

**LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 13 DECEMBER IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 pm.**

2010

Members Present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman)
Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren

One member of the public attended

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr M Beanland, C Cllr Simon Walsh
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on October 11,2010 were read, amended and signed.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Bus Shelter - the concrete base has been laid and the Bus Shelter will be put in place on 16/12/10. There will be diversion signs as the road will be closed for the time it takes to lift the shelter into position
 - b) Red Telephone Box to be removed from the agenda
 - c) Footpath No 15 - no response from C Cllr Simon Walsh
 - d) Emergency Plan - Cllr Cutmore reported that he has prepared this in 2 parts:
Part One - Immediate Action - telephone numbers and equipment
Part Two - References, procedures, telephone numbers such as UDC. and split into areas.
Cllr Cutmore to draft a standard letter to be sent to all persons included on the list.

The Chairman (on behalf of the Council) thanked Cllr Cutmore for all the hard work he has done.

- d) Grit Bins - Cllr Gardiner offered to store the grit in one of his barns to prevent it being stolen. Clerk to contact Highways to make arrangements for the delivery of grit to Moor Hall Farm and also the purchase of Grit Bins from Essex CC. If Bins & Grit are unavailable from Highways the Council resolved to purchase them.
- e) Bore Hole at Hawkspur Green - there is contamination into the stream (the splash) which smells like sulphur/chlorine and there is a leak from the water main which crosses the field and runs down the road. Veolia Water to be contacted.
- f) VAS - query has been raised 'is the setting correct?' - to be investigated.
The Council is grateful for the sign.

4. Finance

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Business Reserve Account	2,067.64
Current Account	9,320.29
 <u>Cheques to sign</u>	
Audit Commission	58.75
Mrs B V Fry - Clerk's expenses	161.73

Council resolved to sign cheques for Littlethorpe of Leicester (Bus Shelter) for £6,732.75 and C J Butcher (strimming of verges) for £205.00 when the invoices are delivered.

If necessary cheques to cover the cost of purchasing Grit & Bins will be signed as there is a possibility that the original offer from Highways will no longer be available.

Precept - the Council discussed the increase in costs for Insurance, Subscriptions and Administration, the low Interest Rate received for the Business Reserve Account and its reluctance to reduce payments under Section 137 to local Charities.

The Council resolved to increase the Precept to £2,750. The form from UDC Finance was signed by the Chairman & Clerk and will be returned to UDC.

5. Correspondence - an offer from UDC for free litter pickers and bags for a litter pick up between March 4 & 6 2012 . The Council resolved to ask for 6 litter picks.
Cllr Richard Wren agreed to be in charge of arrangements.

Peter Snow (Electoral Officer) sent information concerning the District and Parish Elections to be held on May 5, 2011.

6 AOB - All the styles along the Gt Bardfield side of the river are in very poor condition.
Clerk to contact Gt Bardfield Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 March 2011 at 7.30 pm.