

**LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MAY 28, 2012 AT 8 pm IN GARDINER'S BARN.**

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr K Goldsmith

1 member of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr W Gardiner, D Cllr M Foley

The Meeting was closed for the election of Chairman.

Cllr T Cutmore proposed Cllr J Judson seconded by Cllr K Goldsmith.

Cllr K Goldsmith proposed Cllr Gardiner as Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr T Cutmore.

2. The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday, March 19 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Speed through village - a meeting between D Cllr Foley, C Cllr Walsh, Mike Mike Edridge and Chris Stoneham is aiming to set a 40 mph limit before 30 mph.
- b) VAS Sign - Chris Butcher to clear vegetation around the sign and carry out a general tidy up through the village.
- c) Village Sign has been cleaned by Linda Richardson. The cost of repainting by Bakers of Danbury would be between £15,000 and £20,000. Adamson Conservation (who restored the plinth on the Almhouses) quoted £676 incVAT and would keep a check on the sign to fill & repair as necessary. The Council resolved to accept the quotation by Adamson Conservation.

4. Highways - potholes are being reported and repaired.

A water leak outside the Rectory 50 yds towards Gt Bardfield to be reported to Veolia

5. Planning there is nothing to report.

6. Finance

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Business Account 2,069.80

Current Account including Precept/VAT reclaim/UDC award 4,840.36

Cheques to be signed:

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| Section 137: Thaxted Community Bus | 100.00 |
| Stop Stansted Expansion | 100.00 |
| Essex Air Ambulance | 100.00 |
| Medics | 50.00 |
| CPRE | 29.00 |
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| AON Insurance | 380.78 |
| C J Butcher - handyman | 100.00 |
| Moor Hall Farm | 100.00 |
| Clerk's expenses | 74.86 |

The Council resolved not to renew its subscription to EALC.

Finance continued:

The Council resolved to sign cheques for Low & Son (Verge cutting), C J Butcher (Handyman) and Adamson Conservation (Village Sign) when invoices are presented before the next meeting.

The Council resolved to approve the accounts for the end of the financial year April 01, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

7. AOB

The Council resolved to use the grant from UDC towards the cost of buying trees to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and replace a number that have died or fallen over the last few years.

Suggestions - Deciduous Trees such as Ash, Oak, Chestnut.

Planting areas - opposite Bardfield Hall entrance gates
Hawkspur Green towards the Bore Hole
opposite The Chapel towards Gridiron Villas
opposite Squirrels down to Coffin Way by Blackbirds

Clerk has advertised in the Bardfield Times for landowners to come forward and contact the Council if they are willing to have trees planted on their land.

The Chairman agreed to look into tree suppliers.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held in Gardiners Barn on Monday September 3, 2012 at 7.30pm