

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2010 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 pm

Members Present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Beanland, Cllr T Cutmore, CCllr S Walsh, DCllr M Foley

Three members of the Public attended

1. **Apologies** were received from D Cllr A Wattebot
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on May 24, 2010 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

Reference was made to comments by members of the public on speeding as it was not possible to see the 30 mph sign from the position of their house.

a) Bus Shelter - this was completed by the end of May and is sitting in the manufacturer's yard in Leicester. Emails & telephone calls to Highways concerning the laying of the base have been ignored.

The council resolved to arrange for the base to be laid.

b) VAS Sign - Highway engineers met with council representatives to agree on the site for the pole in July. Highways say that it is still waiting for May Gurney to deliver the pole. Complaints about speeding have been made by residents at Phoenix House, The White House and Three Chimneys.

c) Footpath 15 - The signing problems still exist. CCllr Simon Walsh agreed to speak to Robin Wallbank in charge of Footpaths at Essex CC Highways. Clerk to write to Mr Thorogood (the landowner) and request that he marks the footpath.

d) Emergency Plan

Lisa Lipscombe has approved the original plan but it is not near completion yet. Thanks were given to Cllr Cutmore for his work.

e) Red Telephone Box - the council is still trying to get BT to remove it

f) Grit Bin - a site for this was designated in Hawkspur Green

g) Report of sewage in Hawkspur Green has been investigated by Environmental Health and found no problem.

4. C Cllr's Report - Simon Walsh informed the council of the cut backs taken by Essex CC and its partnership with East Sussex and Kent to take on the Dartford Crossing. The Police will be restructured and the Budget set with Kent. Confirmation of no further expansion at Stansted Airport is sought and further consultation on Aircraft stacking. Other items included the Minerals Plan, Waste Development document, Lighting, scrutiny on Heritage, A Boards in towns, Safety Management of sites.

D Cllr's report - Martin Foley reported on Duton Hill a very sad village with houses on short leases. UDC is facing challenging times and difficult decisions such as merging refuse collections with Braintree, a partnership with Harlow and making savings at all levels such as a cabinet system rather than committees. The possibility of Clarence House, Thaxted being wound down was a concern to all.

5. **Highways** - A large pot hole on the road to Gt Bardfield near Mill House to be reported.

6. **Planning**

Paul's Croft, Installation of source Heat Pump - no objections.
Orchard Cottage, erection of new double garage with studio/playroom in loft space.
Council were not in favour on the grounds that it might be developed into a new house

7. **Finance as at 11 October 2010**

	£
Business Reserve Account	2,067.36
Current Account	9,699.50
<u>Cheques paid since last meeting</u>	
C J Butcher (strimming etc)	140.00
<u>Cheque to pay</u>	
Mrs B V Fry Salary to September	325.00
Expenses	<u>54.21</u>
	£379.21

The council resolved to purchase a copier/scanner for the use of the Clerk.

8. **Correspondence**

Community Council Review - the council resolved that it did not agree with a proposed increase of councillors to 7 members. This information to be sent to Peter Snow (electoral officer) at UDC.

9. **AOB**

Ragwort in a field belonging to Moor Hall. Cllr W Gardiner expressed a conflict of interest.

The problem seems to have been solved.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 December 2010 at 7.30 pm.