

**Minutes of virtual Birchanger Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.30 pm.
via Zoom.**

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

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

Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

757. Chairman’s Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

758. Apologies for Absence

Linda Pocklington (LP)

759. Declarations of Interest

None.

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

None.

761. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 (previously circulated) were agreed as a true and accurate record, and will be duly signed by the Chairman.

762. Donation request for Christmas Tree

A donation of £130 was agreed, to be paid to Birchanger Sports and Social Club.

763. “Wig Wag” signs

AD, GD, PS and RG met Rissa Long and Sonia Church from Essex Highways to discuss WigWags. Their recommendation has been put to Validation and they are awaiting a response. AD reminded RG that the Council are willing to pay for these and it is hoped that this will enable them to be installed ASAP if agreement is given.

764. School signage

It was originally felt that the school warning sign at the top of the path adjacent to the hall was in the wrong place. However, if the WigWag warning is installed near the allotments then the original sign can remain in place to warn drivers of children coming out of Birchwood.

765. Finance

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

1. Account Balances b/f 31st October 2020

Unity Trust Bank 56279.83

2. Payments due for November 2020

George Taylor	On line	270.72 (signs for recreation ground)
A&J Lighting	SO	45.90 (monthly maintenance)
Ace of Spades	On line	249.60 (grass cutting October 2020)
SSE	On line	500.00 (donation)
Birchanger magazine	On line	600.00 (donation)
e-on	DD	90.50 (electricity for October 2020)
Jay Leavers	On line	100.00 (oak tree trimming at allotments)
TBS Hygiene	On line	162.00 (dog bin and rubbish bin emptying)
A&J Lighting	On line	165.48 (street light repairs)
Lynda Reed	On line	50.00 (allotment deposit refund)
HAGS	On line	2632.80 (repairs to recreation ground equip)
Keith Williams	On line	441.23 (salary for November 2020)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	On line	110.40 (PAYE for November 2020)
Keith Williams	On line	20.00 (office rent November 2020)

Total payments for November 2020 5438.63

3. Account Balance c/f 30th November 2020

Unity Trust Bank a/c no 20419053

Balance at 30/11/2020 50841.12

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

766. Reports from County and District Councillors

Report from District Councillor Melvin Caton (MC)

Consultation was continuing on the Local Plan. It is estimated that it will take a further five months.

Report from County Councillor Ray Gooding (RG)

RG has contacted Steve Hopkins (SH), Chairman of Birchanger Sports and Social Club, regarding the flooding in Birchanger Lane. SH had advised that he was planning to get an estimate for the work. RG will find out the present position.

More rubbish has appeared where the cars park in Birchanger Lane before the roundabout. He is chasing ECC/Highways to see who will be funding either a Clearway or Red Zone. He is awaiting further information.

767. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 19.49 .

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