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| **Minutes of Barnston Parish Council Meeting held on** | | | | | |
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|  | **Monday 14th December 2015 at Barnston Village Hall** | | | | | |
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| Present: | | | Cllr. R. Burlend | Cllr. J. Clyne | Cllr. M. Sully | |
|  | | | Cllr. S. Tuttlebury | Cllr. S. Sellens |  | |
|  | | | Mrs C. Hartley (Clerk) |  |  | |
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|  | **1.00** | **Apologies** – Cllr. V. Ranger, Cllr. D. Ranger, Cllr. G. Barker, Cllr. S. Barker, | | | |  |
|  |  | Cllr. P. Singleton, Cllr. Hicks. | | | |  |
|  | **2.00** | **Declaration of Interest** –None | | | |  |
|  | **3.00** | **Public Forum** – Three members of the public present. | | | |  |
|  |  | Concerns were raised regarding the planning application in | | | |  |
|  |  | Chelmsford Road (see item 10.00). Primary concerns are lack of detail in the | | | |  |
|  |  | application, potential road safety issues created by reduced visibility upon approach to the property entrance and reduction to the historic value of the | | | |  |
|  |  | property. Councillors agreed to support the objections to the application. | | | | RB |
|  | **4.00** | **District and County Councillors Report** | | | |  |
|  |  | Clerk had submitted a letter from Cllr V Ranger to Essex County Council | | | | CH |
|  |  | Highways Dept. detailing road safety requirements for the area. | | | |  |
|  | **5.00** | **Road Safety** | | | |  |
|  |  | No reported incidents. | | | |  |
|  | **6.00** | **MINUTES** | | | |  |
|  |  | The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th November 2015 were approved and signed. | | | | RB |
|  | **7.00** | **CLERKS REPORT** | | | | CH |
|  |  | **Transparency Code:** | | | |  |
|  |  | Clerk attended Transparency Code briefing - code aims to improve provision | | | |  |
|  |  | of financial information to local residents and improve accountability. | | | |  |
|  | **7.01** | **Chelmsford Plan:** | | | |  |
|  |  | Clerk has received documents relating to the Chelmsford Local Plan. | | | |  |
|  | **7.02** | **Handyperson:** | | | |  |
|  |  | Winter salt boxes have been constructed and filled – thankyou to handyperson. | | | |  |
|  | **8.00** | **FINANCIAL POSITION** | | | |  |
|  |  | The financial position as at 30th November 2015 was £26,500.06 in the current account. | | | | CH |
|  | **8.01** | **Resolution:** | | | |  |
|  |  | Proposed increase to Handyperson and Clerk’s hourly rate – resolved. | | | | RB |
|  | **8.02** | **Hundred Parishes Society:** | | | |  |
|  |  | Annual subscription renewal agreed at £10. | | | | RB |
|  | **8.03** | **Garden Waste Skip 2016/17:** | | | |  |
|  |  | It was agreed that the service would be continued for 2016/17. | | | |  |
|  | **8.04** | **Parish council mobile phone** – it was resolved to purchase a new mobile phone at an estimated cost of £20 as the current one no longer works. | | | |  |
|  |  | The new mobile number will be displayed as soon as possible. | | | |  |
|  | **9.00** | **Items from previous meeting:** None | | | |  |
|  | **10.00** | **Planning Applications:** UTT/15/3393/OP – Application for 1 detached | | | |  |
|  |  | Dwelling, Pear Tree Cottage, Chelmsford Road. – Noted (see item 3.00). | | | |  |
|  | **11.00** | **Planning Applications Determined:** None received. | | | |  |
|  | **12.00** | **Planning Appeals:** None received. | | | |  |
|  | **13.00** | **General Correspondence to note:** | | | |  |
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|  | **13.01** | **EALC:**Cllr Sellens reported on the Essex Energy Switch – local residents are | | | |  |
|  |  | encouraged to register their interest in the scheme online before 1st Feb 2016. | | | |  |
|  |  | Energy providers will then ‘bid’ to supply energy at a reduced price to | | | | SS |
|  |  | participators. | | | |  |
|  | **13.02** | **Bus News**– no news to report. | | | |  |
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|  |  | **CHEQUES** – The following cheques were agreed and signed at the meeting: | | | |  |
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|  |  | **Cheques** | | | | **£** |
|  |  | Mr A. Vince (Nov salary) | | | | 445.74 |
|  |  | Mr A. Vince (Nov expenses) | | | | 20.49 |
|  |  | Acumen Wages Service (payroll Nov and Dec 2015) | | | | 48.00 |
|  |  | Mrs C.Hartley (Nov salary) | | | | 321.82 |
|  |  | Mrs C. Hartley (Nov expenses) | | | | 17.50 |
|  |  | Post Office Ltd (HMRC PAYE) | | | | 87.00 |
|  |  | Essex Pension Fund (Nov pension) | | | | 60.36 |
|  |  | Barnston Village Hall (Nov hire) | | | | 11.55 |
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|  |  | **Direct Debits/Standing Orders** | | | |  |
|  |  | EON | | | | 57.15 |
|  |  | A&J Lighting Solutions (monthly maintenance charge) | | | | 56.58 |
|  |  | A&J Lighting Solutions (replacement bulb Watts Close) | | | | 83.40 |
|  |  | UDC – Garage Rent | | | | 50.05 |
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|  |  | There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m. | | | |  |
|  |  | The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.45 p.m.** | | | |  |
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