

ANNUAL MEETING OF LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 24, 2010. AT 7.00 pm AT GARDINER'S BARN

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr M Beanland, Cllr T Cutmore,
Cllr R Wren

1. **Apologies:** Cllr W Gardiner, C Cllr Simon Walsh
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on May 18, 2009 were read, approved and signed
3. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - a) The Hawkspur Green signs have been erected
 - b) VDS brochure will be delivered to all newcomers in the village and a poster will be put on the noticeboards to tell villagers where they can obtain a copy
 - c) Footpath No 15 - C Cllr Simon Walsh will investigate the problems on behalf of the Parish Council

4. **Chairman's Report**

A great success has been the erection of the signs at Hawkspur Green
Highways have been extremely helpful in many aspects and Dairy Lane has been resurfaced
Several houses in the centre of Little Bardfield have been permitted to purchase land at the rear of their gardens
Essex County Council has proved that the path alongside The Chapel is not a footpath
Planning applications - very little movement in the last year, UDC has approved and accepted the VDS .
A grant has been obtained for the erection of a Bus Shelter below Grid Iron Villas.
The Council has requested that BT remove the Telephone Box as it refuses to allow it to be adopted by a local villager.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all her work and his fellow councillors for their support especially Cllr Terry Cutmore for his work on the VDS and Planning .
The Chairman was thanked by Cllr M Beanland.

5. **District & County Councillor's Reports** - there were none though CCllr Simon Walsh hoped to attend the meeting at 8.30 pm.
6. **Neighbourhood Watch Report** - Tim Carter reported that he had delivered the newsletters to all households in the Parish. The problem with the gipsys in Styles has been resolved. UDC has evicted them and the house is being cleaned and fumigated.
7. **Sarah Bernard Charity** - Sally Beanland resigned as a Trustee on 14 July 2009. On March 1 2010 the council approved the nomination of Maddy Carter in her place. Judith Simpson, David McMyn and Mary Gardiner continue as trustees.

Jean Lane moved into number 3 Almshouse in July 2009 after Angela Frostick departed. Jean moved out on 31 December 2009 and a new resident has just been accepted to take her place.
20 windows have been replaced amongst other repairs. The Charity is presently undertaking a review of the weekly maintenance contribution.

The Parish Council has resolved to give £400 to the Charity for the stone tablet at the front of the almshouses to be repaired.

The meeting closed at 8 pm.