

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 AT 7.30 PM IN GARDINER'S BARN

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman),
Cllr M Beanland, Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren. D Cllr M Foley.
4 members of the public.

1. Apologies: C Cllr S Walsh, D Cllr A Wattebot

2. Minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2008 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Hawkspur Green signs - still no response from Highways. D Cllr Martin Foley agreed to follow this up plus other unresolved Highway matters

b) VDS Statement - The Chairman checked the report for typing errors, grammar and punctuation. It needs to be pushed forward to the next PC Meeting when it is hoped that it will have been finalised. The footpath map will be printed at the same time

c) Styles Road - it has been agreed with UDC that it is an unadopted road and as such the responsibility for repairs is with the District Council. Mr Hurrell agreed that the repairs to the road will be done in stages.
The Private Signs will be removed.

d) Emergency Plan - a separate meeting will be convened on a Monday evening.

4. C Cllr's report has been circulated to all councillors and will be attached to the minutes

D Cllr's report - Cllr Martin Foley reported that the recycling for Uttlesford is the highest in both Essex and the country.

Eco towns have much larger implications than published. It is important to have small towns and villages with post offices and village shops in order to support the communities.

The Stansted deadline for views on the 2nd runway is on September 26, 2008.

There will be more Police activity on the Bardfield Road to monitor speeding amongst other things.

5. Highways

Dairy Lane has still not been resurfaced

Hill House - Cllr William Gardiner to speak to Alec Turnbull

Rectory ditch is silted up from Paul's Croft. The water goes into the Rectory Lake.

Clerk to contact highways to clear the culvert.

6. Planning

Cllr Terry Cutmore, who has attended Planning workshops, reported that the facts have to comply with planning law and refers to the land not to the person.

Clerk to check on the hedge behind Grid iron Villas. There has been no response to the last letter to the planning department.

7. Finance

The Council resolved that Standing Orders were not necessary for such a small council. The accounts are open and can be viewed by anyone.

	£
Business Instant Reserve Account	2037.55
Current Account	607.26
<u>Cheques to pay</u>	
Mrs B V Fry - Salary & expenses	421.80

Precept is due at the end of September - £1250.00

The Council resolved to pay the Invoice from C J Butcher for strimming of verges etc. when presented.

8. Correspondence

- a) CPRE AGM _ Bolford St Hall, Thaxted on October 4, 2008 at 5 pm
- b) CPRE Circular Walk from Castle Hedingham on Sunday, September 21, 2008
- c) Grateful letter of thanks from SSE for the Parish Council,s donation of £100
- d) Essex Works re West Forum Budget grants available for small projects
- e) North Uttlesford Community Forum will be on January 6, 2009 at 7.30 pm
- f) Essex Rail Seminar Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Central Baptist Church,Chelmsford
- g) Bus Stops & Shelters

9. AOB

- a) Footpath alongside St Katherine's Church needs clearing
- b) Hart's to be asked for a quote for printing the Footpath Map
- c) Public Footpath application for path next to The Chapel - the council has answered the questions sent by Essex County Council
- d) Footpath from Wainsford to Paul's Croft - the bridge is damaged
- e) Clerk to contact C J Butcher re strimming on verges and round Car Park.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 10, 2008 at 7.30 pm in Gardiner's Barn.