

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006 HELD IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 8 pm

Members Present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Terry Cutmore, D Cllr A Wattebot, D Cllr M Foley
3 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies:** C Cllr Simon Walsh, Cllr M Beanland
2. The Chairman welcomed Terry Cutmore from Hawkspur Green who had been co-opted as a councillor to replace Philip Pickering.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** on May 8, 2006 were read, approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - a) The seat is now in situ outside Hall Farm. The Chairman thanked Jim Andrews for removing and storing the seat
 - b) The Chairman thanked Derek Whitty for arranging for the signs for Styles and the Car Park. The Parish Council was happy to support the new residents association that has been set up for Styles. Paul Moody is the Chairman and a number of issues have now been resolved, including the refusal to accept the offer from Foxley Builders to resurface the Car Park and landscape the surrounding area. The association has agreed to pass all information to the Parish Council.
 - c) W S Garden Services has been directed by the Council to trim various areas in Styles, the verges on the main road round the Noticeboard, Village Sign and Telephone Box
 - d) Footpaths that need attention include No 13 to Paul's Farm - an overgrown bridge and growth onto the road, No 5 at the the bottom of the Rectory needs cutting, No 2 alongside the Church to the pond is very overgrown. Clerk to contact Robin Wallbank at Highways.
 - e) Recycling measures - 3 wheelie bins will soon be delivered to all households, one for recyclable materials, one for kitchen waste and one for household waste.
 - f) Bus Service 23 will continue to run to Braintree.
5. **D Councillor's Report**

Cllr Martin Foley reported that Vicarage Mead in Thaxted is half finished and the residents are very happy with the refurbishment. More rooms will become available as they are finished. The opening and a visit is planned for January.

15 - 16 residents visit the Day Centre on Friday mornings for lunch. A brand new facility is to be built next year with the old centre being pulled down.

A new Youth Club for approximately 60 youngsters will be built in Thaxted open to to all adjacent villages and will include a bus every Thursday evening to take youngsters to a different Sports centre. This will be the Thaxted Youth Initiative.

Cllr Antoinette Wattebot reported that due to the fact that issues on air pollution and noise had not been answered by BAA the result has been postponed till November 23, 2006. The Red Cross is trying to organise housing for the British Beirut refugees.
6. **Sarah Bernard Charity**

Sally Beanland has agreed to join the committee. This was welcomed by the Council and the Clerk was directed to confirm to Judith Simpson
7. **Highways**

4.5 Km of tarmacadam have been laid from the District Boundary towards Bardfield End Green. The Clerk was directed to write to Highways to express its appreciation of a very good result.

The culvert under the road adjacent to Cooper's transport at Hawkspur Green is silted up and needs clearing. Tom Cooper has expressed his fear that his house will be flooded during heavy rain

A request has been made for a road sign for Hawkspur Green.

Clerk to follow up on the signage for Oxen End.

The 40 mph limit on each side of the 30 mph limit is still under discussion.

Paving slabs have been broken outside The White House. Clerk to contact Highways.

The Council resolved to put in one nomination for a Speed Indicator Sign by September 29, 2006.

8. Finance

The Council resolved that all cheques would be signed when the new cheque book arrived.

	£
Business Account	2,061.37
Current Account	665.59
<u>Cheques to pay</u>	
Essex County Council - photocopying	34.15
W S Garden Services	35.00
Patrick Hall - Internal Auditor	25.00
Clerk's Salary - 31.03.06 to 11.09.06	275.00
Clerk's expenses	106.47

Incoming Payments

Verge repayment due £ 772.94

Precept due £1,250.00

The Clerk was directed to contact Viridor Credits for a grant towards surfacing the Car Park with planings. Also, to contact RCCE for a similar grant.

The Council resolved to get quotes for glass/perspex doors for the noticeboards and for a half sized noticeboard for Hawkspur Green to be placed by the Post Box.

9. Correspondence this had been circulated to all councillors

10. Village Design Statement

Cllr Terry Cutmore reported that Gerry Head had taken over as Chairman from Colin Canfield. All properties in the parish had been photographed. Paul & Mandy Boon are putting together a written report and the disc will be given to the Chairman. UDC has given a grant of £1,000 to assist with publication costs and Charles Thompson is looking after the finances. A committee meeting will be held to listen and discuss items. A report will be made to the Parish Council.

11. AOB

The Clerk to contact Essex CC re the blocked path alongside The Chapel.

The Council confirmed that the access to the field from Styles and the Car Park is only given to Jim Andrews.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13, November at 8 pm in Gardiner's Barn.

The Meeting closed at 10 pm.