

Little Bardfield Parish Council Meeting
Monday 14th September 2015
Gardiner's Barn at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr William Gardiner (Chairman), Cllr Terry Cutmore (Vice Chairman), Cllr Colin Simpson, Cllr Clare Beeston, Cllr John Izod, D Cllr Simon Howell

Members of Public Present:

Mr and Mrs R Cooper and Mrs Bridget Fry

1. Co-option of new members

Cllr Clare Beeston and Cllr John Izod co-opted for LBPC. Forms to be completed by next meeting. Cllr William Gardiner will contact the UDC to obtain these.

2. Apologies

County Cllr Simon Walsh

3. Public Forum

Mr and Mrs Cooper (Cooper Transport, would like to ask for Councillors opinions and guidance on option to change layout of their yard. The aim is to provide more parking but will not increase vehicle numbers.

Advised by Cllr's William Gardiner and Terry Cutmore to contact Clive Theobald for advice on planning permission and perhaps the Road Haulage Association. More detail may be needed e.g. sizes etc. Mr Cooper was advised to perhaps consider getting rid of the lorry containing rubbish to create more space and that the Parish does not wish for his business to get any larger at this site. Cllr Simon Howell also suggested Clive Theobald as a good point of contact due to knowledge of area and helping on other planning applications.

Mrs Cooper also reported a pot hole on the highway near their yard.

4. Minutes from previous meeting

Typo for grant for Parish. The grant is £650 not £6500

Minutes from 1 June 2015 read, amended and signed by Cllr William Gardiner.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Sewage from near Down Sillion, Hawkspur Green has now been sorted out.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

Introduction of D Cllr Simon Howell. Representative of Little Bardfield as part of The Sampfords boundaries.

Reported that the Solar Park application had been refused with the option to appeal until Christmas. To contact D Cllr. Simon Howell regarding the spending of the grant money.

As a local resident D Cllr. Simon Howell is contactable regarding local issues through phone or email.

He is responsible for the finance of the Castle, museums and county owned property. He is also responsible for the enforcement of any conditions that apply to planning permissions.

C.Cllr Simon Walsh emailed over county meeting report, this was distributed to all Councillors.

7. Planning

Friday's – planning permission has been approved

The Planning Application for a pair of semi-detached houses on the vacant site between Three Chimney and Guivers was refused by UDC.

A new application for Small Farm is to be submitted, according to the plans one house is to be built where the current buildings are, not at the top of the hill. The owner has spoken to local residents regarding plans to assure people he is not a developer.

8. Highways

Pot hole report given to all Councillors – 7 reported, 3 filled, 4 marked for filling.

Road closure at Oxen End for water main to be finished by the end of September.

Road closure from corner of Rectory up to the village for water main begins 28/9/15 for 3 weeks.

9. Finance

Precept copies passed out.

Audit completed and signed by Bridget and Cllr William Gardiner. Copies to be made and put onto notice boards, needs to be sent on 21st September, Mrs B fry will be posting.

No bill from internal auditor as yet.

Mrs B Fry to bring in any remaining expenses and outstanding salary.

10. AOB

Broadband – Little Bardfield is not included in the Superfast Essex improvement programme Cllr Terry Cutmore gave all councillors copies of an email explaining this. Line of sight broadband could be considered but currently unsure if this will work due to the hills between different areas of the Parish.

Emergency Reponse Plan will be updated by Cllr Terry Cutmore and sent to those that need a copy.

Cllr Terry Cutmore will update contact list and distribute to all.

A request was made for an updated Electoral Roll of Little Bardfield from UDC. Clerk to contact UDC to obtain an updated version.

The Chairman received a letter of resignation from Mrs B Fry in regards to her position as Clerk of this Council.

Mrs B Fry was given flowers and thanked for all her hard work over the years.

The next meeting will be held Monday 16th November at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm