

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 05 July 2017 at 7.00pm**

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07.17.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr William King
Cllr Carlo Guglielmi
Cllr Alan Coley

07.17.02 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

No matters arising and signed as a true record

07.17.03 PLANNING

APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D AND DECISIONS MADE

i. APPLICATIONS

Walsh Workshops - Parish Council views plans - has response from 1 councillor but no consensus currently received. Access routes an issue with the property. Council to register support as neutral but to raise issue with access to the property as indicated.

- ii. Plans rec'd today for extension to Gamekeepers Cottage, Ravens Green and construction of 3 x Wooden Cabins as holiday accommodation at Hall Farm, Little Bentley were viewed - links will be circulated and comments to be received by email, public were reminded they can comment in the usual way online.

iii. PLANNING APPLICATION - LAND ADJACENT TO CLIPHEDGE FARM

Council stance outlined - council warned that application was coming and full plans have now been received. Huge office and warehouse development that borders Cliphedge Farm. Extension on comments for the application has granted and is now the 21st July. Objection to the plans were wholly raised at council. Chairman has drafted response which was read to council and public forum and is attached as an appendix. Council response was approved for comment.

iv. DETERMINATIONS

None

07.17.04 FLYTIPPING & LITTER PICK

This has improved of late, continues to be reported were noted.

Litter pick - 16th September - Advert in Village Magazine please August and Sept and bin bags for Sept edition to be arranged.

07.17.05 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

- i. **A120 UPDATE** - Roundabout - Highways England - everything has been agreed - roundabout can be fitted in without compulsory purchasing, now park road junction is discarded. Later this summer has been promised as a start date but no definitive date received as yet. They will come to see Parish as well as DC & ECC councillors with final plans before commencement of works.
- ii. **SIGNAGE FOR CHURCH ROAD @ "BROOK BRIDGE"** - Still awaiting word on funding - Clerk to chase re start date and funding availability.
- iii. **APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT BOUNDARIES** - Speed survey points applied for and awaiting start date for survey, Public informed of plans.
- iv. **RECTORY ROAD APPLICATION**
Application made. Speed survey points applied for and awaiting start date for survey
- v. **TENDRING ROAD VERGES / BUSES** - Report given on Essex County Councils response to the request for changes to timetable. Clerk to write to bus company to see if there is any flexibility in their timetable to allow for a solution from their perspective.
- vi. **SIGNAGE REPORTING** - nothing new to report. Public encouraged to report signage as they see it needs repairing but were advised that multiple reports of the same damage would not expedite repair. All signs have been evaluated by the council with all but one being deemed as "non urgent repair".

07.17.06 LOCAL PLAN - DRAFT DOCUMENT

Chairman has read and reported that the development at Weeley - Colchester boundaries taking most of the new development at West Garden Village and Tey villages. Plans for smaller scale developments at Weeley and Clacton x 2 - largely supported by Council on the basis that road infrastructure issues concerning the council appear to have been addressed with the proposal of two new truck routes. Council and public reminded that comment was still open on the draft document however council felt that the document largely fulfilled the needs of its local population without impacting too heavily on it.

07.17.07 RAVENS GREEN

i. REPORT ON RESIDENTS MEETING RE TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS

Meeting with residents at recent BBQ - 26 June - volume and speed of traffic identified as the main problems. This road is an unclassified road and therefore has no speed limit imposed along its length. County Council has now approved Quiet Lanes schemes funding and residents of Ravens Green would like to explore this. This involves traffic surveys and evidence gathering prior to implementation. Please could this be conducted at relevant times of day. Villagers felt there should also be education on use of road for optimum safety. Clerk to advise the next step in the process. Villagers pleased with support from ECC as it seems that County Council Highways Panels are becoming more

inaccessible and difficult to involve so may be a slow process. Councillors and public meet once a quarter to consider scheme applications.

Application for Ravens Green to be made a 30mph limit in the meantime. Ravens Green residents were asked to consider the points for speed survey and revert to council with a response.

- ii. **CRABTREE COTTAGE** update given and Clerk to write and ask enforcement officers to attend site and speak with Mr Smith about continued use of land for waste disposal and car storage. Highways are monitoring the situation with parking of vehicles on the Ravens Green Road and verges of A133. Concern raised about the conifer hedges and potential for this to become a problem in the future. To be monitored.

07.17.08 VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

- i. **OTHER IDEAS** - None arising

- ii. **FIREWORKS** -

Comments taken on board about the plastics involved last year and supplier has recommended the fireworks, which have less plastic content. Card and paper fireworks to be ordered where possible. Invoice will be direct to council and sent to Nigel's address. Clerk to transfer money to pay for these. Dates for the fireworks agreed - Saturday 4 November - Liz at the Bricklayers has agreed. Guy competition to run again and an advert will be placed in September/October magazine calling for Guys to be built. Public comment - wishes zero plastic contact - confirmation that Council are unable to source zero plastics fireworks but will do their best to limit plastic content in the fireworks.

07.17.09 DEFIBRILATOR & TRAINING

Installed at Bricklayers Arms. First Responders free event on 24th August 7pm. Adverts in magazine already, may also ask for September date if demand allows as many on holiday in August. Ambulance Service informed, First Responder groups in Manningtree and Gt Bentley informed.

07.17.10 WEBSITE - TRANSPARENCY FUNDING APPLICATION -

waiting to hear about success of application or not.

07.17.11 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED

Ravens Green - Cllr Suarez reported as above

07.17.12 FINANCIAL UPDATE – PAYMENTS IN/OUT & BALANCES.

Balances given to council. Online access now up and running.

07.17.13 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY

District Council - Road signs put up to advertise are being removed throughout district, clearing up a lot of temporary signs that have appeared recently and covered up others. Anything more permanent than a day or two requires planning permission which should be sought through the District Council.

County Council - report read and full report available online.

07.17.14 CORRESPONDENCE - None

07.17.15 PUBLIC FORUM :

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

GBP - Check when it was picked up and ensure that it is picked up on the Monday please
Reassurance given

Mark - Response to development of proposed commercial development - individual comments encouraged to given online. Only 2 responses on the website at this time. Residents should be encouraged to email and write too. Reassurances given that this will be called into planning committee by N Dyson. Great Bromley are also discussion application on 12th July, residents will be approached. Frating and Little Bromley also to be informed - Nigel to do this, Kate about feedback from the meeting.

Hawthorn Hedge overgrown - Brampton Hall Lane Corner. NGD and Gary to deal with this.

07.17.16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

07.17.17 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE

6 Sept 2017 - 7pm