

## LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT GARDINER'S BARN ON MAY 14, 2007 AT 8.30 pm

**Members present:** Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Bearland, Cllr T Cutmore, Co-opted Cllr R Wren, D Cllr M Foley, C Cllr S Walsh  
6 members of the public

1. **Apologies** - D Cllr A Wattebot
2. **Election of Chairman** - John Judson was proposed by William Gardiner & seconded by Terry Cutmore. Unanimously voted in by the council and thanked for his work. Richard Wren was co-opted by the council. All other councillors had been unopposed at the recent council elections.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting** on March 5, 2007 were read, approved and signed
4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
  - a) Path alongside The Chapel - no further information
  - b) Noticeboards - all completed
  - c) Name signs for Hawkspur Green - no news
  - d) Signage at Oxen End not completed. County Council apologised to C Cllr Simon Walsh and gave assurances that it would be done. No apology to the Parish Council  
Parish Council resolved to ask for more speed traps by the police on the road between Finchingfield & Gt Dunmow
  - e) Footpaths - overgrown areas have been identified. Waymarker posts to be inserted on each side of Coptford Hall Drive to the Mill House to the west and Oyster Bridge to the east. Cllr Wren to produce a footpath map.
  - f) VDS still progressing with a meeting shortly. Some issues are still being looked at.
  - g) Land sale & access to Styles - there have been some queries on boundaries, trees and perimeter around the Car Park
  - h) Neighbourhood Watch - Tim Carter of Styles has agreed to be the co-ordinator. The council resolved to appoint him and to arrange for a number of window stickers to be delivered to him.
  - i) Signs & litter - the Chairman was thanked for his litter collections
5. **Reports from D & C Councillors** had been reported at the Annual Meeting
6. **Highways - Planned Parish Visit in July**

The Council resolved to send the following items for the attention of Highways:

  - a) Culvert needs clearing at Bard Hill Cottage west of the village
  - b) Dairy Lane alongside Wainsford Farm - potholes and bevelled road
  - c) Broken paving slab outside The White House
  - d) Footway alongside the wall of Little Bardfield Hall
7. **Planning**

4 Styles - extension granted permission with conditions  
Little Bardfield Hall - application for 12 events per year has been referred to the Development Control Committee meeting on May 23, 2007 by D Cllr M Foley.  
The council had no objection. 3 local residents had objected.  
Grove Bungalow, Oxen End - refused  
Grid Iron Villas - Provision of Car Park at rear to be investigated by Cllr M Foley

Styles Road - the council resolved to write to UDC concerning the damage to the road by the recycling vehicles and traffic to the centre. D Cllr M Foley to follow up.

## 8. Finance

	£
Instant Business Reserve Account	2,112.09
Current Account	2,464.87

### Cheques to pay

M G Dyer - Doors to noticeboard at Oxen End	272.18
W S Garden Services	35.00
Mrs B V Fry - Clerk's expenses	106.07
CPRE - annual subscription	27.00
EALC - annual subscription	59.38
Allianz Insurance plc	377.58

### Section 137 payments

Thaxted Mini-bus	125.00
NWEEHPA (Stop Stansted Expansion)	100.00
Essex Air Ambulance	75.00
Medics	25.00
Moor Hall Farm - use of barn	50.00
EALC - 2 New Councillor packs	15.00

The council resolved that it had safeguards in place to maintain adequate internal controls to safeguard public money.

It also resolved that reasonable steps had been taken to ensure that it has conformed to codes of practice and standards.

The council resolved to sign cheques to C W Low for the cutting of the verges and to W S Garden Services for strimming areas in the village when necessary.

## 9. Correspondence

CPRE Summer Events

Transport Information Day at County Hall on June 19, 2007

Police & Community Consultative Group public meeting May 17, Bolford St Hall

ERHA - affordable housing in Essex

Bus Stops at Oxen End - Transport Development - is in the pipe line

Parish Liaison Meeting - June 13, 2007

Stansted Airport Community Trust - grants are available

## 10. AOB

Cllr Gardiner agreed to deal with the problem of rats at Wainsford Cottage due to the feed left for pheasants

The walkway by the Chapel is owned by the Diocesan Education Trust

Questions were asked about the leylandii on the edge of the Car Park. It was resolved to discuss this at a later day between the parties concerned.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday September 3, 2007 at 8 pm.