

ANNUAL MEETING OF LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 18, 2009 AT 7.30 pm IN GARDINER'S BARN

Members Present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman),
Cllr M Bearland, Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren, C Cllr S Walsh and D Cllr A Wattebot

Two members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from D Cllr M Foley
2. **Minutes of the last Annual Meeting** held on May 19, 2008 were, read, approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes.** There were none.
4. **District & County Councillors' reports.**

Cllr Antoinette Wattebot reported that the District Council was following ideas for saving money. A joint partnership with other councils to run car parking. There is also a suggestion that Thaxted Parish Council will run the Car Parking and Toilets in its parish.

County Councillor Simon Walsh's report is attached to the minutes. He also reported that Dairy Lane will be repaired this financial year and that recycling has increased to 40%.

5. **Chairman's report**

Cllr John Judson reported that nothing major had happened in the year. Signs for Hawkspur Green have been promised and the council will press for a 30 mph limit as well. Cllr Terry Cutmore has been liaising with Highways.

The problem of change of use from field to garden land for the houses on the main road has been resolved and no planning permission will be necessary.

Essex County Council had carried out a detailed examination of the proposed new footpath alongside The Chapel and had resolved that it should not be allowed.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Parish Councillors for their support and for a lot of work that is done behind the scene. Cllr Terry Cutmore was thanked especially for the hard work he has put in to produce the Village Design Statement which was originally started in 2005 and is now coming to a conclusion.

District and County Councillors were thanked for their support throughout the year.

Bulbs planted in March 2008 will be left for a year to see how they multiply. A decision will then be taken as to whether more bulbs will need to be planted.

The precept remains the same as in previous years.

6. Neighbourhood Watch Report

Tim Carter reported that there has been a problem with bogus callers in the district and there has been a warning that burglaries in Gt Bardfield have risen by 2.5 percent. Too many neighbourhood watch newspapers, The Observer, are delivered to him. The Clerk agreed to contact Alan Johnson and ask that the number be reduced to 150.

7. Report from the Sarah Bernard Charity

Mary Gardiner, the Secretary, reported that there had been no changes in the trustees. All 5 houses are occupied with 3 men and two ladies who pay £65 per week. All the windows have been repaired and garden sheds provided for all residents. The Lime Tree stump has been removed.

The Chairman thanked Tim Carter and Mary Gardiner for their reports.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.