

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 AT 7.30pm IN MOOR HALL BARN

Members present: Cllr J Judson Chairman, Cllr W Gardiner Vice Chairman, Cllr M Beanland, Cllr C Canfield, Cllr P Pickering

Members of the public - 4 members of the public attended

- 1. Apologies:** D Cllr M Foley, D Cllr A Wattebot, C Cllr Simon Walsh
- 2. Minutes of the Parish Annual Meeting** on April 25, 2005 were read, approved and signed
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes** - there were none

4. Chairman's Report

Cllr John Judson thanked Cllr Colin Canfield who had walked every footpath and arranged for signs to be put up and styles to be repaired. There is still a problem on the path between Gt Bardfield & Oyster bridge which is blocked by barbed wire. The County Council has been informed and C Cllr Stephen Walsh is working on the matter. The Council had resolved not to join the PP3 scheme for the time being. A map of all footpaths in Little Bardfield, Hawkspur Green & Oxen End needs to be displayed.

The Chairman was pleased to report that the appeal for the conversion of the Barn at Gambers Hall has been given permission.

Foxley Builders' conversion of The Old School House has caused many problems to both the residents in Styles and the centre of the village. Foxleys eventually agreed not to use the private road or the Council's car Park for the delivery of materials and skips and agreed to put right any damage done to the road and the Car Park. The Council has questioned the use of inappropriate materials being used in the conversion of this Grade II Listed Building as a matter of principal.

The Village Design Statement group set up in 2005 has proved a great success. Cllr Colin Canfield and his team have worked hard in getting to know the views of the Parish, The photographic exhibition held in Moor Hall Barn in March was visited by over 60 people.

The Speed Limit through the village has been monitored by our local Policeman, Jamie Stirland and has averaged between 50 - 63 mph. The Parish Council has put in a request to Essex County Council for a 40 mph limit to be put at each end of the existing 30 mph limit.

A lot of residents help to keep the Village tidy by mowing the grass round the Village Sign & Noticeboard, for which the Council is most grateful.

The Chairman thanked his fellow Parish Councillors, District & County Councillor and the Clerk for their support during the past year.

- 5. End of Year Accounts** were presented and accepted unanimously.

The Clerk, Bridget V Fry was appointed as the Responsible Financial Officer for the year till 31 March 2007 and Patrick Hall was appointed as the Internal Auditor.

6. **Sarah Bernard Charity** - reports for the last two years were presented. Another trustee is still required. There are only 4 meetings held a year to receive reports and administer mosey.
7. **Neighbourhood Watch** - there seems to be no proper organisation for this or for Farm Watch in the District. Cllr Martin Foley to investigate.
8. **AOB**
Hardstanding - nettles and weeds need to be sprayed. Cllr W Gardiner agreed to spray round the edges and was thanked by the Chairman.

The Meeting was Opened to the Public

Andrew Davies had written to the Parish Council asking permission to have access to the field behind the houses on the main road in the village and across the Car Park.. There had been aces to this field beside the White House that had been relinquished. The Council resolved that access through Styles was for residents, access to the recycling bins and for parking on the hard standing.

The access for Jim Andrews had been granted by the council at the last meeting with the full support of the residents in Styles.

The Council resolved that Andrew Davies would not be permitted access across the hardstanding to the field.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.