

# LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

To be held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 04 May 2016 at 7.00pm**

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### 05.16.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### Lesley Hunt

Chairman advised of Lesley's resignation. Statutory notice for display on noticeboards. Chairman invited nominations from council members.

Apologies received from Cllr Suarez who arrived at the meeting at 7.30pm.

### 05.16.2 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

No matters arising and signed as true record.

### 05.16.4 VILLAGE "EVENTS" UPDATE

#### i. COUNTY BROADBAND/BT PLANNING APPLICATION

County Broadband. Issue with a local residents installation where £300 extra cost  
Chairman is investigating ways to Offset extra cost.  
Clerk has no broadband connectivity. Issue with Paul and the installation of  
dish at Brampton Hall. Chairman to contact Bryan Evans & possibly Robert  
MacDonald. Clerk may also be able to accommodate an aerial on her  
property.

### 05.16.5 IDEAS FOR VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

- i. **DOG BINS – UPDATE** - Cllr King thanked - Dog Bins Installed
- ii. **FINGERPOST SIGN C/F**
- iii. **BENCH - UPDATE** - Been ordered and awaiting delivery
- iv. **HALL ROOF REPAIRS GRANT - UPDATE** - awaiting quotations

### 05.16.6 PLANNING

#### APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D

Tendring Road 3 New Houses & Manningtree Road 8 New Houses - Outline Planning  
Application Rec'd for Rose & Co.

Chairman proposed that support for both applications was given from Parish Council, but  
that he felt only 6 Houses should be put on the Manningtree Road site, and supported the 3  
Houses in Tendring Road, although the council wanted assurances that the Village sewage  
system could accommodate these extra houses. Agreed.

Seen by council as a sympathetic infill development.

Concerns were expressed that if this development was approved it may prompt further expansion by setting a precedent for other development.

Size of development queried by Cllr Nick Claydon - more than 10% of total village properties?

Discussion around sustainability of village and council capping of property builds/local plan.

**i. DECISIONS MADE**

Corner Cottage Conservatory granted.

**05.16.7 OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**i. EALC AFFILIATION FEE**

Cheque signed £80.96

**ii. PROPOSED CLOSURE OF A137 BRANTHAM**

Advised

**iii. LETTER TO RODNEY BASS / LETTER FROM D CARSWELL RE A133.**

Advised Council of letter to Rodney Bass and response from Douglas Carswell acknowledging our concerns and interest expressed in an update on response from ECC - no response received to date from ECC.

Discussion by council around concerns and prevention.

Lack of police presence

Roads that are unfit for purpose?

Traffic control measures are inadequate

**05.16.8 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS**

**i. A120 UPDATE**

Bernard Jenkins - 13th May and District Councillors meeting with Chairman - final plans to be presented and then publication. Commencement date should be advised at this meeting.

**ii. MONKEY STREET UPDATE**

Clerk to send map of area to Joe Hazelton

**iii. A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION**

Council advised of latest status - in validation

**iv. A133 - COUNCIL ACTION AGAINST ACCIDENTS** See above - point 05.16.7 (iii)

Council advised that a recent public meeting had called for urgent investigations into incidents on the road and that this will continue to be lobbied for. Cllr. Suarez added that the police too are very concerned about the road. Lack of resourcing means patrols do not take place along the road. They have tried to raise the profile of the issues through the press who seem disinterested.

**v. SIGNAGE FOR LITTLE BENTLEY "BRIDGE"**

Council advised of latest status - in validation

**vi. EXTENSION OF VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT**

Clerk to get idea of status of application.

**05.16.8 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED**

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

Clerk reported that this would be complete for the next meeting, which is declared as an annual general meeting. Apologies offered by the Clerk for the oversight.

**ii. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This will take place at the next meeting - July.

**05.16.9 FINANCIAL UPDATE – BANK, SIGNATORIES & PAYMENTS IN/OUT**

**i. FUNDS RECEIVED/PAYMENTS OUT**

EALC £80.96 - Affiliation Fees - **Clerk to send cheque**

**05.16.10 REPORT FROM PCSO – SUMMARY OF NWF REPORT RELEVANT ITEMS**

No longer being received - cuts to police service?

**05.16.11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY**

None received - **Clerk to request from Cllrs. Guigliemi and Coley**

**05.16.12 PUBLIC FORUM :**

John Leggett in attendance and queried the extension of 30mph along Manningtree Road to junction of Harwich Road as part of the application for village limit extensions. Confirmed by council that the request had included this stretch of road.

**05.16.13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr P. Suarez - Accident on Manningtree Road, drink driver, no injuries or deaths etc - 2 cars written off.

Cllr. King - Increased buses through the village - great for local people - buses are meeting on Tendring Road and whilst weather is good great but verges are going to get chewed up in winter. Cllr King to observe timings and operators and advise at next meeting so we can contact companies directly about changes in scheduling.

Queens Birthday - 11th June - Nobody available on this weekend. Decided not to hold an official event for this.

**05.16.14 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE**

06 July 2016 - 7.00 pm

**Meeting Closed 20.00**