

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2011 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 8.00 PM

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Terry Cutmore, Cllr Richard Wren, Cllr Mac Beanland.
C Cllr Simon Walsh, D Cllr John Freeman , D Cllr Martin Foley

Members of the public - 2

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Public Forum** there were no matters raised
3. **Election of Chairman** - John Judson was proposed by Cllr Gardiner and seconded by Cllr Cutmore. Cllr John Judson was unanimously elected.

Election of Vice-Chairman - William Gardiner was proposed by Cllr Judson and seconded by Cllr Beanland Cllr Gardiner was unanimously elected.

All members of the Council signed Declaration of Acceptance forms and also agreed to the Code of Conduct.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Monday, March 11 2011 were read, approved and signed.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes:-**
 - a) Broken styles - no response from Highways
 - b) Wind turbines and solar panels at Hyde Farm - council did not think they were necessary
 - c) Footpath No 15 - no change. Mrs Mills the County Council enforcement officer has not responded to the Council's request to ensure that this path is opened or to investigate the problems at Charity Farm at Oxen End
 - d) Verges - David Low has sent in a tender for the cutting of verges which the Council accepted. The Council also agreed to request that Chris Butcher continue with the strimming and other tasks that he does in the village.
 - e) VAS Sign - Highways have been informed that the sign does not function till cars pass at over 33 miles. The reply has been that when Solagen is in the area they will monitor and recalibrate as necessary.
 - f) Emergency Plan - Cllr Cutmore has produced a final 2011 version. There have been no negative responses and both a hard and electronic copy will be sent to UDC. The Chairman thanked Cllr Cutmore for the work he has done in producing the document.

6. Highways

Bell Lane in Gt Bardfield - the hedge needs to be cut back to prevent lorries moving into the centre of the road and also verges to be cut.

Cllr Martin Foley reported that he is still pursuing the extension of the 30 mph limit to a 40 mph limit.

7. **Planning** - there is a strong possibility that plans are being passed, ignoring the VDS, to save money. There has been a change of personnel on committees.
The Old Rectory, Little Bardfield - demolition of garage and lean to.-Council had no objections.

8. Finance

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Business Account	2,068.89
Current Account	1,528.54
<u>Cheques already paid</u>	£
Essex Association of Local Councils	74.34
CPRE	29.00
Moor Hall Farms (increase of hire from £75 to £100)	100.00
<u>Section 137 payments</u>	
Essex Air Ambulance	100.00
Thaxted Mini-Bus	100.00
SSE	100.00
Medics	50.00
Allianz Insurance	375.02
Cllr Terry Cutmore (expenses for Emergency Plan)	59.30
Low & Son (Verge cutting)	346.80
C J Butcher (replacement cheque for handyman work)	205.00
Mrs F B V Fry (Clerk's expenses)	135.25
C J Butcher (handyman work)	200.00
Low & Son (Verge Cutting)	346.80
C J Butcher (handyman work)	125.00
<u>Plus Precept due in September 2011</u>	1,375.00

9. Correspondence has been sent to councillors by email.

10. AOB - request from St Katherine's Church for a donation towards the cost of a new water pipe was refused.

Bore Hole at Hawkspur Green - there are still questions about iron pollution when the pump is working. Cllr Cutmore is in close contact with Anglia Water as the problem is being closely monitored

It was agreed that a Neighbourhood Watch Sign be put up in the Bus Shelter.

Clerk to ask Chris Butcher for a quotation for repairs to the three Village Signs.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Gardiner's Barn on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7.30 pm.