

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 02 November 2016 at 7.00pm**

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01.16.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Phil Suarez
Lesley Hunt

01.16.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Signed by N Dyson as a true record of the meeting. No matters arising

01.16.3 VILLAGE "EVENTS" UPDATE

- i. **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** - Saturday 05 November - timings are available to public - fireworks delivered and set up from 2pm - Nick and Mike. Barbecue to start at 5pm. Food is purchased. Lesley Hunt unable to do mulled wine. Apologies given. Look to have mulled wine near the bbq - Nigel to speak with Liz. Volunteer required to serve mulled wine.

- ii. **COUNTY BROADBAND**

James has not come back following clerk email re service for Ravens Green, Clerk to chase. 2 further sign ups to the service that are known of. 24/25 MB downloads reported by Chairman. Clerk reports cables have started to be laid for the BT Fibre Optic Service proposition.

01.16.4 IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

- i. **CHURCH HALL CHAIRS -**

Purchase of 20 - 25 chairs that will match as closely as possible with the existing chairs. Clerk to attempt to locate invoice from previous supplier.

- ii. **CHURCH HALL ROOF GRANT**

No action. Nothing heard.

- iii. **FURTHER SUGGESTIONS**

Bench outside pub has now been installed. Letter of thanks to Graham for installing this FOC. Clerk raised excess funds issue (see Finance below.) New suggestions are therefore welcome.

01.16.5 PLANNING

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

1. Tendring Road and Manningtree Road applications - officers were against both applications at site visits, however, at the planning meeting last night they were unanimously approved outline permissions - going to full planning permission

2. Little Ashes, neighbours feel that there is no objection to having the site cleared and improved environ. Chairman feels this is sympathetically done. Council would like to be reassured that the existing buildings and caravan on this land are removed as a condition of planning and the site is tidied extensively. Clerk to comment accordingly.

3. In principle, Council is not adverse to have this trimmed or felled although the ownership of the tree is in dispute and that they ought to investigate fully the reasoning for felling this. House owners have made representation personally. Clerk to comment accordingly.

01.16.6 TREE WARDEN - APPLICATION MADE

Clerk to chase Tree Warden, Mike for completed form.

01.16.7 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

- i. **A120 UPDATE** - no date - promise that they will start work on the Hare Green Roundabout sometime in early 2017. Highways Agency have yet to confirm that the land issues have been resolved. It is in Highways England hands and they feel confident that everything would be resolved. What has been the reductions accidents and incidents. Cllr King continue to question the closing of the crossing for traffic across the A120.
- ii. **MONKEY STREET UPDATE** - Speed survey completed. Average speeds recorded, as 32mph so Council feels this is unlikely to be passed.
- iii. **A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION** - rejected and public updated on TDC / ECC response.
- iv. **SIGNAGE FOR LITTLE BENTLEY "BRIDGE"** - Chairman advises of his discontent at the continued delays on this project - this has been validated as a project but is now waiting to receive funds in the net round of spending.

01.16.8 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED

- i. **ANNUAL RETURN & AUDIT** - Now finalised and results have been published for public viewing.

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

- i. **PRECEPT 2017/18** - £1,500 applied for and expected to be awarded.

01.16.10 PARISH MAGAZINE - no further forward. Not moving at the current time, trying to resolve a number of issues in moving from one to the other. Graham Bowden-Peters is concerned about distribution and advertisers not receptive to change. Reassured that public and advertisers can still use both and distributors are able to continue to distribute the parish magazine to subscribers. As the current situation renders area without a magazine temporarily, it has been agreed that the village will produce a newsletter to inform residents of latest news and views. This will be organized by the Chairman who will report to clerk.

01.16.11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY

Cllrs Guglielmi and Coley not present - Clerk to email Carlo and Alan Coley to request these for publication.

01.16.12 CORRESPONDENCE

None to report

01.16.13 PUBLIC FORUM :

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

Parish Magazine. CPT - PCC will remain neutral - they will follow the lead of the PC and PCC feel that the magazine is the only way of reaching parishioners so would like to continue to support this.

Graham Bowden-Peters discusses the boundary and the parish boundaries and the space available to council and church boundaries have changed so that.

ND advises would be interested to hear about changes to parish magazines outlined by Graham Bowden-Peters as village is open to change again in the future.

Any plans to develop field next to Clip Hedge known to council? Owners were approached with talk of a business large office block and 2 warehouses.. Previous work and ensuing enforcement resulted in loss of appeal. ND outlined process for building regulations on planning advising that this is likely to need to be like for like.

Graham Bowden-Peters - Electrics are available. If hot plate is more than 300 watts however, not able to accommodate.

Non working of speed sign on Manningtree Road this is down to van and please could someone advise owner that the parking of this is preventing the triggering of the signal. Chairman to action this. It works intermittently. Could it be adjusted.

Rectory Road similar speed sign request from Graham Bowden-Peters to consider this, at the moment it would be very unlikely to make funds available. Report that a dog has been killed in the road. Representation and application is to be made by council for this. Rectory Road could be a "rat run" when the roundabout on A120 is in operation.

01.16.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Flytipping becoming a problem again. Asbestos has been dumped, some has been removed and there is remain of these on the end of Little Bentley Road in the ditch. Local recycling centres are now restricting vans and DIY rubbish/hardcore and these are only being accepted at Colchester and Clacton. Concerns of increased flytipping with closures and restrictions on what is being received. To continue to review.

Manningtree Road - Fridge was dumped this morning and needs to be reported. Chairman to do this

Clerk to write to Cllr Guglielmi to voice concerns about closures/in increase in flytipping.

01.16.15 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE

11th January 2017 @ 7pm