

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

Venue: Village Hall on **Wednesday 06 July 2016 at 7.00pm**

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07.16.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. William King

07.16.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None. Signed and dated as true and correct

07.16.3 CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

Thanks given to all parish councillors and thanks to Clerk for thie work over the year. Annual report distributed in paper form at the meeting. A copy will be sent to village magazine for inclusion in the next publication. A copy is also attached to these minutes.

07.16.4 VILLAGE "EVENTS" UPDATE

1. COUNTY BROADBAND - SERVICE COVERAGE

The Robinsons and Phil Suarez report problems have been experienced for best part of a week as a result of a firmware update - intermittently excessive data usage causes a problem and using this up will slow your connection down down. Download and upload through County Broadband is being achieved at 20 MB compared to BT's 1.5MB.

Erection of Ravens Green mast at the Evans' not a possibility, as they do not wish an aerial on property now. Cllr Guigielmi reported that County Broadband has now been added to the list of approved contractors for BBUK broadband for new building in the area. Problems experienced with installation and service can now be raised with BBUK directly. Ravens Green issues could be included as part of this. Cllr G to raise this at the next BBUK meeting. District Council have been asking for a figure to cover the 100% coverage on Superfast Broadband in the area. Carlo confirmed that a cabinet was being installed but was unable to confirm a go live date for service in the area. The Clerk advised that her property maybe a possibility for installation of the aerial and the Chair has confirmed he will seek clarification from County Broadband on the position with other options in the Ravens Green area. Little Bentley now has full coverage.

07.16.5 IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

- i. FINGERPOST SIGN **C/F**
- ii. BENCH - UPDATE - This has been collected and is ready for installation, bill received (see finances)
- iii. HALL ROOF REPAIRS GRANT - ACTION? - **C/F**

07.16.6 PLANNING

- i. **APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D** - Support of Crabtree Cottage plans change of use at Brampton Hall - no objections
- ii. **DECISIONS MADE**

Disappointment expressed by all council members and public members present that the small - scale development on Manningtree Road has not been approved . Council were advised that in future it would be better to speak with Cllr G aor Cllr A Coley to request advocacy and this will ensure that planning decisions are not just called as a delegated decision as was the case here.

Council awaits news of any appeals.

- iii. Car Park, waiting for the builders, church

07.16.7 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- i. **TENDRING INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY**

Complete and sent by the Clerk

07.16.8 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

- i. **A120 - PARK ROAD OBJECTIONS** - The plans for construction to start have been delayed until 2017. On 22nd July a further meeting with Highways and Bernard Jenkins is to take place and discussion will include the compulsory purchase of land. Many recent discussions with Mr Fairley who owns the land reveal that he is concerned that when the exit from Park road becomes left turn only it will add time to journeys and is concerned at its propensity to become a "rat run" as a result.

Others feel that Park Road should be included in the scheme as this would require less compulsory purchase and therefore represents less cost to both the Highways Agency and local environment.

Cllr Dyson to report to council following 22nd July meeting.

- ii. **HARWICH ROAD (MONKEY STREET)** - remains in validation
- iii. **A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION**- remains in validation
- iv. **SHELL CORNER GARAGE - ADVERTISING** - N Dyson emailed owner of the garage expressing concerns over the volume of hoardings and adverts at the roadside and their proximity to it, which was restricting views when exiting onto the busy A133. FAs a result, less hoardings and adverts are now visible and visibility is much improved.
- v. **SIGNAGE FOR LITTLE BENTLEY "BRIDGE"** - remains in validation
- vi. **EXTENSION OF VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS** remains in validation

Carlo reports reviews of Highway Panels - in validation, met 2 - 3 weeks ago -

07.16.9 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED

- i. **ANNUAL RETURN & AUDIT 2015/2016**

External audit is now underway, report due at September meeting.

07.16.10 FINANCIAL UPDATE – BANK, SIGNATORIES & PAYMENTS IN/OUT

- i. **FUNDS RECEIVED/PAYMENTS OUT**

Aon Insurance - £303.21 for parish council insurance policy

Furniture Outdoors - £295.00 - Village Bench

07.16.11 REPORT FROM PCSO – SUMMARY OF NWF REPORT RELEVANT ITEMS

No longer being received. Crime information and prevention measures can be found at www.essex.police.uk

07.16.12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY

District - Cllr Alan Coley reported that:

Beach Festival at Clacton was a success 50k attended.

Landlords event held by District Council - successful. Gave support and advice to landlords

Structure of council and number of councillors to be reduced - likely to be 10 - 12 councillors less in future.

Licensing committee has taken strong action against shops in Clacton for selling alcohol to underage and already inebriated customers - Anti social behaviour is a real problem with younger drinkers

Lifestyles Walton is now open - revamp complete and being well received by the public.

Local Plan has been approved for consultation - 8 week consultation period- 14th July - 8th Sept. Next PC meeting to be called a week early to allow comment on local plan - OASIS (TCGV) has not been included in plan (to be sent over the next week).

County

SATS KS2 test - benchmark - Essex was 1% above national average - encouraging.

Adult learning - courses are now available to the equivalent of GSCE. 20k people 12 educational centres, 200 community venues.

Waste development plan has been submitted to government. Elmstead, Ardleigh (existing) and Brightlingsea proposals put forward (500 objections). Tending site removed from plan.

Trading standards - a reminder that if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is - media coverage raising awareness of scammers is planned this offers a phone number to contact for advice.

07.16.13 PUBLIC FORUM :

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

No questions or comments to record.

07.16.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

07.16.15 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE

31st August 2016. 7pm