

MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 13th JULY 2026 – BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr R Burlend MBE	Cllr S Tuttlebury	Cllr P Singleton
Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk)	Cllr D Jackaman	
Cllr Penny	Cllr M Jaggard	Cllr D Sellens

1.00	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr J Clyne MVO, Cllr J Hills & Cllr Mordrick
2.00	<u>Declaration of Interest</u> -Nil
3.00	<u>Public Forum</u> – Nil
4.00	<u>District & County Councillors Report</u> Cllr Mordrick provided a County Councillor’s report which was summarised as below. 100 – Day Plan • The new ECC administration has launched a 100-Day Plan focused on practical action and restoring trust with residents. Priorities include. • Tackling the county’s pothole backlog. • Reducing delays in the SEND system. • Supporting libraries and strengthening community pride. • Improving financial sustainability. • Opposing national proposals for Local Government reform. Pothole Repairs • Emergency Pothole £7.5m in new funding: • Three additional repair crews have been deployed, joining the existing nine teams. • Crews are now fixing previously ‘non-urgent’ potholes. • More specialised machinery. • Barnston has already seen several repairs completed. Fostering Recruitment An extra £250,000 is being invested in a campaign to recruit more foster carers, improve outcomes for vulnerable children, and reduce reliance on costly external placements. Essex Veterans Village The Council is exploring the creation of a dedicated housing community for ex-military personnel and their families. The proposed Veterans Village would offer transitional and long-term housing, rehabilitation services, community hubs and supported transition to civilian life.
5.00	<u>Road Safety</u> Cllr Burlend reported a pothole located on High Easter Rd to the Clerk who has reported this to Highways. Cllr Tuttlebury enquired as to whether the bus stop and layby on Chelmsford Road require repainting. Cllr Jaggard agreed to obtain a quotation for this. ACTION: CLLR JAGGARD

6.00	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Minutes of the previous meeting (8th June 2026) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Burlend (Chairperson)
7.00	<u>Action Points from previous Meeting</u> Jet washing has been undertaken within the parks. Footbridge 22 at Salletts has been repaired. The loose granite setts located on the mini roundabout have been reported to Highways. Funding application unsuccessful for Hundred Parishes.
8.00	<u>Internal Audit Report – (Previously circulated)</u> Cllr Burlend summarised the internal audit report, which was previously circulated to Councillors for review. The Council acknowledged the recommendations of the auditor and the Clerk agreed to implement these recommendations. These included. • To amend the Asset Register valuations on the AGAR 2026 in accordance with the required 'at cost value.' The auditor suggested that we state the cost value rather than the depreciated value. • To increase general reserves and monitor reserves policy. • To publish a Publication Scheme in accordance with Assertion 10. Cllr Burlend highlighted the auditor's conclusion of the report which stated, "I would like to record my appreciation to the Clerk to the Council for her assistance during the course of the audit work and the quality of documentation provided for the audit." The Council agreed the internal audit report and agreed to instruct Hellis and Lodge for the forthcoming year of audit. ACTION: PARISH CLERK
9.00	<u>Clerk's Report</u> Remembrance Wreath has been ordered in preparation for Remembrance service. Village Hall fees have increased. The AGAR has been submitted to the external auditor.
10.00	<u>Financial Position – Statement of bank account as of 30th June 2026</u> The financial position as of 30th June was £8880.67 in the current account.
11.00	<u>Planning Applications</u> UTT/26/1459/HHF Single-storey rear extension projecting 3m from original rear wall of property 16 Barnston Green, Barnston - Noted UTT/26/1393/DOC Application to discharge condition 4 (HMMP) attached to UTT/26/0028/FUL Adjacent To Great Broadfields Farm, Chelmsford Road - Noted

	UTT/26/1404/DISBGP Application to discharge condition 3 (Biodiversity Gain Plan) attached to UTT/26/0028/FUL Adjacent To Great Broadfields Farm, Chelmsford Road - Noted
12.00	<u>Planning Applications Determined</u> UTT/26/1169/HHF Erection of 1.5 storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory with changes to fenestration and internal remodelling (resubmission of UTT/25/3431/HHF) Pyes Cottage, Onslow Green, Barnston – Approved with Conditions
13.00	<u>General Correspondence to note - Nil.</u>
14.00	<u>EALC – Various – Nil</u>
15.00	<u>Bus News - Nil</u>
16.00	<u>Any Other Business</u> Reminder that there is no meeting in August. The Clerk recorded appreciation to a resident who reported fly tipping and to Cllr Hills for his assistance in arranging the clearance of this. Cllr Jackaman confirmed a 6-month trial for trains running from London to Bishops Stortford and Stansted with extended timings to 1-2am.

July 2026	
James Todd & Co	£ 41.80
Parish Clerk Wage	£ 534.60
HMRC	£ 91.99
A&J Lighting	£ 59.88
N Power	£ 129.42
Landvista Ltd	£ 1485.00
Barnston Village Hall	£ 14.25
Chairmans Allowance	£ 20.00
Partners by Design	£ 210.00

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 14th September 2026 at 7pm in Barnston Village Hall.

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