

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 8, 2006 AT 8.30 pm IN MOOR HALL BARN

Members Present: Cllr J Judson, Cllr W Gardiner, Cllr M Beanland, Cllr P Pickering,
Cllr C Canfield, D Cllr M Foley & C Cllr S Walsh

Martin

4 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies:** D Cllr A Wattebot

Antoinette

2. **Meeting was closed.** Election of Chairman - Cllr P Pickering proposed that Cllr J Judson was elected Chairman and was seconded by Cllr M Beanland. All were in favour. Cllr John Judson was elected as Chairman and signed the Declaration of Acceptance form.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting on March 6, 2006** were read approved and signed.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Seat outside Hall Farm will be put up and it has been agreed that the Church Notice Board will be erected close by.
- b) Kate Fox, Clerk to Gt Bardfield to be approached about the barbed wire across the footpath. Cllr Simon Walsh agreed to look into the matter with Essex C Council.

5. **Planning** - the three recent applications - the council had no objections.

7 Styles - rear conservatory

Blakemore, Little Bardfield - erection of shed beside garage

Westerlys, Hawkspur Green - rear conservatory

Stansted Airport - application for an increase of passenger numbers leading to a second runway. Response by the end of June.

The School House - the council objects very strongly to the use by Foxley Builders of modern materials on a Grade II Listed Building. Softwood (pine) has replaced oak wooden doors & window frames. Plastic guttering has replaced cast iron. 17,000 hand made Clay peg tiles removed and sold to a reclamation company and replaced with modern tiles.

Other listed buildings in the village have had severe restrictions made on the materials used. These include Coft Hall, Oxen End and Wainsholme Farm in Little Bardfield.

The council questioned as to why Foxley Builders have not been forced to keep to the same criteria. Cllr Martin Foley agreed to approach John Mitchell, Head of Planning, on these questions.

6. **Signs for Styles and Car Park.** Council resolved to thank Derek Whittey for his help in acquiring these.

7. **Village Design Report** - the group had put on a very successful display of photographs and text in Moor Hall Barn, which was attended by more than 60 people. The group is looking at Oxen End, Hawkspur Green and the centre of the village. It aims to produce a report in November.

8. **Highways** - the Clerk has written to Ian Hurwood at Essex CC Highways about the road surfacing and has had no reply. Signs are needed on the road between Gt Bardfield and Gt Dunmow at the two junctions at Oxen End.

One is very dangerous and there have been numerous accidents with farm traffic pulling out onto the main road.

C Cllr Simon Walsh agreed to contact Essex CC on these matters and to check on the Council's application for a 40 mph limit at each end of the village.

9. **D Cllr Martin Foley** reported that a new recycling booklet will be published and distributed to all householders. The recycling proposed by UDC is based on the very good model at St Edmondsbury.

UDC is against Airport night flights increasing. There are constant complaints about noise. If the number of flights increased then night flights would also increase.

Vicarage Mead in Thaxted is due for completion in December or January and there are vacancies in this Warden assisted residence.

C Cllr Simon Walshe's report is attached.

| 10. Finance | £ |
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| Business Reserve Account | 2,039.08 |
| Current Account | 1,655.90 |
| <u>Cheques to pay</u> | |
| Donations to: Medics | 25.00 |
| CPRE | 25.00 |
| Thaxted Mini-Bus | 25.00 |
| Essex Air Ambulance | 50.00 |
| NWEEHPA | 75.00 |
| Moor Hall Barn | 50.00 |
| Cornhill Insurance | 324.24 |
| EALC Subscription | 57.83 |
| Clerk's Expenses | 82.17 |

The Council resolved to pay a cheque to C W Low & Son Ltd for the cutting of verges when an invoice was presented. This would be for £279.65.

11. **Correspondence** - this had been distributed to all councillors.

12. **AOB** - there was none.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Moor Hall Barn on Monday September 11, 2006 at 8pm.