

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.30 pm.
In Birchanger Village Hall**

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

0 members of the public
Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

834. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

835. Apologies for Absence

Melvin Caton (district councillor) (MC)
Ayub Khan (district councillor) (AK)

836. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

None.

838. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 6th July 2021 (previously circulated) were agreed as a true and accurate record, and were duly signed by the Chair.

839. Finance

a. Accounts Balances (already circulated)

Noted

b. Invoices and payments for approval

Approved

1. Account Balances b/f 31st July 2021

Unity Trust Bank	32035.95
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2. Payments due for August 2021

A&J Lighting	SO	45.90 (monthly maintenance)
Eon	DD	90.50 (electricity July 2021)
TBS Hygiene	On line	162.00 (dog bin and rubbish bin emptying)
Payroo	On line	6.00 (payroll expenses)
Keith Williams	On line	441.23 (salary for August 2021)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	On line	110.40 (PAYE for August 2021)
Keith Williams	On line	20.00 (office rent August 2021)

<u>Total payments for August 2021</u>	<u>876.03</u>
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3. Account Balance c/f 31st August 2021

Balance @ 31/08/2021	31159.92
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Note 1: The payments to HMRC was made by the parish clerk and is being reimbursed.

840. Call for Sites

The UDC Planning Team is not involved with drawing up the new Local Plan and will not therefore be overseeing the Call for Sites. A new team has been formed to deal with the Local Plan. 299 sites have been registered with the Call for Sites, which could theoretically enable 70,000 new homes to be built. This is actually 57,000 more than is needed. Whilst the majority of these sites are in the South this does not prevent UDC approaching developers/landowners in the north.

17000 new homes will be needed by 2040 of which 4000 are in the pipeline. There are enough registered sites around Birchanger to allow the building of 3500 homes but the previous request to build a considerable number of homes around Birchanger was refused as the area is Green Belt. UDC would need to prove exceptionality to get permission to build in Green Belt. The decision about which sites have been selected will be made public towards the end of the year but further consultations will be held before then.

841. Noticeboard

The noticeboard at Bradley Common is in a very poor condition. Before a replacement is purchased, the Parish Council will look into the possibility of renovating the existing board.

842. Recreation Ground - New nets

The existing nets are in a poor condition. LP provided details of companies who can supply replacements. It was agreed to purchase new nets and spare clips.

843. Allotments - Rent review

It was agreed that allotment rent will increase to £15 p.a. with an annual review. The deposit is to be increased to £75.

844. Request for donation from Stansted Airport Watch (SAW)

A donation of £500 was agreed.

845. Reports from County and District Councillors

None

846. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.15 .

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