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| **Minutes of Barnston Parish Council Meeting held on** |
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|   | **Monday 9th March 2015 at Barnston Village Hall** |
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| Present: | Mr R. Burlend | Mr M. Sully | Mr V. Ranger |
|   | Mr J. Clyne | Mrs S. Sellens | Mrs P. Singleton |
|   | Mrs S. Tuttlebury | Mrs D. Ranger | Cllr. Barker |
|   | Cllr. Barker |   | Mrs J. Hammond (Clerk) |
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|   | **1.00** | **Apologies** – Mr M. LeMasurier, Cllr. Hicks |   |
|   | **2.00** | **Declaration of Interest** – None. |   |
|   | **3.00** | **Public Forum** – Four members of the public present. |   |
|   | **3.01** | Residents raised concerns regarding the ditch behind Barnston Green that floods over the field and seems unable to drain away.  Gardens are becoming wet and the ditch is eroding.  With the water so deep, the public right of way is passable only with some difficulty.  Cllr. Barker will call at Rayfield Farm to find out who farms this land. | Cllr. Barker |
|   | **3.02** | A discussion was held in respect of concerns relating to the High Easter Road development. |   |
|   | **4.00** | **District and County Councillors Report** |   |
|   |  | Cllr. Barker and Cllr. Ranger gave reports on behalf of Essex County Council and Uttlesford District Council. |   |
|   |  | Cllr. Barker informed the meeting that she will be meeting with Highways Officers the following week.  Clerk to email Cllr. Barker to report the various problems along the High Easter Road including flooding, potholes and width of road. | Clerk |
|   | **4.01** | **Community Clear Up Day** |   |
|   |  | It was agreed that Barnston would take part in the Government-backed, Community Clear Up Day.  The event will take place on Saturday 21st March 9.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m.  Residents are encouraged to take part in this “national spring clean” and should meet at the Village Hall.  Clerk to contact UDC for posters and equipment. | Clerk |
|   | **5.00** | **Road Safety** |   |
|   |  | Cllr. Ranger reported that there had been a collision on the B1008 towards Onslow Green.  There had also been a large spillage of magazines whilst in transit at the bottom of Buttles Hill.  Cllr. Burlend thanked Cllr. Ranger for organising and assisting in the prompt clean up exercise. |   |
|   |  | The seven day PV2 traffic survey has taken place with the results currently being analysed. |   |
|   |  | A further discussion was held regarding cars parking within 10 metres of the Watts Close/Berners End junction.  Cllr. Ranger to speak with Andrew Hurrell. | VR |
|   |  | Cllr. Sellens raised the matter of a cyclist that persists in dropping drink bottles in the vicinity of the Barnston gate on the B1008 (Chelmsford side). |   |
|   | **6.00** | **MINUTES** |   |
|   |   | The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9th February 2015 were approved and signed. |   |
|   | **7.00** | **CLERKS REPORT** |   |
|   | **7.01** | **Handyperson** |   |
|   |   | The verges at High Easter Road have been repaired twice since the last meeting.  The verge at the corner of Watts Close and Berners End has been repaired by Uttlesford District Council, but with more damage caused the Handyperson has carried out further repairs there also.  The full service on the lawn tractor will be carried out this month. |   |
|   | **7.02** | **Late item from the weekly planning list** |   |
|   |  | UTT/15/0059/HHF.  Single storey extensions to front and rear and erection of garage to rear.  27 Barnston Green, Barnston CM6 1PH.  Delegated Decision - Approve with Conditions – 25thFebruary 2015. |   |
|   | **7.03** | **Litter Offender** |   |
|   |  | The Clerk has received more complaints in respect of litter persistently dropped in Rayfield Close. In an effort to keep our village at its high standard of tidiness, residents are once again requested to dispose of their rubbish responsibly.  Thank you. |   |
|   | **7.04** | **Resignation of Clerk** |   |
|   |  | Following four years as Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Hammond has tended her resignation.  A vacancy notice for the Clerk position will be prepared and displayed on Parish notice boards. | Clerk |
|   | **8.00** | **FINANCIAL POSITION** |   |
|   |  | The financial position as at 28 February 2015 was £18,925.98 in the current account.  This includes a payment received from UK Power Networks of £78.60 in respect of electricity equipment and 3 electricity poles on Parish Council land. |   |
|   | **8.01** | **UDC – Garden Waste Weekend Collection Service 2015 Season** |   |
|   |  | The Parish Council has received details of the UDC 2015 Garden Waste Skip Service.  The charge for 2015 remains the same at the previous year and the Parish Council RESOLVED that this service should continue within the village.  Clerk to confirm to UDC. | Clerk |
|   | **9.00** | **Planning Applications** |   |
|   | **9.01** | **UTT/15/0419/PDE (Permitted Development Extension)** – Proposed single storey rear extension – extending 6m from rear wall, maximum height 3m and height to eaves 2m.  8 Millfield, Barnston CM6 1LH.  Noted. |   |
|   | **9.02** | **Application for a Premises Licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003 –**Glass Half Full Wines Ltd t/a Cape London.  Martels Events Village, High Easter Road, Barnston CM6 1NA. Noted. |   |
|   | **10.00** | **Planning Applications Determined** |   |
|   |  | None received |   |
|   | **11.00** | **Planning Appeals** |   |
|   |  | None received. |   |
|   | **12.00** | **General Correspondence to note** |   |
|   | **12.01** | EALC – Cllr Sellens reported on information received from the Essex Association of Local Councils.  Noted. |   |
|   | **12.02** | Bus News – Cllr Tuttlebury advised the meeting of the launch of the ECC Passenger Transport ‘Getting Around in Essex’ consultation.  Noted. |   |
|   | **12.03** | UDC – Notice of increase in council garage rents 2015/16.  Noted. |   |
|   | **12.04** | ECC – Launch of Getting Around in Essex consultation.  Noted. |   |
|   |  | Clerk to request further copies of the questionnaire.  Cllr Tuttlebury to pass onto residents who use the bus service and do not have access to the internet. | Clerk/ST |
|   | **12.05** | A&J Lighting Solutions – letter received advising of the increase in cost for component parts used in the maintenance and repair of the Parish Councils current lighting stock.  Noted. |   |
|   | **13.00** | **CHEQUES** The following cheques were agreed and signed at the meeting | £ |
|   |  | Mrs J. Hammond | 322.19 |
|   |  | Mr A. Vince | 419.03 |
|   |  | Mrs A. Vince (Expenses) | 24.22 |
|   |  | Essex Pension Fund | 36.98 |
|   |  | Acumen Wages Service (Payroll February 2015) | 24.00 |
|   |  | Post Office Limited (Re. HMRC – tax to month 12) | 15.80 |
|   |  | Society of Local Council Clerks (Renewal of Membership 2015) | 103.00 |
|   |  | Docsoft IT Ltd (Printer) | 121.34 |
|   |  | Barnston Village Hall (Hire of hall February 2015) | 11.55 |
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|   |  | **Direct Debits/Standing Orders** | £ |
|   |  | EON | 39.57 |
|   |  | A&J Lighting Solutions | 56.58 |
|   |  | 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 13th April 2015 at 7.45 p.m.** |   |
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