

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 04 November 2015 at 7.30pm**

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11.15.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Carlo Guglieimi
Phil Suarez

Chairman reported on Jennie Petitt Death – **Clerk to collect outstanding files from her daughter a.s.a.p.**

11.15.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

i. SPECIAL EXPENSES

Clerk confirmed this had been sent and no changes were advised

ii. DPI & ACCEPTANCE FORMS

Clerk reported Sent to Tendring District Council who are satisfied and have uploaded documents to the District website. **Clerk to upload to village website pages.**

No other queries and minutes were signed as a true representation of events and actions and were signed accordingly by Chairman, Nigel Dyson.

11.15.3 VILLAGE EVENTS UPDATE

i. COUNTY BROADBAND

Is now available in the village – villagers advised to go to the website for more details and to sign up www.countybroadband.co.uk

ii. FIREWORKS EVENING - Thanks were given to Nick and his team for organizing the fireworks night. Thanks given to Lesley Hunt and Phil Suarez for their help on Raffle and Mulled Wine respectively. Ed and Sharon Rankin and Karen Fiddes (Clerk) were also thanked for their assistance on food.

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| Takings to date reported - | Raffle £200.55 |
| | Mulled Wine 110.29 |
| | Food £164.80. |
| | Donations £125.00 |

Total of £600.64.

Event was well attended and supported and it is anticipated that it would be held again in 2016.

iii. CINEMA EVENINGS – 1st event was held on 1st Thurs in October – Tomorrow is 2nd event. Evenings have been a success. Anyone wishing to go should let Kelvin or Laura Robinson know.

11.15.4 PLANNING

1 Approval – H Cobbald & Son (per July Minutes)

1 new application was received 30/10. Little Bentley – Harwich Road, land adjacent to Little Ashes. Clerk to send email link to plans online and circulate hard copy plans as they arrive from the council.

Church Planning – Highways are objecting to the works proposed and require changes to the plans. Cllrs A. Coley and C. Guglieimi asked to intervene and negotiate if possible. Further update at next meeting

11.15.5 TENDRING LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Dyson reported that we had been complimented on our submission with objections. All local villages have now submitted objections to Tendring Central Garden Village (TCGV). Cllr A Coley advised 12 – 15 months until completion of plan and proposals. Cllr A Coley reported our submission had been highly praised at District.

11.15.6 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

i. A120 UPDATE

a. Work should start early 2016

ii. MONKEY STREET UPDATE

a. Not heard – chased and will continue to do so

iii. A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION

a. Not heard – chased and will continue to do so

iv. SIGNAGE FOR LITTLE BENTLEY “BRIDGE”

a. Not heard – chased and will continue to do so

Clerk to send email to ascertain current progression

11.15.7 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED

i. ANNUAL RETURN & AUDIT

Has been approved and received back from accountants. Clerk to display the notification on noticeboards in villages offering chance to view return on application to Clerk.

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

i. CHARGE FOR ELECTION EXPENSES

Clerk reported £75.00 charge levied from TDC – Nigel signed cheque, Phil Suarez as second signatory to countersign and Clerk to send to TDC a.s.a.p.

ii. PRECEPT REC'D

Clerk reported £1,000.00 received

iii. IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

Suggested ideas invited forward for next meeting. Some brainstorming for initial ideas as follows:

NGD suggest new signage for village

CCTV cameras

Extra verge cutting

Essex Air Ambulance or AN other charity – charitable donation.

Clerk reported balances prior to current precept being received as:

Business Saver Account £1497.35
Community Account £1696.84

Still to receive a further £1000.00 precept.

To maximise interest accrued on account - **Clerk to request transfer funds from Community to Saver account. Clerk to check rules and regs on income/expenditure.**

11.15.9 REPORT FROM PCSO – SUMMARY OF NWF REPORT RELEVANT ITEMS

Clerk reported no significant events. **Clerk to publish and distribute a full report with minutes.**

11.15.10 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY – Cllr A Coley

Reduction to numbers of homes by 2,000 in TDC, these are likely to be absorbed by urban developments within Colchester, Chelmsford and Braintree. 10,000 total homes now planned until 2032.

Consultation & Options Document – well attended events and members workshops all successful, with some sensible suggestions coming forward. Still appears to be some degree of “nimbyism”. Serious lack of support for TCGV was reported.

Closure of courts for money saving purposes – nearest courts now in Chelmsford. Alternative venues in District have been suggested by TDC. TDC fighting the case for non closure and negotiations continue.

Traveller encampments – problems with them coming into Clacton and they are beginning to migrate into the rural areas. TDC is part of Essex Traveller Unit, which provides lead back -up for removal of travellers. Public are warned not to try and move travellers themselves. Travellers in Clacton have now moved and were seen in Flag Hill but current whereabouts unknown. Sightings to be reported to TDC please on – main switchboard number - 01255 686868 between 8.45 - 5.15 Monday to Thursday and 8.45 - 4.45 on Friday. In an emergency outside of these hours, please call 01255 222022.

Refugee Crisis – consultation underway between TDC and ECC and TDC will be requested to provide some support at some stage but extent of this is not yet known.

Devolution of powers to local government – we will see a move towards this in the future although details have yet to be presented to District Councils.

11.15.11 CORRESPONDENCE

Essex Air Ambulance – request for donation – being considered

Barclays Bank – Confirmation of change of signatories and address for correspondence and 2nd letter advising closure of branch at Essex University

TVCS – promotion of Christmas Market on 14th November 2015. **Clerk to place posters on noticeboards**

TDC – Matching Grants available from council to support tree planting etc. Please see any other business for resulting actions.

TDC – Election expenses invoice and precept remittance

11.15.12 PUBLIC FORUM :

Dan Scriven – Notices on gates and down Monkey Street warning of CCTV and no littering has helped rubbish has reduced by 2/3rds . There has always been a quick

response from TDC to flytipping and flytipped waste is always cleared quickly. Dan advised to speak to TDC and report all dumping of litter (even corporate) as Dan had reported SSE van for dumping rubbish directly to the company.

Dan also reassured that any discussion regards the planning application received regards the land adjacent to his house would happen before the next parish council meeting and dealt with promptly, with any objections being raised before the deadline.

11.15.13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Tree Warden – letter received from council – Mike Taylor and NGD agreed that there was nothing needed at the moment but next year may be a possibility of activity as permission has been gained from the Landowner and Polo Club for clearing the area in and behind rectory road. This will likely be next year and outside volunteers would be used to do the clearing.
- ii. Church Hall Lighting – Clerk to write to Judith King about checking outside Light as not working
- iii. £50.00 donation received from Graham Bowden-Peters towards fireworks.

11.15.4 NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th January. 7.00pm

Meeting Closed at 20:00

Signed and Dated as a true representation of events: 6th January 2015

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