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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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