

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2006 HELD IN GARDINER'S BARN AT 8 pm

Members Present: Cllr J Judson (Chairman), Cllr W Gardiner, Cllr M Beanland,
Cllr T Cutmore
6 members of the public attended

1. **Apologies:** D Cllr M Foley & A Wattebot, C Cllr S Walsh
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** on September 11, 2006 were read, approved & signed
3. **Appointment of Tree Warden** - Richard Wren volunteered to become the Tree and Footpath Warden. The Council was unanimous in his appointment.
The Council resolved to hold a sub-committee meeting to discuss the recent letter from Essex County Council re Public Rights of Way. Footpath No 15 across land belonging to Copford Hall is still causing problems as it is a crossfield path.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) The path alongside The Chapel. The request for it to be designated a footpath was early 2004. Clerk to contact Essex CC and ask C Cllr Simon Walsh to investigate the matter. It was suggested that Styles residents association might also write a letter.
 - b) Noticeboards - quotations for glass/perspex fronts for the two boards and a half sized board for Hawkspur Green are required.
M Dyer has quoted £294 for frame & glass for the two boards and £172 for a half size noticeboard for Hawkspur Green.
Council resolved to ask Nicholls Bros for a quote. Cllr Beanland to action.
 - c) Hawkspur Green road signs. Clerk to action. Cllr Cutmore to suggest positions
 - d) Signage at Oxen End has been stopped as contractors have damaged a cable.
5. **D Councillors' report** - there were none
C Councillor's report was circulated to all councillors.
6. **Highways**

The new road surface through the village is a vast improvement.
There has been no response on the matter of the blocked culvert at Hawkspur Green, the broken paving slab outside Eagle House or the Speed Indicator Signs. Clerk to follow up
A report on a raised kerb stone at the triangle at Bardfield End Green will be investigated.
The 40 mph signage is in the pipe line
Clerk to request advice from Chris Stoneham & Ian Hurwood with regard to the possibility of putting up slow or children at play signs at Hawkspur Green.
7. **Village Design Statement**

Cllr Cutmore produced a draft copy of the text.
The final draft will be submitted to the Parish Council and then to the Planning Department at UDC.
The consensus of opinion is that no very large houses should be built. More emphasis should be put on the type & design of house. Roofing materials should be the same in each area.
The Chairman congratulated the committee for producing this document.

8. Finances

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Business Reserve Account	2,073.33
Current Account	2,352.06

Cllr Cutmore had pointed out that Little Bardfield donated only £25 towards the Thaxted Mini Bus and asked whether this amount could be increased.
The Council resolved to send a cheque for £100.

Cheques to pay

Thaxted Mini Bus	100.00
Mrs B V Fry (Clerk's expenses)	73.85

The Council resolved to pay the following items when the Invoices arrived.
Lubbock Fine - External Audit
Patrick Hall - Internal Audit

Precept for 2007/2008

The council discussed that the likely expenses would be:
Council elections in May 2007
New Noticeboard and glass/perspex doors for existing boards
New laminator
Increase in Section 137 donations

The Council resolved to keep the Precept the same at £ 2,500. Proposed by Cllr W Gardiner & seconded by Cllr Beanland.

9. Correspondence

Copy of literature for the conference at Foakes Hall on 28/11/06 to be sent to Chairman and Vice Chairman
Information on the following items was made available:
Uttlesford Local History Recorders. West Essex Area Forum. East Area Panel.
Parish Liaison Meeting Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act
Save our Post Offices UDC Chairman of the Council's Charity Quiz Night

10. AOB

- a) Derek Whitty offered to put up posters & was thanked by the Chairman & Clerk
- b) Clerk to alert Three Valleys Water about water pouring out of the fields on both sides of the road near the Mill House & Rectory
- c) The council confirmed that both the Car Park & Recycling Centre were available for the whole village
- d) The report of a fallen tree being transported to the car park & then removed by lorry will be investigated.
- e) The council thanked the ladies who tidy up the area around the recycling site, including Carla Gobetti and Sue Smith

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

The next meeting will be held in Gardiner's Barn on March 5, 2007 at 7.30pm.