

# LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 7.00pm**

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### 08.16.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Phillip Suarez; Cllr William King

A quorum was formed of 3 other council members

### 08.16.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Signed and Dated as a true by Chairman Nigel Dyson. None Arising.

### 08.16.3 VILLAGE MAGAZINE - A WAY FORWARD

Chairman reports that the current Parish magazine are not being co-operative with church or PC and therefore change to join another publication was proposed. Chairman reports a meeting took place this morning with Bromley Messenger. Proposals have come out of this to come within the magazine in light of our ever distant relationship with the existing parish magazine. The have committed to rename their magazine to reflect the new arrangement. Parochial PCC have confirmed via the Chairman that they are happy for us to move away as benefice has changed anyway and no longer exists in the form that the magazine is promoted in.

Costs will be less to give free copies to villagers. £200.00 per year to distribute to villagers each house. Currently more than double this cost. This will continue from funds donated by the Little Bentley Garden Show.

Clerk to check the Public Liability Insurance and cover levels for this.

### 08.16.4 COMMUNITY UPDATE

#### i. COUNTY BROADBAND - RAVEN'S GREEN & FUNDS REC'D

Solution still sought for Ravens Green - Brian Evans has now declined offer to erect antennae. James of County Broadband is to be contacted to survey 2 Crabtree Cottages as a possible site for the antennae **(Clerk to Action)**. A number of properties in the villages have now signed up to the service, 21 - 22mb download speeds reported. Funds have been received of £612.00 in respect of "repayment of loan". It was noted that pipes have been laid along A133 to accommodate high speed broadband cabling but as yet no word from BT as to when this will be installed or activated. **Cllr C. Guigliemi to establish latest proposals for BT high speed broadband at next meeting.**

#### ii. VILLAGE MAGAZINE DONATION

£500.00 being donated to the Parish Council for use of funds in the village hall. Letter was received from Anne Howard from the Tendring/Beaumont/Little Bentley

confirming this. Funds not yet received.

Nigel suggested that this be invested in new chairs for the village Hall. Agreed by Councillors.

### iii. FIREWORKS - 5TH NOVEMBER

Saturday night - Liz happy to host at Brickalyers. Brian King happy to lend use of land. Fireworks ordered and have been paid for from funds available from Little Bentley Hall Show which has cost £650. Ed has agreed to run the barbecue and Kelvin Robinson will lend 2 x new barbecues. Phil Suarez confirms by email that he can do raffle and Leslie will be organising mulled wine. Mike will assist Nick Claydon with Firework detonation as he has done training. Peters offers storage. **Chair to contact Will King re sausages and burgers as well as fencing and provision of bonfire.**

In village magazine an advert should be placed advertising the event for October Magazine.

BBQ Raffle & Mulled Wine 5.45pm, Guy judged at 6.15 pm Bonfire lit 6.30pm, 7pm Fireworks.. Donations towards the cost gratefully received - Please mark attn. of Nigel Dyson.

Question from Council - do the firework technicians need update in training - Cllr. Claydon confirmed not needed. He has confirmed with fireworks suppliers and trainers. Karen Fiddes to act as First Aider - pub will have first aid kits and ability to contact trained professionals.

Guy Competition - Contact Clerk. Bring your Guy on the Night.

Advert for Magazine in October and insert for November - **Clerk to create and send.**

### 08.16.5 IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

- i. **FINGERPOST SIGN C/F**
- ii. **BENCH - UPDATE** - will be installed within the next week. No charge.
- iii. **HALL ROOF REPAIRS GRANT - C/F**

### 08.16.6 PLANNING

#### APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D & DECISIONS MADE

**Little Bentley Parish Council - Planning Application**

**NONE**

**Little Bentley Parish Council - Planning Determinations**

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16/00623/FUL  
Approval - Full  
13.07.2016  
Delegated Decision

Mr P Smith

Proposed detached residence,  
outbuilding and vehicular  
access (to replace existing  
cottage) and change of use of  
land to domestic curtilage.

Crabtree Cottage  
Colchester Road  
Little Bentley

**i.**  
**08.16.7 TENDRING LOCAL PLAN - DISCUSSION**

Main developments within this and that affect the Parish directly are located in Weeley and Clacton on Sea. Considerable development planned in the area behind MacDonalds. Mixed usage industrial and housing has been planned and this is located on the land directly behind this from the A133 roundabout and up to railway line, with its border on the A133 and A1141. There is also a housing allocation further into Weeley beyond the council planning office which has already been commenced. The council undertook an extensive review and discussion of areas and boundaries and proposed developments and their sustainability, resulting in the attached response to the District Council.

**In Summary:**

Suitable road and rail infrastructure should be in place before development and this should be a precondition of planning. Suggestions included - A133 duelling from Elmstead Market roundabout to Clacton, upgrade of roundabouts, bypassing the A133 from the A120 to Weeley and dualling from Weeley to Clacton as the local roads simply cannot sustain the increase in traffic. Broadly the plan at Weeley was supported as Council see growth a positive for the district within the right conditions.

Extension of the village boundaries - Council suggested that 10% over course plan added to village envelopes could assist in fulfilling requirement yet provide sustained growth to villages.

Parish to make representations to District Council in response to the plan in this respect - Clerk to draft response.

Chair wishes positive response to be sent to District.

**Clerk to draft response for approval by Chair.**

**08.16.8 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS**

- i. A120 - UPDATE - Nothing to report.
- ii. **HARWICH ROAD (MONKEY STREET)**
- iii. **A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION**
- iv. **SIGNAGE FOR LITTLE BENTLEY "BRIDGE"**
- v. **EXTENSION OF VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS**

No update received as yet - Clerk to continue to email Council contact - Joe Hazelton.

- vi. Chair advises that Brian Evans and Gary Haggard - Ravens Green have reported a problem with large vehicles going up the lane - banks and hedges are being destroyed as a result. and there are no restrictions or designations - HGV - Access only, 20mph imposed speed limit. Also ask if the lane can be designated a 'Quiet Lane'  
**Applications to be made by Clerk.**

**08.16.9 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED**

- i. None to report

**08.16.10 FINANCIAL UPDATE – BANK, SIGNATORIES & PAYMENTS IN/OUT**

**i. FUNDS RECEIVED/PAYMENTS OUT - None**

**08.16.11 REPORT FROM PCSO – SUMMARY OF NWF REPORT RELEVANT ITEMS**

Latest local crime statistics are on the Essex Police Website nothing of note locally to report at council.

**08.16.12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY**

**Cllr Coley reported:**

Consultation on local plan ends on 8th September - Councils encouraged to put forward positive suggestions on alternatives as well as objections

Boundary commission review - structure of council and ward to change. The ward is currently oddly shaped and needs reform and Cllr Coley invited Council to comment on this change and making suggestions as to how we might like this to look via the website available..

Airshow 2016 was a successful event attracting record numbers.

The Daily Mirror have reported that Tendring is one of the 20 best places to live in the UK

Cllr Coley apologised as little news. Council has been very quiet time as holidays are here. Reports he hopes to have more news at the next visit

**08.16.13 PUBLIC FORUM :**

Members of the public are invited to address the Council max 3 minutes.

Graham Bowden Peters in attendance:

Suggested that the village magazine donation might be used to help fund a village get together. Consensus gained to purchase chairs as the fireworks would present an opportunity for village get together.

Graham Bowden-Peters offers electricity to power necessary items on the evening of 5th of November.

Position of the bench in the village confirmed to Graham Bowden-Peters.

Graham Bowden-Peters reports that village sign speed warning sign has not been working for several weeks. Cllr. Lesley Hunt reports that it is indeed working - Chairman reports that some vehicles parking outside houses opposite may block the signals

Public thanked for attendance.

**08.16.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Church car park - stalled - dispute of the ownership/access of the land as ECC believe that they own the land and will not allow building to commence until this is resolved.

Coffee and Cake - next Wednesday 7th September - all welcome

Cinema to restart in November on Kelvin Robinsons return from holidays.

**08.16.15 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE**

Next meeting will be 02 November 2016 @ 7 pm

Meeting closed at 20.00