**MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY 13th MARCH 2023 – BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present:

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| Cllr R Burlend MBE (Chairperson) | Cllr J Clyne MVO | Cllr J Hills |
| Cllr D Jackaman (Vice- Chairperson) | Cllr K Kirkham | Cllr S Barker |
| Cllr P Singleton | Cllr S Tuttlebury | Cllr D Sellens |
|  | 1 member of public | Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk) |

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| 1.00 | **Apologies for Absence**  Cllr R Jones, Cllr T Loveday, Cllr P Lavelle, Cllr M Jaggard |
| 2.00 | **Declaration of Interest** -Nil |
| 3.00 | **Public Forum**  One member of the public attended the meeting and requested an update on the proposed speed monitoring measures on High Easter Road. Cllr Barker confirmed that a Highways meeting is due to be held on 10th April. Cllr Barker will update the clerk following this meeting.  Several parked cars on Rayfield Close were reported as potential airport parking. Information was provided on how to report these. The clerk agreed to monitor this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  A request for a road sweeper around Rayfield Close due to lose aggregate and mud. Cllr Barker agreed to request a sweeper for this area.  A bitumen tanker lorry had recently leaked bitumen onto the road at Barnston Green. The clerk contacted the company owner and it has now been moved and the road had been cleaned. The Parish Council expressed their appreciation for the road cleaning. |
| 4.00 | **District & County Councillors Report**  Cllr Barker provided information in conjunction with the ‘Ride London’ event, due to take place on Sunday 28th May.  Overnight road closures of Buttles Hill are due to roadworks will take place on 31st March and 1st April.  The Government has announced a £200million pothole repair scheme. Cllr Barker explained how potholes can be reported via the online <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/problem-check>.  Alternatively, if the ‘what3words’ and a photograph are emailed to the Parish clerk, these will be reported. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  No further update following the enforcement inspection at Hayden’s Barn. Cllr Barker and the clerk will continue to follow this up. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK & CLLR BARKER**  Cllr Clyne requested the repair and clean-up of the large pothole located on the at the junction with the mini roundabout. A general discussion ensued surrounding the road surfacing repairs and the increased number of potholes. |
| 5.00 | **Road Safety**  Cllr Clyne provided information regarding a recent near miss involving a speeding TMC tipper lorry.  Cllr Clyne identified the vehicle and issued a complaint to TMC regarding this. |
| 6.00 | **High Easter Rd - Update**  Cllr Kirkham, Cllr Burlend and Cllr Barker recently attended a meeting with Cllr Bentley (Leader, Essex County Council) to highlight the road surface issues on High Easter Rd outside Albans.  In summary, the road condition has deteriorated to such a degree that the road edges are now collapsing. Cllr Bentley agreed that the road has not been well maintained and increased volume and nature of traffic has significantly contributed to its deterioration.  Cllr Bentley agreed to investigate whether the speed limit could be extended due to the nature of the traffic.  Remedial solutions were discussed, and Cllr Bentley agreed to look into these and report back to the Council.  Cllr Kirkham agreed to contact Cllr Bentley for an update. **ACTION: CLLR KIRKHAM**  The Parish Council thanked Cllr Bentley for the swift response and site visit to discuss this matter. |
| 6.00 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  Minutes of the previous meeting (13th February 2023) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr R Burlend, Chairperson. |
| 7.00 | **Action Points from previous Meeting**  The clerk confirmed that the Parsonage Rd broken sign has been reported to Highways.  The clerk has requested a further update from the Planning Enforcement department regarding the investigation at Hayden’s Barn. Still awaiting a response. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  The Defibrillator software update has been completed and returned to the cabinet. The clerk is awaiting the collection of the loan unit.  The clerk contacted MCL regarding a vehicle leakage on Barnston Green. This issue has been resolved and a road clean up undertaken.  The shopping trollies on Buttles Hill have been reported to Tesco. The clerk will continue to follow this up until they are collected. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |
| 9.00 | **Clerk’s Report**  The clerk met with PCSO Natalie Smith for the ‘Beat Surgery.’ The Skyline Hotel has now closed and the police will continue to monitor the area for any nuisance behaviour.  The Community Project Grant has been extended to 30th September. The Parish Council will obtain new quotations for a piece of new play equipment in the village hall park. The clerk will liaise with the finance committee.  The Clerk attended the Dunmow Area Parish Meeting which was very informative. There was a big emphasis on trying to communicate more efficiently with Parish Councils.  The VAT reclaim submission has been submitted for the period 01.04.22 to 28.02.23 for the total of £ 6363.17.  Clerk attended the EALC Election briefing in preparation for the Local Council Elections on 4th May 2023. The clerk updated the Councillors on the Election process and provided relevant documents for this.  Reminder that the next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April due to the Easter bank holiday. |
| 10.00 | **Financial Position – Statement of bank account as of 28th February 2023**  The financial position as of 28th February was £4707.80 in the current account. |
| 11.00 | **Planning Applications**  UTT/23/0472/PDE | Proposed single storey rear extension- extending 5.95m from the rear  wall, maximum height 3.75m and height to eaves 2.25m | 6 Mill Field Barnston - **Noted** |
| 12.00 | **Planning Applications Determined - Nil** |
| 13.00 | **General Correspondence to note -** Nil |
| 14.00 | **EALC – Various –** Nil |
| 15.00 | **Bus News**  Cllr Tuttlebury reported that the £2 bus fare has now been extended across the network until June. |
| 16.00 | **Any Other Business**  Cllr Jackaman reported the recent littering of used dog bags outside Watts Close park. The clerk agreed to display signs within the area and update the Facebook page regarding this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  Speed watch information will be sent to Mr Allen in anticipation of a new group within the village. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**    Cllr Jackaman will email the clerk information for the ‘Queens’ Canopy’ hedgerow in the village hall park. **ACTION: CLLR JACKAMAN & PARISH CLERK**  Cllr Tuttlebury reported that the bench in Garnett’s wood is in need of repair. The clerk will report this to Essex County Council. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**  Cllr Burlend provided information relating to a ‘Private Road’ sign request on Berners End. The clerk agreed to contact UDC regarding this. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK** |

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| A&J Lighting | £ 59.88 |
| BJP | £120.20 |
| Barnston Village Hall | £14.25 |
| JRB | £ 295.20 |
| Landvista Ltd | £ 1077.12 |
| James Todd & Co | £ 31.20 |
| Fay Jupp Salary | £ 357.00 |
| Scribe | £ 414.72 |
| UDC | £ 59.93 |
| N Power | £ 98.91 |
| HSBC | £ 10.00 |

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd April 2023, 7pm at Barnston village hall.

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