

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 19 2012 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 8 pm

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman)
Cllr M Beanland, Cllr T Cutmore
2 members of the public

1. Apologies Cllr K Goldsmith. D Cllr John Freeman, D Cllr M Foley

Public Forum

The Council resolved to back any action taken by parishioners to reduce the speed of cars through the village

2. Minutes of the last meeting on December 5, 2011 were read, amended and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Footpath No 15 - this is still clear and the waymarker in place
- b) VAS Sign - this has been recalibrated and seems to be working correctly
- c) Grit Bins - these have worked well. A new bin has been requested for Styles. The Council was in favour.

4. Highways

Clerk to report a burst water main at Stones Corner to Veolia Water.

5. Planning

Permission has been granted for the extension to Down Sillions, Hawkspur Green
Permission granted for photovoltaic panels to be put on the roof of the Chicken Barn at Moor Hall Farm.

6. Verge Cut & Handyman

The Council resolved to appoint David Low to cut the verges in 2012/13 and also Chris Butcher to keep designated areas tidy and sprayed if necessary.

7. Finance

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Business Account	2,069.86
Current Account	2,982.36
<u>Cheques to be signed</u>	
Avenue Agricultural Direct (Grit Bin) paid on 01/03/12	178.80
UDC - recharge for electoral expenses	105.06
Clerk's Salary	375.00
Clerk's expenses	79.12

A grant for £300 will be paid to the Council in April from UDC New Homes Bonus.

The Council discussed the possibility of planting deciduous trees in the parish as a large number have been lost. This would be to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

The Clerk was directed to approach the village through the Bardfield Times to ask for landowners who would be willing to have trees on their premises.

D Cllr Martin Foley arrived and gave a report on a possible new initiative. UDC intends to set up a committee to take control of some highway issues in the District.

This would need a grant from Essex County Council and allow Parish Councils to take control of minor repairs such as potholes and instruct a local company to do the work. The Parish Council will be reimbursed for the cost by UDC.

This is still in its early stages and more information will be forthcoming.

8. AOB

- a) One of the road signs near Blackbirds is missing. Clerk to investigate.
- b) Dick Bentley who lived at Grid Iron Villas has died so the District Council will let it to the next person on the Council House list.
- c) The Village Sign is in the process of being cleaned.

Date of Next Meeting

This will be the Annual Meeting followed by the Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Monday May 28, 2011 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.