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MINUTES of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2022 at the Village Hall, Bunwell.

Cllrs Present at the Meeting: Cllr D Ward and Cllr J Chapman

Also Present: County Cllr Duffin, Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

MINUTES	ACTION
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- 1. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllrs R Smith, D Dickson, T Harvey and R Watson were unable to attend. Cllr Ward, as Vice-Chair, took the meeting.
- 2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda and to consider any requests for declarations** – There were no declarations of interest
- 3. To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 1st June 2022** - The minutes of the previous meeting on 1st June 2022, pages 422-425, having previously been circulated to all members, were signed by the Vice-Chair.
- 4. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes** –
 - 4.1. Several residents of Bunwell, as well as Parish Councillors, had attended the meeting arranged by Tibenham Parish Council to discuss the National Grid Power Network’s proposal for a line of pylons along the Tas Valley. County Cllr Barry Duffin commented that the MP for South Norfolk, Richard Bacon, was doing all he could to ensure that this proposal in its present form does not get passed by the Secretary of State. He is also in touch with Government Ministers and MPs from Suffolk and Essex who are also affected and who are vehemently opposed to the current proposal. The consensus of opinion is that a sub-sea line to carry the electricity generated by wind farms in the North Sea would be the most environmentally and cost-effective solution. There is a national petition site where anyone interested can add their name to a protest petition set up under the name EssexSuffolkNorfolkPylons. The link is: bit.ly/3sCmOtK and the petition is addressed to Kwasi Kwarteng MP, Secretary of State, who will make the final decision.
 - 4.2. Dog Bins in Bunwell – it was agreed to ask Jason Goddard to quote to replace the post for the dog bin down Barhams Lane. The question of the best place for dog bins in the Parish will be discussed at the next meeting in September.
- 5. To receive the District and County Councillors’ Reports** – County Cllr Duffin passed on information from Norfolk CC on the following topics: There has been an increase in the number of Covid cases recently and residents were reminded that there is a dedicated webpage for coronavirus on the Norfolk County Council webpage. Council Leader, Andrew Proctor, spoke to business leaders at the Royal Norfolk Show and mentioned the NCC’s current position of just 9 authorities nationwide that have

been invited to negotiate with the Government on a devolution deal which could see significant powers and funding being transferred to Norfolk. This could see Norfolk gain additional powers and funding to improve resident's lives. There is more information on the NCC webpage. The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Scheme returns for the six-week school holiday period. This provides free activities for children from 5-16 with a healthy lunch for children entitled to free school meals. Information is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/bignorfolkholidayfun webpage. A new exhibition is open at the Norfolk Records Office exploring the life of Maharajah Duleep Singh, the last emperor of the Punjab and his family. Over 150 years ago the Duleep Singhs purchased the Elveden Estate at Thetford and made East Anglia their new home. The family's connections with the area continue to this day and the three-month exhibition has artefacts and objects previously unseen, associated with this extraordinary family. Highway projects in Norfolk include the Long Stratton Bypass which is waiting for full approval, the Norwich Bypass Western Link, which has been approved in principle and the dualling of the A47 at Blofield which should commence in 2023.

- 6. Resident's Questions** – There were no questions raised.
- 7. To receive and discuss correspondence** – emails received had been forwarded to councillors and dealt with as necessary.
- 8. Highway Matters** – The NCC Highway Rangers are working in Bunwell in the near future and they will be asked to clear the Trod Path along The Turnpike from Caldwell down to the footway and repair the bridge over the ford down Barhams Lane.
- 9. Footpath Warden's Report** – as Cllr Smith was not at the meeting there were no matters to report.
- 10. Playground & Carpark** – Mr Gledhill reported that he had met the inspector from RoSPA who inspected the repairs to the roundabout and he was satisfied with the work that had been carried out. There were no major defects in the rest of the play equipment which needed attention in the near future. It was suggested that residents be asked to help with routine cleaning and painting jobs and Cllr Chapman agreed to take responsibility for the playground until the next meeting in September. Mr Gledhill and Mr Hoolahan kindly agreed to organise the work that could be undertaken by volunteers and asked that anyone willing to help should meet at the Playground on Saturday 30th July at 9.00am to see what could be done.
- 11. Report received from the Bunwell Housing & Development Group (BHDG)**
Mr Gledhill reported that the preferred sites for housing development in Bunwell should be announced shortly. He will pass on any information he hears as soon as possible.
- 12. Planning Applications – to discuss and vote on any new planning applications** – There were no new applications since the last meeting.
- 13. Finance**
- 13.1. Payments for the month had been circulated and councillors agreed to these transactions.
 - 13.2. Cashbook balance – this had been circulated to all Councillors and was noted.
- 14. To receive matters of importance from Councillors** – Cllr Chapman noted that the phone box housing the defibrillator opposite the shop is looking rather dilapidated

and in need of decoration. Mr Gledhill said that he maintains the postbox defibrillator site on The Turnpike and would find out about the correct materials to be used and contractors who could carry out the redecorations. He will let the PC know if he finds out any useful information. He also said that he had removed the book bank in this phone box as it was no longer used.

- 15. To receive items for the next Agenda for Consideration** – To discuss the siting of dogbins in Bunwell and the redecoration and cleaning of the defib site in the postbox opposite the shop.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm

BARCLAYS COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	
BALANCE AS AT 01.06.22	£0.10

RECEIPTS THIS MONTH – UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT			
BALANCE AS AT 01.06.22		£28,128.34	
DATE	RECEIVED FROM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT
BALANCE C/FWD		£28,128.34	

PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL THIS MONTH: UNITY TRUST CURRENT ACCOUNT					
BALANCE AS AT 01.06.22				£28,128.34	
PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
BACS	CGM Group	Playing Field Grasscutting, Jun	293.94	48.99	
BACS	Hiscox Insurance Co Ltd	Annual Insurance Premium	1,032.13	105.22	
	Unity Bank	Quarterly Bank Charge	18.00		
BACS	Standley Steel	Steel frames for roundabout	388.25	64.71	
BACS	CGM Group	Playing Field Grasscutting Jul	293.94	48.99	
BACS	Seton (Paid by P Gledhill)	No Kite Flying safety notice for playground	29.94	4.99	
BACS	JR Evans Skip Hire (Paid by P Gledhill)	Skip hire for Playground	234.80	39.13	
BACS	Play Safety Ltd	Annual Playground Inspection	510.60	85.10	
BACS	Bunwell Village Hall	Hall Hire Jun	27.00		
BACS	M Ridgwell	Jun salary & exps	289.75		47.15
		Total	£3,118.35	388.13	47.15
BALANCE C/FWD			£25,009.99		

CASHBOOK BALANCE: 06.07.22

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balance Brought Forward (Barclays Saver A/c & Unity Bank) A	28,128.44		
Receipts this month (see listed above) B			
Payments this month (listed above) C			3,118.35
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C)			25,010.09
Barclays Savings A/c balance			0.10
Unity Balance			25,009.99
TOTAL CASH IN BANK:			25,010.09