

# LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 2008 AT 7.30 pm IN GARDINER'S BARN

**Members present:** Cllr J Judson, (Chairman), Cllr T Cutmore, Cllr R Wren, Cllr. M Beanland. C Cllr Simon Walsh, D Cllr A Wattebot.

## **Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies** Cllr W Gardiner

2. **Minutes of the last meeting on September 8, 2008** were read approved and signed.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Hawkspur Green Name signs - still no response from Highways. Cllr Walsh will send an e:mail to try and get a response

b) VDS Statement. This will be edited by Cllr Cutmore and given to Mandy and then to UDC for printing. Cllr Walsh will check to see that it gets attention from the District Councillors

c) Footpath Map - Cllr Wren reported that he had a quote from M & B printers of £101 for 250 copies These would be colour on both sides on glossy paper. The Chairman asked him to get a proof and the Clerk will contact Harts for an alternative quote and proof

d) Footpath alongside St Katherine's Church has been cleared and the bridge on Footpath No 13 will be inspected

The footpath alongside The Chapel. Essex County Council has refused to designate it as a public footpath. The Council resolved to take no further action

e) Emergency Plan needs to be updated and it was resolved to have a sub-committee meeting on Monday November 17 at 7.30 pm at Wainsford Farm.

4. **County Councillor's report** - Simon Walsh reported that the increase in numbers of passengers at Stansted has been approved but will still be contested. SSE need a fighting fund of 1.5 million to contest the second runway. There is a Face Book site on the internet.

The Government is intending to fast track the enquiry.

Joint Area Review - Inspectors made a very thorough inspection on Childrens' Services, Hospital, Health Safety and Criminal Justice with special reference to the safeguarding issues.

Corporate Assessment found favour with what the County Council is doing. Post Offices in Henham and Little Hallingbury will be re-opened.

5. **District Councillor's report** emphasised that the problems with the Icelandic Bank are not too serious and the District Council only has a one year bond.

The District Council will pay towards costs to prevent BAA developing a second runway and support the action of SSE to appeal the whole decision and oppose the Government's move to fast track the enquiry.

6. **Highways** - Essex CC plan to replace the bridge at Folly Lane.

Hill Hall, Hawkspur Green flooding. Cllr Gardiner will ask the landowner to dig out the ditches. The Chairman to follow this up.

**7. Planning**

The District Council is not going to pursue the change of use from farmland to garden land, so change of use orders will not be needed.

Paul's Croft - extension has been refused

Moor Hall - an application to build a Barn for Free Range Chickens to produce eggs is being circulated.

Cllr William Gardiner declared a pecuniary interest

Cllr John Judson declared a non pecuniary interest.

**8. Finance**

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Business Instant Reserve Account	2,055.92
Credit Account	1,435.46
<u>Cheques to pay</u>	
Clerk's Expenses	119.19

The Council discussed the Precept for 2009/10 and resolved to keep it at the same level of £2,500.

The Chairman & Clerk signed the form to be returned to Uttlesford District Council

**9. Correspondence**

Springboard Services - the information to be sent to The Bardfield Times for publication.

**10. AOB - there was none.**

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7.30 pm in Gardiner's Barn.