

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting  
held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm.  
In Birchanger Village Hall**

**Present:** Angie Driscoll (AD) – Chair  
George Taylor (GT)  
Geof Driscoll (GD)  
Sally Taylor (ST)  
John Revell (JR)

Ayub Khan (district councillor) (AK)  
Ray Gooding (county councillor) (RG)

0 members of the public  
Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

**821. Chairman’s Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

**822. Apologies for Absence**

Peter Sampson (PS)  
Linda Pocklington (LP)  
Melvin Caton (district councillor) (MC)

**823. Declarations of Interest**

None.

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

None.

**825. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (previously circulated) were agreed as a true and accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chair.

**826. Planning**

**1. UTT/21/2111/HHF – 68 Birchanger Lane**

Rendering of external envelope. Erection of new front entrance porch. Alterations to fenestration to front and rear elevations.

No objections.

**827. Finance**

**a. Accounts Balances (already circulated)**

Noted

**b. Invoices and payments for approval**

Approved

**1. Account Balances b/f 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

Unity Trust Bank	33603.56
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**2. Payments due for June 2021**

Eon	DD	90.50 (electricity)
Ace of Spades	On line	249.60 (grass cutting May 2021)
A&J Lighting	SO	45.90 (monthly maintenance)
Assoc of Local Councils	On line	5.00 (membership renewal)
Police & Crime Commissioner	On line	20.00 (Period 01/01/21-31/03/21)
Dave Debnam	On line	222.00 (allotment repairs)
Payroo	On line	6.00 (payroll expenses)
TBS Hygiene	On line	129.60 (dog bin and rubbish bin emptying)
Keith Williams	On line	441.43 (salary for June 2021)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	On line	110.20 (PAYE for June 2021)
Keith Williams	On line	20.00 (office rent June 2021)
Unity Trust charges	dd	18.00 (bank charges)

<u>Total payments for June 2021</u>	<u>1358.23</u>
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**3. Account Balance c/f 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Balance @ 30/06/2021	32245.33
VAT refund	1780.93
Balance c/f	34026.26

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

**828. Stansted Airport update**

GD had attended an airspace seminar for reviewing flight paths, particularly for air space below 7000 feet. He reports that STAL will not be dealing with helicopters in this review as they do not require instrument flight operations. There will be four stage consultations with the result being announced in 2024. There is a review every 7 years.

**829. Barn update**

There have been over 100 objections to this proposed development. The application was predicated on the regulation which stipulates that any barn which has been in agricultural use within the previous 10 years does not require planning permission for conversion to private dwelling(s). This was the view taken by Uttlesford District Council (UDC).

Objectors stated that the barn had not in fact been used for agricultural purposes during the preceding 10 years and UDC was therefore asked to reconsider their decision. UDC have accepted that a mistake had been made in their findings and that planning permission is required. They will not be granting planning permission.

There is a concern that this decision is not binding on future councils. The Harrisons Residents Association will therefore be taking legal action to have the application quashed.

**830. Travellers update**

There is nothing further to report at this stage. A report is still awaited from the inspector, which requires a site visit by the inspector before any decision can be made. AK has asked Nigel Brown to carry out a site visit to ensure that the agreed conditions are being adhered to.

**831. Donation to Birchanger Village Magazine.**

The council agreed in principle to granting a donation but there was a request that before actually making the donation some details of the magazine's operating costs should be obtained. Subject to a satisfactory response from the Magazine, a donation amount not exceeding £900 was agreed.

AK advised that both he and MC would be donating funds to the Magazine from their councillor's allowance.

**832. Reports from County and District Councillors**

**Report from AK**

- a. There had been a vote of no confidence in the UDC governing party. The vote was defeated by 20 to 10. Although the public had not been invited to attend the debate, a full video of the proceedings has been released.
- b. An interim Chief Executive, Rob Tinlin, has been appointed following the resignation of Dawn French.
- c. The Local Plan has been withdrawn. A new Local Plan is being prepared.
- d. District Councillor surgeries are being planned by both himself and MC. It is expected that one venue will be in the Birchanger Village Hall.

**Report from County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG).**

- a. There is continuing pressure on ECC services.
- b. In care arrangements it is noted that due to the drop in the number of care patients, many care homes are becoming unviable.
- c. Young carers support is to be taken in house. One in ten children act as carers. There will be a dedicated department linking schools to assess what particular issues are arising.
- d. He will investigate the current position of the Wig-Wags installation, the Parish Council having paid the amount of £10000 to Essex County Council on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**833. Closure of meeting**

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.29 .

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