

*Meeting on Monday*

**LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,  
MAY 5<sup>th</sup> 2014 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 8 pm**

**Members Present:** Cllr John Judson (Chairman), Cllr William Gardiner  
(Vice Chairman) Cllr Terry Cutmore, Cllr Mac Beanland,  
C Cllr Simon Walsh

**1. Apologies** Cllr Kathy Goldsmith

**2. Minutes** of the last meeting on February 24, 2014 were read, approved and signed.

**3. Road repairs** – these need to be closely scrutinized to ensure that they are carried out correctly.

**4. Transport** links to Stansted are not good & need to be developed.

**5. Planning** – proposed Solar Farm near to Hill House, Hawkspur Green has been severely criticized as have the proposed building of 430 houses in Thaxted plus further developments in Henham & Elsenham.

Cllr Terry Cutmore reported that ~~sheep in the field~~ near Hill House ~~have~~ *has* compacted the ground leading to streams of water coming off the field and running down the road through Hawkspur Green. *Solar Farm*

Rusper - no objections to loft conversions to first & second floor lofts.

Small Farm – still awaiting answers from Planning.

**6. Highways** – Bus Shelter - a proposal to put a drain under the road has been suggested by engineers.

Ditches need clearing a) above Lucas Cottage

b) water seeping down the road from Wainsford Farm opposite Chequers

c) Coopers – concerned about the sewage system

d) culvert near the Rectory is in poor repair.

Pot Holes and water leaks have been reported to Highways.

**7. Finance**

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Business Account	2,073.47
Current Account	4,706.95
Clerk's Expenses	107.95

**Finance continued :-**

<u>Donations under Section 137</u>	<u>£</u>
SSE	100.00
Essex Air Ambulance	100.00
Bears (Medics)	100.00
Thaxted Minibus	100.00
AON UK Ltd (Insurance)	364.58
EALC	77.57

A deduction of 3.1% in Council Tax has been achieved by the Parish Council.

**8. Emergency Response Plan**

Cllr Terry Cutmore will be looking into this.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held in Gardiner's Barn on Monday, September 29 at 7.30 pm.