

**LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER AT 7.30 pm** 2011

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman)
Cllr M Beanland, Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren
C Cllr Simon Walsh

1 member of the public

1. **Apologies** were received from D Cllr John Freeman and D Cllr Martin Foley

Public Forum

Concerns were raised about pot holes near Mill House and the dip in the road in front of the Bus Shelter.

The Chairman reported that the pot holes have been filled in and the problem with the dip causing people in the shelter being soaked if it is raining when the bus arrives has been reported .

Clerk was asked to contact Highways once again.

2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on May 23, 2011 were corrected and signed.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Footpath No 15 - it does not seem that Mrs Mills from Essex County Council has taken any action in respect of the problems with the path.

Clerk to contact Highways.

- b) VAS Sign - Clerk to contact Solagen to report that the sign is only activated by vehicles travelling at over 35 mph when it should have been set at 30 mph.

- c) Grit Bins - Clerk to contact Essex County Council and request form for the 2011/12 Winter Salt Bag Scheme. Salt to be delivered to Moor Hall Farm.

- d) Bore Hole at Hawkspur Green - Cllr Terry Cutmore reported that the works at Hawkspur Green are finished. The presence of iron in the water will be monitored.

- e) Noticeboards - the council accepted the quotation from Chris Butcher to repair & weatherproof the 3 Noticeboards for the sum of £350.00.

Linda Richardson is happy to repaint the Village Sign.

4. **County Councillors Report**

C Cllr Simon Walsh reported that there will be only one contractor for Highways from April 2012. There will be consultations on Planning & Development. Boundaries in North Essex will be changed and also Polling Stations in Uttlesford.

5. **Highways** - there are several dead trees that could cause problems to cars & walkers.

Mr & Mrs Wipperman at Mill House have already been contacted about 3 Ash Trees.

Nicholas Reed at Bluegates Hall is to be contacted about the Beech Tree adjacent to Paul's Croft. The Chairman is happy to meet on site at his convenience.

Several cars travelling from Gt Bardfield have driven into hedges at Oxen End.

The Council determined that a 3rd Verge Cut was not necessary.

6. **Planning** - there were no objections to the plan at The Old Rectory to demolish the Garage and Log Store.

7. Finance including Audit Return

The Council's Audit Return was accepted with no alterations.
The Audit Commission fee was £144.00. Last year the fee was £50.00.

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<u>Business Reserve Account</u>	2,069.17
<u>Current Account</u> (including Precept £1,375.00)	3,058.54
Verge Cut to be reclaimed from Essex County Council	(1,271.64)
C J Butcher - strimming paid on 02/08/11	200.00
C W Low - verge cut paid on 03/08/11	346.80
C J Butcher - strimming paid on 11/08/11	125.00
Audit Commission Fee	144.00
The Council resolved to increase the Parish Clerk's salary to £750.00 per annum	
Clerk's Salary March to September	375.00
Clerk's expenses	110.95

8. Correspondence

This had been emailed to all councillors.

9. AOB

- a) Cllr Richard Wren tendered his resignation due to increase of work.
Clerk asked him to send an official letter of resignation so that Peter Snow at UDC can send the appropriate poster to advertise that there is a vacancy.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Wren for the work he has contributed to the Council especially on Footpaths and producing the Footpath Map.

- b) Problems between Three Chimneys and the Cricket Club to be monitored
c) Planes are overflying the village. Clerk to investigate
d) North Forum will be meeting on Thursday, September 29 at the Council Offices.
Cllr Terry Cutmore offered to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 14, 2011 at 7.30 pm at Gardiner's Barn.