

**Draft Minutes of virtual Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7.30 pm.
via Zoom.**

Present: Angie Driscoll (AD) – Chair
Peter Sampson (PS)
George Taylor (GT)
Geof Driscoll (GD)
Linda Pocklington (LP)
Sally Taylor (ST)
John Revell (JR)

Melvin Caton (district councillor) (MC)
Ray Gooding (county councillor) (RG)

Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

747. Chairman’s Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

748. Apologies for Absence

Ayab Khan (district councillor) (AK)

749. Declarations of Interest

PS notified an interest in item 7: **Donation request from Village Magazine** as magazine editor.

750. Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None.

751. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 (previously circulated) were agreed as a true and accurate record, and will be duly signed by the Chairman.

752. Donation request from SSE

A donation of £500 was agreed, with one abstention.

753. Donation request from Village Magazine

A donation of £600 was agreed.

MC was also able to advise that he and Ayab Khan would contribute funds to the Magazine from the District Councillors allowance.

754. Finance

- a. Account Balances (already circulated) – noted.
- b. Invoices and payments – approved.

1. Account Balances b/f 30th September 2020

Unity Trust Bank	57601.32
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2. Payments due for October 2020

Ace of Spades	On line	249.60 (grass cutting September 2020)
A&J Lighting	SO	45.90 (monthly maintenance)
e-on	DD	87.58 (electricity for September 2020)
TBS Hygiene	On line	126.00 (dog bin and rubbish bin emptying)
Angie Driscoll	On line	30.00 (Poppy appeal)
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	On line	100.00 (donation)
Keith Williams	On line	562.01 (salary for October 2020)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	On line	140.40 (PAYE for October 2020)
Keith Williams	On line	20.00 (office rent October 2020)
Police and Crime Comm	On line	10.00 (PCSS 01/07/20-30/09/20)

<u>Total payments for October 2020</u>	<u>1371.49</u>
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3. Account Balance c/f 31st October

Unity Trust Bank a/c no 20419053	
Balance at 30/09/2020	56229.83
Allotment income	<u>50.00</u>
Balance c/f	<u>56279.83</u>

Note 1: The payment to HMRC was made by the parish clerk and is being reimbursed.

755. Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from District Councillor Melvin Caton (MC)

There is to be a topic-based consultation on the Local Plan. Residents will then be asked their opinions on each topic.

Report from County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG)

- ECC is creating a support package targeted at Covid-19 victims.
- The county council also recognises there is a new group of people who have not previously been considered as suffering financially, but who have lost their jobs and now need support.
- Food and exercise opportunities will be available for children.
- There will be support packs based on a family of four, to provide provisions for a week.

756. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.02.