

**Minutes of Birchanger Parish Council meeting  
held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 8.00 pm.  
in Birchanger Village Hall**

**Present:** Angie Driscoll (AD) – Chair  
Maria Davy (MD)  
George Taylor (GT)  
John Revell (JR)  
Ken Wheatley (KW)  
Sandy Dowle (SD)  
Peter Sampson (PS)

Thom Goddard (TD) - District Councillor  
Keith Williams (Parish Clerk)

**502. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

**503. Apologies and Reason for Absence**

Elizabeth Godwin (EG) – Ill health  
Linda Pocklington (LP) – family bereavement

**504. Declarations of Interest**

MD in respect of agenda item 8.2, planning application UTT/18/2403/HHF - spouse prepared the plans.

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

None

**506. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (previously circulated) were amended to remove Alex Stewart from attendees, and then agreed as a true and accurate record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

**507. Recreation Ground Working Group/Allotments – Glebeland**

Recreation Ground report submitted by LP.

Allotment report - September 28th. Meeting between Linda Pocklington member of Birchanger Parish Council and Peter Wilton, chairman on the Allotment Holders' Association

Following our meeting, there are a few points of interest.

Two plots are vacant.

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The majority of the allocated plots are well tended, with some having beautiful coloured fruit and vegetables!!

A few of the allocated plots are looking rather neglected. Peter will follow up.

Ace of Spades will be contacted regarding the cutting of grass/weeds of unoccupied allotments.

AD had spoken to David Debnam. The work on the recreation ground had not yet been completed but he hoped to complete the work before Christmas.

## 508. Finance

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

The following payments were accepted and authorised to be made.

### 1. Account Balances b/f at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018

HSBC Community account	£(6657.57)
Transfer from Money Manager	£43231.03
UDC Precept	£ 9878.00

### 2. Payments due for September 2018

e-on	DD	£73.30 (electricity for August 2018)
Hundred Parishes Society	Chq 100628	£10.00 (membership renewal)
A&J Lighting	SO	£45.90 (monthly charge)
TBS Hygiene Ltd	Chq 100629	£97.20 (dog bin emptying)
Birchanger Church Hall	Chq 100630	£70.00 (hire of hall)
Chelmsford Diocese	SO	£325.00 (Glebeland rent)
Ace of Spades	Chq 100631	£249.60 (grounds maintenance)
EALC	Chq 100632	£25.00 (training P Sampson)
Ken Wheatley	Chq 100633	£9.99 (stationery)
Clerks salary	Chq 100634	£395.85 (salary for September 2018)
Office rental	Chq 100635	£20.00 (office rental for September 2018)
HMRC (Keith Williams)	Chq 100636	£98.80 (paye for month 06)

Total payments for September 2018 £1420.64

### 3. Account Balances c/f at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

HSBC Community account 51624067	£45030.82
Natwest current account	£13608.65

### 509. Planning

#### 1. Application no UTT/18/2403/HHF – 99 Birchanger Lane.

Proposed garage/store with new brick boundary wall and gate.

Our objections are

- The proposed development is detrimental to the neighbours and to the street scene
- It is set at the front boundary of the property right on Birchanger Lane
- It's inappropriate development, being in front of the main property
- The problems are compounded by a high pitched roof
- There's a loss of valuable hedge screen

#### 2. Application no UTT/18/2550/FUL – 16 Bradley Common.

Proposed new 2 bedroom dwelling.

Birchanger Parish Council considers that the side of the proposed house is too close to the south boundary with number 14 Bradley Common. The parish clerk will advise Uttlesford District Council Planning accordingly.

### 510. Birchanger roundabout proposal UTT/18/1823/CLP

Following the consultation meeting in which Essex Highways indicated that in addition to buses and taxis, cars would definitely also be allowed to exit Birchanger Lane straight across at least in the short-term, which it is suggested would be 5-10 years, a letter has subsequently been received from Essex Highways advising the following.

- “1. A permanent spur road off Birchanger Lane for bus, taxi and emergency services that allows direct movements to Bishops Stortford and A120 west. Due to being infrequent in nature (e.g. 40 – 60mins) this does not disrupt the junction timings or effectiveness.
2. Subject to further traffic modelling and analysis, at scheme opening we will potentially allow all traffic to use the link under monitoring. At a future date if traffic on this spur road starts to impact the junction signalisation effectiveness (reduction of A120 / A1250 queuing) a decision will be taken whether to revert to bus, taxi and emergency vehicles only (subject to Cabinet Member and Statutory Traffic Regulation Order approval).”

The Parish Council considers that this implies that this permission may not be granted or could be withdrawn at any time, and indeed much sooner than was originally indicated.

**511. Neighbourhood Watch**

PS advised that North West Essex is the relevant authority covering the area, and he has been given a substantial amount of literature. He has informed NW Essex that he is the representative for Birchanger. The village needs to be divided into divisions and co-ordinators appointed for each division. In addition to crime prevention the scheme will be extended to include social issues and fire prevention.

**512. Footpaths**

SD made the following report;

Footpaths and signs report: 2/10/18

At present, the footpaths are reasonably clear with a couple of exceptions:

- The footpath from the Gower Barn is not too bad, but there is a lot of 'fly tipping' where people are throwing cuttings, branches and logs!
- Over the motorway, there is no finger post indicating the bridleway going north where it splits from the notorious cycle track to the airport.
- Rubbish is being left outside Traveller encampment (7 days so far?), with no apparent collection, nor rubbish bins.

There had not yet been a Footpath Committee meeting but this is hoped to be convened shortly.

**513. GDPR and Data Privacy Policy**

KW is still compiling his report.

**514. Stansted Airport**

SSE has arranged an emergency meeting in Birchanger Village Hall which KW will be attending. The one agenda item will be Stansted Airport's planning application and Uttlesford's process.

**515. Reports from County/District councillors**

**Thom Goddard**

- The slipway from southbound M11 does not meet current standards and needs to be rectified. However it is likely to prove difficult to obtain funding for the project.
- The Local Plan is still receiving input from interested parties.
- A person had been arrested for giving false information to the police, resulting in a helicopter search, regarding a person reported lost and injured in Birchanger Woods.

Thom advised that he will not be standing for re-election at the next elections.

**516. Closure of meeting**

There being no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.55.

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