LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 PM

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Beanland, Cllr K Goldsmith, Cllr T Cutmore.

1. Apologise: C. Cllr Simon Walsh

Public Forum - there were no members of the public present.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on May 13, 2013 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Bus Shelter Rissa Long (ECC Highways) is investigating the problem to see if repairs to the road would prevent water splashing into the Bus Shelter.
- b) **Speed Gun & 40 mph limit** a team has been organised to share the use of the Speed Gun with Gt Bardfield A new organiser needs to be appointed.

4. C Cllr Simon Walsh had sent a report

- a) Essex County Council has signed up with BT to develop High Speed broadband across the County
- b) Cllr Bass (Cabinet Member Highways) is developing a heirachy for categorising roads and the time that defects are attended to.
- c) Gritter lorries are testing new routes and & timings before the winter
- d) There is to be a review on public transport which may lead to an improvement of services
- e) Problems in the drainage of water near to the Bus Shelter will be discussed at a meeting of the Highways Panel on 9/9/13.
- f) Proposed Solar Farm adjacent to Markswood concerns have been raised about the effect this will have on Public Rights of Way and the landscape.
- 5. Highways a water leak at Rectory Corner and a pothole in the middle of the road adjacent to Little Bardfield Hall have been reported.

Cllr Cutmore had advised Highways of 72 pot holes of which 48 have been repaired. 48 leaks had been reported to Affinity Water of which 36 have been repaired.

6. Planning - Hall Farm. The Council had no objections to the proposed triple garage with storage above & demolition of an outbuilding.

Hyde Farm - Solar Farm - the Council were adamant that PROW must be kept clear. Landscaping using trees & hedges around the area to be a condition for approval.

7. Finance

Business Account Current Account			£ 2,072.64 3,573.31
Cheques already paid:	Low & Son grasscutting Low & Son grasscutting Chris Butcher tidy up	21/06.13 06/08/13 06/08/13	357.00 357.00 250.00
Clerk - Salary & expenses			498.60

8. Correspondence

All relevant information had been sent to the Councillors.

9. AOB

Cllr T Cutmore reported that he had attended, on behalf of the Parish Council, a 'Stansted Evacuation' organised by Uttlesford District Council which was well organised and informative.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held in Gardiner's Barn on Monday, November 18 at 7.30 pm.