

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2012 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 pm.

Members Present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman),
Cllr T Cutmore.
D Cllr Martin Foley, C Cllr Simon Walsh

1. Apologies Cllr M Beanland and PC Hannah Griffiths

Three members of the public were in attendance.

Public Forum - subject - Speeding of cars through the 30 mph limit in the village.
C Cllr Simon Walsh offered to investigate the possibility of Gt Bardfield extending the use of their Speed Gun in Little Bardfield.

It was agreed that an informal consultation take place through the village with results publicised. Suggestion of a 40 mph to be set from Furthermoor Hall to the existing 30 mph sign.

2. Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on September 3, 2012 were read. approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes:

- a) Pot Holes Cllr Cutmore reported that Highways had been informed of a number of Pot Holes in Little Bardfield and Hawkspur Green totalling 32 in all. One large and 2 smaller pot holes north of the entrance to Moor Hall was reported twice once on 9. 9. 12 and again on 28. 10. 12 when they had joined together. These have now been repaired.
- b) Water leaks - Cllr Cutmore reported 3 water leaks near to the Rectory, on hill near Small Farm gateway and opposite Glebe House.
Clerk had reported fallen tree on the River Pant to the Environmental Agency and the broken Drain cover at top of Dairy Lane to Highways.
- c) Footpath Sign at Rectory Corner - Clerk had reported this and will follow up to see what is happening.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Cutmore for the graphs he had produced on the subjects of pot holes and water leaks. D Cllr Foley said he was amazed at the results and added his congratulations.

4. DCllr & CCllr reports

Cllr Martin Foley reported that in order to prevent the closure of Clarence House & the Library Little Bardfield should show its support by writing to the committee and also to Cllr David Finch at Essex County Council.

5. Highways - information concerning the Highway Rangers had been circulated.

6. Planning - An application by the Sarah Bernard Trust for Trees at the rear of the Almshouses to be reduced has received approval and the work has been completed.

7. Finance

UDC Have requested that councils submit their request for 2013/14 precept by the 21/12/12.

7. Finance continued:

The council resolved to keep the precept at £2,750 for the coming year.
Proposed by Cllr Gardiner and seconded by Cllr Cutmore.

SE has asked for further donations to fight the construction of a second runway as it is once more being debated.

D Cllr Martin Foley declared an interest.

The Chairman proposed sending a cheque for £100 and to reconsider the Section 137 payments at the next meeting.

Council supported this action.

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<u>Business Account</u> (to the end of October 2012)	2,070.97
<u>Current Account</u> (to 24 September 2012)	2,942.46
<u>Cheques to pay</u>	
Clerk's expenses	95.40
Stop Stansted Expansion	100.00

8. Correspondence

This had been circulated to all councillors.

9. AOB

The council agreed to contact Robert Heywood concerning the fallen tree over the River Pant to arrange for its removal as it is possible that it might cause flooding.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18 March 2013 at 7.30 pm in Gardiner's Barn.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.