

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009 AT 7.30 pm IN GARDINER'S BARN

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr M Beanland
C Cllr Simon Walsh

2 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Cllr W Gardiner, Cllr R Wren

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** on November 23, 2009 were read, agreed and signed

Address by Lisa Lipscombe (Uttlesford Emergency Office). Lisa was unable to attend. Cllr Terry Cutmore was preparing a Template for the Village's Emergency Plan to be presented at a later date

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Footpath 15 from The Mill House across land belonging to Copford Hall. The owner Mr Thorogood refuses to allow Finger Posts to be put up.
C Cllr Simon Walsh agreed to investigate.

b) Speed Activated Signs - an application for a grant has been sent.

c) Noticeboards - The work has been completed by Mick Dyer.

d) Grid Iron Villas - the bank has been strimmed by Chris Butcher and the verge along Coffin Way cut by Andrew Davies. Both have been thanked.

e) The Clerk has arranged delivery of the Bardfield Times

f) A follow up letter has been sent to Mrs Rowe at UDC about No 5 Styles and the council resolved not to take any further action.

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited Teresa Melhuish to raise her concerns about the lack of a Bus Shelter in Little Bardfield.

The Council resolved to look into the cost of a Shelter in the centre of the village.

4. **C Cllr's report** - Simon Walsh reported that he is on the Scrutiny Committee concerned with i) Lights Out for energy saving ii) Motor Cyclists - too many accidents iii) the Police Authority including the problems of noise (if over the standard prosecutions can be made).

More police deployments at weekends plus retraining of speeding drivers.

The new Chief Constable wants to have more police officers on the beat.

Fire authority - the recent industrial action is not affecting rural areas where most firemen are part time.

5. **Highways** -nothing to report

6. **Planning** - Eagle House, Little Bardfield - application has been approved
Grove Bungalow, Oxen End is being investigated by UDC due to a complaint from a neighbour that work had already started before planning permission had been granted.

7. **Finance** - The council resolved to delay setting the Precept for 2010/2011 until it had received the official form from UDC Finance Department.

<u>As at November 23, 2010</u>	£
Instant Business Account	2,065.97
Current Account (after cheques paid out)	2,089.60
<u>Cheques to pay</u>	
M G Dyer (Noticeboards)	130.12
C J Butcher (Verges etc)	120.00
Mrs B V Fry - Clerk's expenses	95.98

Verge cutting repayment from Essex CC due - £2,321.20

Total in Current Account will be: **£4,410.80**

The Council resolved to put the Vehicle Activated Signs on hold and press forward with 40 mph signs to be installed on each side of the 30 mph signs.

8. Correspondence

Neighbourhood Watch has warned councils of cable thefts and UDC asked for information on untaxed abandoned vehicles

The new Chief Constable will be at the Council Offices on 2/12/09

Free Telecare is being offered to all over 85 yrs.

RNIB is concerned about cars parked on pavements

CAB's 70th anniversary a showing of the Kite Runner at Saffron Screen @ 7 pm on November 26, 2009

Red Telephone Box - the council resolved not to adopt it.

The Council resolved to thank Robin Boddington for his letter concerning the extra sign age at Blackbirds's corner and also Teresa Melhuish for bringing the concerns of parents re the lack of a Bus Shelter.

9. AOB there was none.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting will be held at Gardiner's Barn on Monday March 1, 2010 at 7.30 pm.