

# LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 8.00pm**

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**01.17.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

C Guigliemi

**01.17.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Minutes signed and dated as true by Nigel Dyson, Chairman

**01.17.3 VILLAGE UPDATE**

**i. FIREWORKS DISPLAY - REPORT**

Small profit was made, £730.90. Funds raised will be reallocated for next years display costs. Complaint from one neighbour that there was a lot of plastic and debris in the air on the night. The wind conditions poor. Thought to be better attended than previous year. Good format. Guy competition proved popular and is to be continued/expanded next year.

**ii. COUNTY BROADBAND & BT**

Clerk has emailed James again to start discussions and survey 2 Crabtree Cottages with a view to providing a service to Ravens Green. 16 - 32 mgb speeds are being reported with County Broadband. BT Broadband still offers a poor service 5mb max locally reported. To continue seeking a solution for Ravens Green.

**01.16.4 IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS**

**i. CHURCH HALL CHAIRS -**

12 Chairs - £38.46 each - Chairman to purchase and claim back. Agreed.

**ii. CHURCH HALL ROOF REPAIRS**

Section 106 monies available for community projects from Tendring District Council. Quotations received from 2 companies. Available money £2,300. Quotes received £2,600 and the other £3,500. This building is the only building in village for investment as a community space.

**iii. FURTHER SUGGESTIONS - Defibrilators / First Responders**

Worthy of further investigation. Clerk to investigate cost, power supply and the possibility of setting up scheme in LB for First Responders - Clerk to contact Great Bentley and Manningtree Schemes to get advice or enquire about joining their scheme (s).

New Website - Clerk to obtain quotes and investigate funding available for development of new website for dedicated Parish Council Website. Report to next meeting.

#### **01.17.5 PLANNING**

##### **i. APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D AND DECISIONS MADE**

No objections to Hazelwood extension

Little Ashes - Refused - Every application now needs to be called in to Tendring District Council if the Parish Council strongly supported then, it can then be pushed for the council by Cllr. Coley and Cllr. Guigliemi.

#### **01.17.6 FLYTIPPING**

This has been getting progressively worse. Tendring District Council very efficient at clearing rubbish when reported. A Car had been abandoned in Rectory Road and was left for 4 weeks, before we are even allowed to report this to TDC. Processes determine that this should happen as there has been litigation in the past from car owners where cars have been prematurely removed without forewarning.

Waste sites - response from Mr Coley. Decision on closure of sites as a result of businesses using domestic waste recycling centres for disposal. There are commercial tips available for commercial waste but these are not being used as there is a charge. ECC pay for flytipping through reimbursement. Chairman calls for a survey of flytipping - Clerk to write to Cllr Coley to ask for this to be brought up at council meeting. Number given - 01255 686768 - report flytippers. Prosecutions do happen. Encouraged to report. Proactive measures discussed including camera and signs but largely objected to on basis of cost/maintenance and the value of them as deterrent.

Litter Pick - dates agreed = Saturday 11th March, and Sat 16<sup>th</sup> September - Clerk to arrange pickers and waste collection from Bricklayers on Monday following litter pick. 11am meet at BA for coffee - Chairman to check with Liz.

#### **01.17.7 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS**

- i. A120 UPDATE - Further accident 2 days ago. 6 vehicles involved. Work on track to start June/July to the best of our knowledge - Cllr. Guigileimi and Chairman have chased Highways for commencement date as has Bernard Jenkin. Park Road will be closed, allowing only turn left.
- ii. MONKEY STREET REFUSAL - objection raised from the public about the location of the survey not reflecting the extent of the problem.
- iii. SIGNAGE FOR HOLLAND BROOK - waiting for new financial year to start will happen then.
- iv. RECTORY ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - Clerk sought clarification but was unable to gain this - to be removed from agenda.
- v. RAVENS GREEN ROAD - traffic calming - designation of this road as a Protective Lane as outlined by Cllr. Coley would not solve the problem, but needs to be investigated. Cllr Dyson said that Suffolk and Norfolk had a 'Quiet Lane' designation Clerk to review the possibility of application for this road to be cars and LGV's restricted to access only.
- vi. TENDRING ROAD SURFACE CONDITION - Repairs are being undertaken. Rebuilding sides of road, cutting hedges. 21 repairs to carry out. Resurfacing of road following repairs. Bus services are also crossing and chewing the verges up. Clerk to write to Stephenson's for timetable adjustments to counteract this.

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

None

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

- i. **BALANCES** - Clerk reported a surplus of £4,000 on account and reiterated the need to allocate these funds to projects and spending prior to the forthcoming audit.
- ii. **SPARE FUNDS** - as above, projects are being considered at council.
- iii. **ACCOUNTS 2016/2017** - Clerk to contact Ian Dimmock for assistance with this years audit.

**01.17.10 PARISH MAGAZINE** - We have stayed with Village magazine. 12 months for every house in village through Garden Show funds has been paid.. Editors are being helpful and co-operative.

**01.17.11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY** - Energy Switch - local residents can sign up for community scheme. Big savings. Free parking scheme available again this year for residents of TDC. System was not working for Chairman - reported as not user friendly. Littering and flytipping also mentioned in the same context as above. Highways panels taking place from st - 23rd March 2017. District meeting next week to hopefully finalise the local plan. Cllr. Coley to advise.

**01.17.12 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**01.17.13 PUBLIC FORUM :**

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

PCC. Clearance of birds nests from church tower required, can anyone help. Newer and larger noticeboard for Little Bentley and Ravens Green suggested - Clerk to investigate. Agenda to be published on noticeboard and to be emailed to villagers. Speed survey on Harwich Road not a true reading of speeds in the road - placed in the incorrect position. Reported Rubble dumped at end of Rectory Road - ended up in road. Little Bentley sign on Harwich Road - Clerk to contact Highways. 2 litter picks a year suggested - another in September - 16th. Clerk to publish dates in Feb/March Magazine. Lent Group 2nd March to Easter - here at Village Hall. Travellers on the extension of Harwich Road - Bylands, Clerk to report to Tendring District Council - parked on the highways. Coffee & Cakes a success and growing.

**01.17.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS -** Chairman's Report - Nigel Dyson reminded of requirement for this for next meeting  
Audit - Clerk to contact Ian Dimmock.

**01.17.15 NEXT MEETING - AGM & CLOSE**

Meeting Closed 21.15. Next Meeting AGM - Wednesday 1st March - 7pm.