

**ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MAY 13, 2013
IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 PM**

Members Present : Cllr John Judson (Chairman), Cllr Kathy Goldsmith
Cllr Terry Cutmore, Cllr Mac Beanland

1. **Apologies** Cllr William Gardiner, D Cllr Martin Foley, C Cllr Simon Walsh
2. **Chairman's Report** - thanks to Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk and also to Martin Foley and Simon Walsh for their support during the year and especially with the Speed Problems through the village.
Cllr Terry Cutmore has been awarded the title of "Pot Hole King" as he has identified, recorded and informed Essex CC Highways of pot holes, water leaks and discarded Highways signs. He is also involved with the problem of the dip in the road opposite the Bus Shelter as the Council is determined that this should be rectified as when it is raining passing vehicles cause waiting passengers to be sprayed with water.

The Meeting closed at 8 pm.

**LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY MAY 13, 2013 AT 8 pm IN GARDENER'S BARN**

Members present : as above

- 1 **Apologise:** as above

Public Forum

Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Cllr Mac Beanland proposed Cllr John Judson as Chairman seconded by Cllr Cutmore
Cllr Mac Beanland proposed Cllr William Gardiner as Vice Chairman seconded by
Cllr Terry Cutmore.
Cllr John Judson And Cllr William Gardiner were unanimously elected.

2. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on March 18, 2013 were read approved and signed.
3. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
 - a) Pot holes & Water leaks - Cllr Cutmore produced a comprehensive account of those reported and finalised.
 - b) Over hanging hedges have been dealt with by the owners of the properties.
 - c) Bus Shelter - there is still a problem with water in the dip. Rissa Long at Highways is trying to get engineers to find a solution.
 - d) Fallen trees onto the River Pant have been removed.
4. **Speed Gun** - a meeting was held at the Cricket Club with a Community Officer who gave lessons on the use of the Speed Gun.
The cost to the Council to purchase its own gun would be £900. At least 2 people have to be on duty at the same time and must wear yellow fluorescent jackets. The colour, make, number and driver of the speeding car must be recorded.

- 4 It is possible that Little Bardfield will be able to share a speed gun with Gt Bardfield. It is hoped that money can be raised in the village plus a grant from the Parish Council to purchase its own gun.
5. C Cllr Simon Walsh had sent his report in advance which was recorded in the minutes.
6. **Highways** - there was nothing to report.
7. **Planning** - the Chairman complained that the Planning Department ignores the comments made by the Parish Council.

Grove Bungalow, Oxen End there no objections to alterations to windows.

The Chairman informed the Council that Andrew Davies is planning a Solar Park near to Markswood Farm using an Eco-friendly company.

8. **Finance as at 13/05/13**

	£
Current Account	4,526.92
Business Account	2,071.80
 <u>Cheques to pay Section 137</u>	
Essex Air Ambulance	100.00
Medics - now called BEARS	100.00
Thaxted Minibus Charity	100.00
Stop Stansted Expansion	100.00
 Clerk's Expenses	 51.16

9. **Correspondence**

This had been sent to all councillors.

10. **AOB** Clerk to contact Chris Butcher to carry out a tidy up through the village. Gridiron Villas - Refuse bags are being left on the verge. Clerk to contact UDC.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 09/09/13 at 7.30 pm in Gardiner's Barn.