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| **Minutes of Barnston Parish Council Meeting held on** |
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|   | **Monday 12th January 2015 at Barnston Village Hall** |
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| Present: | Mr R. Burlend | Mr M. Sully | Mr V. Ranger |
|   | Mr J. Clyne | Mrs D. Ranger | Mrs P. Singleton |
|   |   | Cllr. Hicks | Mrs J. Hammond (Clerk) |
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|   | **1.00** | **Apologies** – Mr M. LeMasurier, Mrs S. Sellens, Mrs S. Tuttlebury, Cllr. Barker |   |
|   | **2.00** | **Declaration of Interest** – None. |   |
|   | **3.00** | **Public Forum** – No members of the public present. |   |
|   | **4.00** | **District and County Councillors Report** |   |
|   |  | Cllr. Hicks gave a report on behalf of Uttlesford District Council. |   |
|   | **5.00** | **Road Safety** |   |
|   |  | Cllr. Ranger reported that there had been no incidents since the last meeting.  He also advised that he is waiting to hear from Rissa Long in respect of a firm date for the traffic survey. |   |
|   | **6.00** | **MINUTES** |   |
|   |   | The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2014 were approved and signed. |   |
|   | **7.00** | **CLERKS REPORT** |   |
|   | **7.01** | **Handyperson** |   |
|   |   | The Handyperson has been keeping on top of clearing fallen leaves and litter picking. |   |
|   | **7.02** | **High Easter Road Development** |   |
|   |  | Comments and emails have been received by the Parish Council with regards to the stones and mud on High Easter Road and the verge opposite due to the works being carried out at the development.  This has since been rectified by the site.  Noted. |   |
|   | **7.03** | **Street Name – 4 new dwellings off of High Easter Road** |   |
|   |  | Following the December Parish Council meeting, confirmation has been received from UDC that, at the suggestion of the Parish Council, the new housing development will be called Plowden Close. |   |
|   | **7.04** | **Essex Energy Switch** |   |
|   |  | During 2014 thousands of households and businesses signed up to participate in the Essex Energy Switch which helped may people to reduce their gas and electricity bills.  Residents are now offered another chance to make savings and have until 2nd February to register their interest (without any obligation) at [www.essex.gov/energyswitch](http://www.essex.gov/energyswitch).  Noted. |   |
|   | **8.00** | **FINANCIAL POSITION** |   |
|   |  | The financial position as at 31 December 2014 was £22,508.72 in the current account. |   |
|   | **8.01** | **2015/16 Budget and Precept** |   |
|   |  | Following work by the Finance Working Party on the Parish Council 2015/16 Budget, the Parish Council RESOLVED that the Precept request to Uttlesford District Council should be for £21,381.  There will also be a grant of £1,289 from UDC.  The request form is to be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk and received by UDC by 30th January 2015. | RB/Clerk |
|   | **8.02** | **Annual Salary Increase – Clerk and Handyperson** |   |
|   |  | Agreement has been reached by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services in respect of 2014-16 Payscales and Allowances.  The Parish Council RESOLVED that the recommended 2.20% increase should be paid to the Clerk, with the Handyperson also receiving the same increase.  This is to be with effect from 1st January 2015.  The Clerk will also receive the recommended Non-Consolidated payment (pro-rated) for December 2014. |   |
|   | **8.03** | **Parish Council Laptop** |   |
|   |  | Due to problems with the current Parish Council laptop, which is now 4 years old, the Parish Council RESOLVED that a new one should be purchased for which an amount of £663 has been budgeted. |   |
|   | **9.00** | **Planning Applications** |   |
|   |  | None received |   |
|   | **10.00** | **Planning Applications Determined** |   |
|   |  | None received |   |
|   | **11.00** | **Planning Appeals** |   |
|   |  | None received. |   |
|   | **12.00** | **General Correspondence to note** |   |
|   | **12.01** | EALC – nothing to report. |   |
|   | **12.02** | Bus News – nothing to report. |   |
|   | **12.03** | UDC re. Uttlesford Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation.  Noted. |   |
|   | **12.04** | EALC re. Data Protection Obligations.  Noted. |   |
|   | **12.05** | Uttlesford Citizens Advice Bureau.  Report on the work of CAB.  Noted. |   |
|   | **14.00** | **CHEQUES** The following cheques were agreed and signed at the meeting | £ |
|   |  | Mrs J. Hammond | 332.17 |
|   |  | Mr A. Vince | 359.50 |
|   |  | Mr R. Burlend (in respect of Chairman’s Allowance) | 87.35 |
|   |  | Essex Pension Fund | 69.95 |
|   |  | Acumen Wages Service (Payroll December 2014) | 24.00 |
|   |  | Post Office Limited (Re. HMRC – tax to month 9) | 15.40 |
|   |  | Post Office Limited (Re. HMRC – tax to month 10) | 1.00 |
|   |  | Barnston Village Hall (Annual Rent for Village Hall Play Area) | 120.00 |
|   |  | Barnston Village Hall (Hire of hall December 2014) | 11.55 |
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|   |  | **Direct Debits/Standing Orders** | £ |
|   |  | Virgin mobile | 0.00 |
|   |  | EON | 43.82 |
|   |  | A&J Lighting Solutions | 56.58 |
|   |  | A&J Lighting Solutions (New Street Lamp – Berners End) | 282.00 |
|   |  | UDC – Garage Rent | 48.89 |
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|   |  | There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.  The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.45 p.m.** |   |
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