

MINUTES OF BARNSTON PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026 – BARNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr R Burlend MBE	Cllr S Tuttlebury	5 members of public
Mrs Fay Jupp (Clerk)	Cllr D Jackaman	Cllr J Clyne MVO
Cllr Penny	Cllr J Hills	Cllr D Sellens

1.00	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr Jaggard, Cllr Mordrick & Cllr P Singleton
2.00	<u>Declaration of Interest</u> -Nil
3.00	<u>Public Forum</u> Five members of public attended the meeting to raise concerns relating to the proposed road closure on High Easter Road. Representatives from Great Garnetts, The Spotted Dog and Martels attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding the proposed weekend road closures. The negative impact on their businesses will be disastrous, with loss of earnings and reduced foot fall. Cllr Burlend summarised recent correspondence with Cllr Bagnall and Cllr Barker. Cllr Bagnall was sympathetic to the views of residents and agreed to call a meeting with Cllr Mark Webster, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure and Cllr Bo Davis to discuss whether the work could be rescheduled and completed during night closures or with traffic controls. There was no evidence of a consultation period prior to the scheduling of the work. A general discussion ensued relating to the lack of communication within the Highways department and the need for them to be more communicative with residents and the Parish Council. The Parish Council urged the residents and businesses to continue to press Highways on this matter and the Clerk agreed to request an update from Cllr Bagnall following the meeting with Cllr Mark webster. ACTION: PARISH CLERK
4.00	<u>District & County Councillors Report</u> Cllr Bo Davis and Cllr Geff Bagnall were invited to attend the meeting in the absence of Cllr Mordrick.
5.00	<u>Road Safety</u> 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 Uneven payments on Rayfield Close have been reported to Highways. A pothole located near to the Barnston Green junction on High Easter Road has been repaired.
6.00	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Minutes of the previous meeting (13th July 2026) were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by Cllr Burlend (Chairperson)

7.00	<u>Action Points from previous Meeting</u> Cllr Burlend has been formally invited to lay a Remembrance Wreath at the Remembrance Parade in Great Dunmow. The Clerk to clarify the parade order. Cllr Burlend has been provided with the wreath. Publication Scheme has been published to the Parish Website in accordance with the Internal Audit report. The bitumen tarmac spillage at Barnston Green has been reported to Highways for cleaning. Reference 6006272 and additional photographs supplied. Playground Inspections and Park gym have been undertaken by Rospa, awaiting reports. The Clerk has liaised with surrounding Parish Councils to arrange inspections within May/June at a reduced rate with Rospa. Electricity Supply update. Cllr Burlend confirmed that the unmetered electricity supply variable rate had been reviewed with alternative suppliers including Eon, British Gas, Octopus Energy and NPower. They have all confirmed that unmetered supplies cannot enter a contract as they are either not interested due to low return, or they only accept UMS connections with first registration. The Parish Council will continue to be supplied by Npower Business Solutions.
9.00	<u>Clerk's Report</u> The Finance Committee is due to meet in October to discuss the forthcoming budget and precept. These documents will be circulated to the Parish Council in due course. Hedge cutting is now underway throughout the village. Litter picks have been undertaken along Chelmsford Rd, Buttles Hill and Barnston Green areas. The nature reserve at Onslow Green is scheduled to be flailed. Tree maintenance around the pond will be undertaken in accordance with the Landscape management plan. Still awaiting External audit report from PKF. VAT Return submitted for the period of 01/04/26 to 31/07/26 for the amount of £1136.19. The Precept instalment is scheduled to be received on 25th September for the sum of £ 16,388.40.
10.00	<u>Financial Position – Statement of bank account as of 30th July & 31st August 2026</u> The financial position as of 30th July was £6254.43 & 31st August was £ 6656.75 in the current account. Compared to - The financial position as of 31st August 2025 which was £ 2478.15. The Parish Council has taken measures to reduce its expenditure and increase its general reserves. These measures are slowly making a difference to the reserves.
11.00	<u>Planning Applications</u> UTT/26/0213/FUL Upgrade of the existing external walls to insulated render in order to achieve the required u-value School House, Chelmsford Road. – Resubmit original objections

	UTT/26/1966/HHF Proposed demolition of existing single-storey extension, replacement single-storey rear and side extension, first floor extension and erection of single-storey detached annexe Martels Gate, High Easter Road - Noted UTT/26/2341/PIP Planning in Principal for the erection of up to 3 residential dwelling houses Land Adjacent Bridleways, Parsonage Lane, Barnston - Noted UTT/26/1635/OP - Outline planning application for the erection of up to 850 residential dwellings, land for a 2-form entry primary school, a mixed-use local centre, sports pitches, public open space, and associated facilities. Location: Land North and South of The Broadway, Great Dunmow – Comments submitted
12.00	<u>Planning Applications Determined</u> UTT/26/1459/HHF Single-storey rear extension projecting 3m from original rear wall of property 16 Barnston Green, Barnston – Approved with Conditions UTT/26/1298/CLP Proposed rear dormer roof extension and installation of 2no. rooflights to front 27 Rayfield Close, Barnston – Approved Certificate of Lawfulness UTT/26/1307/FUL Section 73A Retrospective planning application for the retention of a farm track and associated altered vehicular access, including a set-back gated access arrangement onto the B1008, serving Great Broadfield Farm Broadfield Farm, Chelmsford Road, 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> Request from a resident for a 'No Airport Parking' sign at Rayfield Close. The Parish Council agreed to install a sign on the Barnston Green road sign. ACTION: PARISH CLERK The Clerk to write to residents regarding overgrown hedges and vegetation encroaching onto pathways. ACTION: PARISH CLERK Cllr Penny reported that the Defibrillator checks are up to date. A reported nuisance dog issue at Berners End has been referred to Uttlesford District Council. The Clerk to contact the landowner regarding recent ditch clearance work near parallel to Chelmsford Road. ACTION: PARISH CLERK

July & August 2026	
James Todd & Co	£ 41.80
Parish Clerk Wage	£ 534.60
HMRC	£ 91.99
A&J Lighting	£ 59.88
N Power	£ 139.39
Landvista Ltd	£ 1310.40
Barnston Village Hall	£ 14.25
EALC	£ 333.06

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th October 2026 at 7pm in Barnston Village Hall.

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