

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2009 AT 7.30 pm IN GARDINER'S BARN

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman),
Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren

Members of the public - 2

1. Apologies there were none

Public Forum - concerns were raised about the school bus as it is speeding both ways to and from Hawkspur Green and children are having to cross from the telephone box to the other side of the road and are dropped off on the bend at Fridays. Clerk to investigate.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting on May 18, 2009 were read, approved and signed.

As Lisa Lipscombe, UDC Emergency Safety Officer, had not responded to the council's invitation, it was decided to invite her to the next meeting in November.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Hawkspur Green - one road sign has been moved to a better position for access by tractors and a new Ford sign has been put up
It will be necessary to persuade the police that a 30 mph is necessary. *2-3 day survey at Easter no lead back.*
Essex CC Highways is waiting for Government Legislation on Speed Limits

b) VDS Statement - 108 copies have been distributed throughout the Parish, 33 given to D Cllrs, C Cllr, Planning Department, Neighbouring Councils and information centres.

c) Footpath Map has also been distributed through the Parish and will be put up on the Noticeboards.

A dangerous tree overhanging the pond behind the Church - Cllr Gardiner to contact Andrew Davies, the land owner.

The Bridleway from Hawkspur Green to The Hydes has been cleared

A rolling programme for Public Rights of Way for 2009/10 planned by the West Area Team has been received and copied to Cllr Richard Wren.

d) Emergency Plan - Cllr Cutmore met with the Emergency Officer who is trying to set out a template for all the villages.

4. Highways

The Chairman and Clerk walked through the village with two Highways engineers to point out the items that the council felt needed to be included in the Planned Parish Visit for 2009.

a) It was agreed that planings would be rolled into all dips through the village including in front of the notice board at Oxen End.

b) The 30 mph signs and repeaters will be cleaned as well as the Little Bardfield signs and finger posts. Old signs to be removed

c) The reflector markers at Blackbird's Corner will be removed due to new signage having being put in place

d) It was agreed that the council will clear any tree growth hiding the signs and weed spray the pavement alongside Little Bardfield Hall.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to thank Highways for the visit.

5. Vehicle Speed Activated Signs

Information from Highways has been received from Highways about Solagen Signs and distributed to all councillors.

The Clerk was asked to get more information especially on costs.

6. Planning

Extension to Grove Bungalow, Oxen End - the council had no objection.

A complaint had been made to UDC that work had already commenced before permission was granted which is being investigated.

7. Finance

Instant Business Reserve Account	£ 2,065.55
Current Account	1,680.12
Precept to be paid in September	£1,250.00

The following cheques were sent having been authorised at the previous meeting

C W Low for Verge Cutting dated 04/08/09	303.03
C Butcher for strimming etc (twice) dated 24/07/09	187.50

Cheques to pay

Bridget V Fry - Clerk Salary	325.00
Clerk's expenses	<u>88.92</u>
	£413.92

Total in Current Account will be: £2,516.20

8. Correspondence

Congratulations were given to Gt Bardfield for winning The Best Kept Village Award
School Governors are needed - anyone interested to contact the School Governors'
One-Stop shop on 0207 354 9805 www.sgoss.com info@sgoss.org.uk

9. AOB

All the noticeboards need to have work done on them, Clerk to contact Mick Dyer.

Cutting of the bank outside Grid Iron Villas - Clerk to arrange,

Cutting of verge between Coffin Way and Blackbirds to be arranged.

Problems at 5 Styles have been communicated to UDC .

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 23 November, 2009 at 7.30 pm in Gardiner's Barn.