James Todd & Co | £ 31.20 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Salary) | £ 413.50 |
| Mrs F Jupp (Expenses) | £168.85 |
| N Power | £101.03 |
| N Power | £ 115.59 |
| A&J Lighting | £ 59.88 |
| UDC | £ 59.93 |
| HSBC | £ 8.00 |

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th February 2023, 7p.m at Barnston village hall.

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