**PARISH OF BARNSTON**

Minutes

**Monday 10th December 2018**

**7:00 p.m. – Barnston Village Hall**

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| **MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  **MONDAY 10th DECEMBER 2018 - BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL**  Present:     |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Cllr R Burlend MBE (Chairman) | Cllr S Tuttlebury | Cllr M Jaggard | | Cllr G Barker | Cllr S Sellens | Mrs F Jupp (Clerk) | | Cllr V Ranger | Cllr D Jackaman |  | | Cllr S Barker | Cllr P Singleton |  |        |  |  | | --- | --- | | 1.00 | **Apologies for Absence**    Cllr E Hicks, Cllr J Clyne MVO, Cllr J Hills | | 2.00 | **Declaration of Interest** - Nil | | 3.00 | **Public Forum** - Nil | | 4.00 | **District & County Councillors Report**    Cllr Susan Barker briefly outlined the Public consultation on Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) This five-year strategy aims to look closely at;  • Keeping books and reading at the heart of our library service.  • Embracing digital technology and e-library services.  • Encouraging libraries to better meet community needs.  • Working in partnership with communities to run library services.  A brief discussion took place regarding our existing library services and how these services could evolve to accommodate the changing needs of people’s lives.  Cllr Barker welcomes everyone to complete the consultation survey which is available at  [www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation](http://www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation)  The deadline for completing the consultation survey is 20 February 2019.    Cllr Graham Barker reported that the pest control at the Travellers site on Parsonage Lane had been effective. It was agreed that the parish clerk will continue to liaise with the pest controllers to monitor this situation. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**    Cllr Jaggard attended a meeting at the Travellers site with the Environmental Officer, Andy Bonham. He explained the various options that are available for undertaking the site clearance and he presented quotations for the removal of waste from the site.  A lengthy discussion then ensued surrounding the logistics and costings of this operation. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting. | | 5.00 | **Road Safety**    No reported incidents.    Cllr Ranger raised awareness of recent reports of speeding along the B1256 through the neighbouring village of Rayne. | | 6.00 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**    Minutes of the previous meeting (12th November 2018) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Richard Burlend, Chairman. | | 7.00 | **Action Points from previous Meeting**    The Clerk reported that letters had been issued to residents, highlighting two areas where overgrown vegetation was obstructing pathways.    Cllr Jonathan Hills agreed to investigate the possibility of a salt spreading service in Barnston.  To be addressed at the next meeting. **ACTION: CLLR JONATHAN HILLS.**    The Clerk presented a costing for a solar light unit for the bus stop near Rayfield Close.  It was agreed that one unit should be purchased and installed at this stage. **ACTION PARISH CLERK** | | 8.00 | **Clerk’s Report**    The Clerk reported that the street light on the corner of the Chase has been replaced with a new LED fitting and the street light half way along the Chase will soon need to be replaced, due to its age.    The Barnston village website is now under the control of the Parish Council.    It was agreed that Barnston Parish Council would continue to support the Hundred Parishes Society with a £10.00 donation. | | 9.00 | **Financial Position**    The financial position as at 30th November 2018 was £ 41,069.97 in the current account. | | 10.00 | **Planning Applications - Nil** | | 11.00 | **Planning Applications Determined - Nil** | | 12.00 | **Planning Appeals - Nil** | | 13.00 | **General Correspondence to note - Nil** | | 14.00 | **EALC – Various (SS) – Nil** | | 15.00 | **Bus News (ST) - Nil** | | 16.00 | **Any Other Business**    Election of Vice-Chairman – Cllr. D. Jackaman was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Cllr Burlend.  This was seconded by Cllr Ranger.    Cllr Burlend highlighted the need for a new representative for the Barnston United Charities. Cllr Jackaman agreed to fulfil this role.    Cllr Burlend stated that a street light on High Easter Road was not working. **ACTION: PARISH CLERK**    Cllr Burlend reported an increase in litter near to the football club. Cllr Singleton agreed to liaise with the football club. **ACTION: CLLR SINGLETON**    Cllr Sellens said that there had been reports of suspicious vehicles linked to scrap metal items. Cllr Ranger provided information about the Uttlesford Area Crime Alert Facebook page which is proving to be a successful form of communication for local residents. | |