

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 pm

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

1 member of the public

1. **Apologies** – D Cllr Martin Foley, CCllr Simon Walsh

Co-option of an elector of Little Bardfield to the Parish Council to replace Richard Wren who resigned at the last meeting.

Kathy Goldsmith was duly co-opted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Goldsmith. The Clerk agreed to inform Peter Snow at Uttlesford District Council of the appointment.

2. **Minutes of the meeting** held on Monday 26th September were read, approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Footpath No. 15 – a Waymarker has been installed and the footpath sprayed off for a width of 1 metre. Clerk to thank Highways.
- b) VAS Sign is now flashing at speeds over 20 mph. Clerk to contact Solagen.
- c) Grit Bins – Essex CC have delivered the salt and Cllr Gardiner filled in the forms.
- d) Notice boards have been repaired and repainted. Clerk to thank Chris Butcher.
- e) Village Sign is to be taken down so that Linda Richardson can repaint it.
- f) Nicholas Reed of Bluegates Hall, Gt Bardfield has arranged for the Beech Tree adjacent to Paul's Croft to be felled. Clerk to write & thank him.

4. **District Councillor's Report**

Cllr Foley arrived after the meeting had started. He reported that it seemed likely that a new Highways Panel will be set up so that Parish Councils will be able to report problems such as potholes at a District Council level. A sum of money would be put aside so that UDC will become a sub-contractor and allow work to be carried out by local contractors.

5. **Planning**

Planning Enforcement is investigating Paul's Farm.

Moor Hall Farm – plan for Photovoltaic panels to be put on the roof of the Chicken Barn.

Cllr Gardiner declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting.

The Parish Council had no objections.

Andrew Davies' Barn has gone through by default.

Cllr Cutmore agreed to deliver a copy of the VDS Statement and Footpath map to the new residents at Fridays.

6. Finance

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Business Reserve Account	2,069.44
Current Account	2,428.59
Clerk's Expenses	84.07

The Council resolved to keep the Precept at £2,750 for the year April 2012 to The end of March 2013.

The Precept Form from UDC was filled in and will be sent to Stephen Joyce in the Finance Department to arrive by Monday, 16 January 2012.

7. Correspondence

There have been a lot of emails from Parish Councils concerned about the closure of front desks at local Police Stations.

8. AOB

It had been noted that there has been more litter being cleared in both Uttlesford and Braintree Districts.

Clerk to report a water leak on the road alongside the The Old Rectory.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th March 2012 in Gardiner's Barn at 7.30 pm.