

**LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 2014 IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 7.30 pm**

Members present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Goldsmith, Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr M Beanland

C Cllr Simon Walsh

1. **Apologies** there were none.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** held on Monday November 18, 2013 were read, approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes :-

- a) Bus Shelter it has been suggested that the best option would be a small trench to take the surface water to a drain. Hopefully funds may be available from Essex County Council.
- b) Speed Watch Team – no volunteers have come forward and there is not enough money available for a Speed Gun.
- c) 40 mph Signs – these will extend from Furthermore Hall to the existing 30 mph signs. Complaints have been made about large lorries speeding through the village.
The Council would favor the 30 mph and VDS signs to be moved to a position opposite Little Bardfield Hall.

4. Highways

The road surface at Hawkspur Green has deteriorated and there are 16 outstanding potholes.

Due to ditches not being cleared water is unable to escape causing flooding onto the roads.

Near the Rectory the ditch is blocked so the culvert floods. The pipe under the road is blocked and needs to be cleared.

The Lodge the drain opposite needs to be dug out.

Hill Hall Hawkspur Green - ditch is blocked.

Oxen End – Coft Hall culvert blocked.

The Council resolved to contact Highway Rangers to deal with clearing the grips at the side of the road through Oxen End.

5. C Cllrs Report

There is to be no increase in the Budget
Extra money to be available for flooding and road repairs.
No change to the Youth Service.

6. **Planning** – The Chairman has been approached by the owner of the land between Three Chimneys and Guivers about the possibility of building. No comment can be made until plans have been submitted.

Fridays – the hedge alongside the road will have to be cut back as it is important to have a clear sight line to the right.

7. **Finance** – the Precept has been set at £2,648 for the year April 1 2014 to March 31 2015.

Clerk to reclaim Verge Payment from Essex County Council for £1,271.64.

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Current Account (inc. VAT £119.00)	2,996.41
Business Account	2,073.33
Half the precept should have been paid into the bank	(£1,324)
Cheques were signed for:-	
Clerk's expenses including Salary for 6 months	(£477.60)
Bardfield Times	£ 15.00

8. **Correspondence** had been emailed to councillors.

9. **AOB** there was none.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday April 29 at 7.30 pm followed by the Council Meeting.