

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 09 March 2016 at 7.00pm**

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03.16.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Lesley Hunt
Cllr. Phil Suarez
Cllr A. Coley
Cllr C Guigliemli

03.16.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None and signed as true record.

03.16.3 VILLAGE "EVENTS" UPDATE

i. COUNTY BROADBAND

Cobbalds aerials now installed. No update on Ravens Green. Email sent for update.

ii. CINEMA EVENINGS

Going well. Continue each month as successful.

03.16.4 IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

i. DOG BINS – UPDATE

Clerk to order these. Locations confirmed. Cllr King to put posts in. Clerk to liaise.

ii. FINGERPOST SIGN

Three fingers sign to be quoted for. Clerk to confirm to ECC the sizes of sign for quote to install. Although, query roundabout plan, so signs may need to be confirmed as could change. Discussion amongst councillors regards opening up the end of the road at Tendring Road when A120 work complete. Issues with sat navs and lorries which is already impacting verges, turning etc - concern about extra traffic - await finite plans before purchasing sign.

iii. BENCH

Quote for Bench - £295.00 - Nigel to ask skilled residents locally about installing for cost of materials. Spend on Bench agreed - to be engraved with "Little Bentley" to help prevent theft.

iv. HALL ROOF REPAIRS GRANT

Hall was flooded as meeting convened. PCC to get a quotation on repairs on roof so PC can assess for potential grant. Roof requires extensive refurbishment - Chairman to speak to Kelvin on obtaining this.

03.16.5 PLANNING

i. APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D AND DECISIONS MADE

Hard copy plans received for the renovation of chapel in Little Bentley on 09/03/2016. Reviewed by councillors. No objections from Cllrs present. To circulate link to Cllrs absent - if no objections Clerk to write to council expressing support of application. Clerk to write letter to Mr M Robinson supporting application (See also point 03.16.14).

View plans here: <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O3GU2QQB0JH00>

- ii. **CORRECTION:** Application received 07/03/2016 for Unit 1 Pump Farm, Joanna Hamsworth, change of use from B2 to D1. Hard copy plans not yet received by clerk. (See also point 03.16.14) Plans can be viewed online here :- <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O2QR2FQB0EL00>
- iii. **CORRECTION:** Application received 05/02/2016 for Church Farm Cottages, Mr Walsh, planning for stable block and hay store. Hard copy plans received by clerk, circulated to councillors and no objections received. Plans can be viewed online here :- <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=O1PIGTQB0EL00>

03.16.6 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

i. TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Clerk to ask Graham Bowden Peters if he can assist with the paragraph to be supplied to Association with photographs. Chairman to look in archives and see if anything suitable to send for photographs.

ii. ESSEX AND THE QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY BEACONS

It was felt that perhaps interest in this from the village would be lean. Chairman to talk to Kelvin about this and village event. Suggestion made to celebrate the official birthday in June to allow more clement weather and more possible interest.

iii. BUCKTHORNE FOR BRIMSTONE CAMPAIGN -TREE WARDEN

Chairman to collect these Friday morning 11th March as arranged. Tree warden to plant them around the village. Some in Rectory Road where clearing is underway and progressing well.

03.16.7 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

i. A120 UPDATE

No update.

ii. MONKEY STREET UPDATE

iii. A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION

iv. SIGNAGE FOR LITTLE BENTLEY "BRIDGE"

No update on any of above other than ECC are now aware and have copies of all outstanding applications. See below also.

v. EXTENSION OF VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT

No trace of a previous application and no feedback from survey carried out - 30mph hour limit and 40mph limits need to be reviewed and changed as follows: Extend 30mph limit on Church Road to the north of the village to reach village sign by roundhouse. The 40mph limit should then start here and end past Holland Brook and bends on Church Road. Clerk to prepare an application document.

CORRECTION: Clerk to provide summary of existing applications for Cllr Guigelmi to present to forthcoming Highways Meeting

- 03.16.8 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED**
- i. **ANNUAL RETURN & AUDIT 2015/2016 - Audit to be done by Ian Dimmock.**
Clerk to approach.
 - ii. **COMPLIANCE MEETING**
Ask organiser to send presentation to Clerk as no Councillors or Clerk able to attend.
- 03.16.9 FINANCIAL UPDATE – BANK, SIGNATORIES & PAYMENTS IN/OUT**
- i. **TRANSFER**
Made. Await latest statements for confirmation.
 - ii. **FUNDS RECEIVED/PAYMENTS OUT**
None.
- 03.16.10 REPORT FROM PCSO – SUMMARY OF NWF REPORT RELEVANT ITEMS**
Available as online report nothing notable to report at council.
- 03.16.11 PUBLIC FORUM :**
Members of the public are invited to address the Council max 3 minutes.
- Present: John Leggett**
- Plans - plaque on the wall of the chapel - John would like this to be preserved -**
- Clerk to write to Malcolm Robinson to request this (see also Point 03.16.4 i.)
- Sign - Tendring Road - wrong way round? Relocation? Clerk to write to ECC**
Highways by email.
- All damaged signs have been reported and will be replaced/fixed in due course.**
- 03.16.12 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY**
Available online - please access these.
- 03.16.13 CORRESPONDENCE**
Essex Fire and County consultation information - to be posted on notice boards.
Also available online via parish website
- 03.16.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- Litter Pick - 12 March Nick, Karen, Will helping. Chairman to email all contacts in**
village as a reminder.
- Layby - Manningtree Road - common dumping ground regular it has been suggested**
to Benny that it is filled in and this has been agreed. Is a field entrance so no benefit
to have it.
- Joanna Hamsworth (Cllr Kings sister) has planning in for Spring Studios. Kids**
activity place, local community - small - no more than 8 - 10 kids at one time. No
objections on basis of no more traffic. Cllr King reassured that this would not
increase traffic significantly in area and will remain small scale. (REF: See also
point 03.16.5 ii.)
- Cllr Will King advised that planning application for "several" houses on Tendring**
Road and Manningtree Road sites to be submitted - infilling - outline planning going
in by end of next month.

Referendum - Clerk wanted to clarify that this has nothing to do with Parish Council - this was confirmed.

01.16.15 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE

4 May 2016 at 7pm.