

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2011 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 pm.

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Beanland, Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren.

1 member of the public

1. Apologies there were none

Public Forum

Jim Andrews reported on the pot holes in Little Bardfield. Clerk reported that Highways have been made aware.

2. Minutes of the meetings held on October 11, 2010 and December 13, 2010 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) Bus Shelter – due to a dip in the road water collects and the people in the shelter are soaked when the Bus arrives. Clerk to contact Highways
- b) Footpath No 15 – Clerk to contact Highways to complain that the path has not been cleared by the landowner as the problem has been going on for 4 yrs. It also requires a Waymarker. The end of Black Lane through Charity Farm, Oxen End needs to be clearly marked.
- c) Emergency Plan – Cllr Cutmore was congratulated on his excellent work. With extra information all personnel on the plan will be contacted and a final copy sent to UDC.
- d) Grit Bins and grit to be stored in a barn at ^{Moat} Mole Hall Farm for the Summer.
- e) Water leaks outside the junction by ~~Mole~~ Moat Hall have been dealt with. Water leak outside Damions at Hawkspur Green have been reported. Cllr Cutmore has taken photos which have been passed on to Veolia Water. The problems with the water from the Bore Hole – Veolia Water are aware and have sent a letter to Cllr Cutmore.
- f) VAS Sign – traffic has to reach 35 mph before the sign is activated. Clerk to contact Rissa Cahill at Highways to arrange recalibration.

4. Highways – Pot holes and road subsidence due to lorries especially near Chequers and Paul's Croft & Copford Hall have been reported.

5. District & County Councillor's Reports – there were none.

6. Planning – a new system has been implemented by UDC on the website.

Paul's Croft – Installation of source Heat Pump – approved

Three Chimneys alterations – approved

Mill House log store and alterations to entrance approved

Orchard Cottage, Oxen End – conversion of garage – refused.

? Grove House, Oxen End – temporary access has been made for building works in the garden. Clerk to contact Planning Department to see if planning permission has been given.

7 Finance	£
Business Reserve Account	2,068.10
Current Account	1,311.31
VAT Reclaim	1,129.74
Total in Current Account	2,441.05

Cheques already paid:	Bus Shelter	£6,732.75
	Chris Butcher	£205.00
	Grit Bins	£305.27
	Salt & Grit	£141.00

Cheques to pay		
Bardfield Times	Postage	£15.00
Clerk's Salary & Expenses		£389.48

Request from Vicar for a donation towards a tap for a water connection – refused.

Quotation for cutting verges 2011/2012 by D Low was accepted. Clerk to contact Highways to offer the Council's services as an agent.

8. AOB – Cllr Richard Wren has contacted Kate Fox re broken styles on Gt Bardfield's side of the river.
Clerk to contact UDC about litter pickers.
The Almshouses Committee reported that the Plaque has been renewed and expressed its gratitude to the council for the donation.
Andrew Davies is investigating the use of a Turbine behind The Hydes and Solar Panels on the Barns to lower the carbon footprint on the farm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The Clerk will contact councillors with possible dates for the next meeting in May after the Parish Council & District elections have taken place.