

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

Held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 01 March 2017 at 7.00pm**

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03.17.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Guigliemi
Cllr Coley

03.17.2 CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT

Report circulated and to be uploaded to website. Chairman thanked Clerk and Councillors for their service this year.

03.17.3 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

Signed and dated as a true record. No matters arising.

03.17.4 PLANNING

APPLICATIONS/NOTICES REC'D AND DECISIONS MADE

i. CHURCH HALL CAR PARK

Agreement has now made with TDC and Highways over land ownership - new plans have been submitted this week. TDC has given go ahead to start work by and council are now awaiting contractor. Works commencing could be as much as two months away.

ii. OTHERS

Chairman brought a proposal for planning application on land next to Cliphedge Farm in Ravens Green. As Chair of the Parish Council he had been approached by the owner of the site (also in attendance at the meeting). The development proposed is commercial and outline drawing circulated to council members, determined to be a Greenfield site application. Councillors asked questions of the site owner - clarification sought on purpose of building - business use - warehousing dominant although head office also proposed. New premises for an existing growing business. Business owners live in Elmstead, business currently located in Colchester. Most staff live in the Tendring District.

Councillors generally feel that it is a very large site and not in keeping with the area. Feedback from public and neighbours in attendance at the meeting was given

- noise and pollution from business and traffic to the site will be a nuisance and very unwelcome. Road from Elmstead to TBS offers many other opportunities for development and there are many new commercial developments located on the outskirts of Colchester that would be more suitable for the use proposed,

Furthermore it was pointed out that the site was previously agricultural and had only ever had one smaller scale agricultural barn built on on it. The proposals seen covered the best part of a 3 acre site with access and warehousing directly adjacent to Cliphedge Farm and its access and exit points.

iii. No other applications or determinations in the last period.

03.17.5 FLYTIPPING & LITTER PICK

The village litter pick is going ahead on 11th March as planned. Collection hoops, bags and pickers will be collected on the Thursday before and collection of the rubbish will be on Monday 13th March. Nigel will take equipment and can be collected from Bentley Manor or at the Bricklayers Arms on the morning of the event.

Fly tipping - 4 large tyres were removed from Church Road. Chairman asked again for villagers to ring TDC and report fly tipped materials. These are then removed within 48 hours.

03.17.6 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

- i. **A120 UPDATE** - Consultations completed - work starts later this year.
- ii. **SIGNAGE FOR HOLLAND BROOK** - Awaiting new financial year.
- iii. **QUIET LANE DESIGNATION FOR RAVENS GREEN** - this is a perpetual problem - the quiet lanes designation criteria is strict and the benefits are limited for the houses in the road, designed primarily to enhance the experience of road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. The process of application is a long one and enforcement is likely to be problematic or non-existent in reality. A suggestion was made to limit vehicle access on the road to LGV Access only - this may work as an alternative along with possible set lower speed limits. Clerk to write to TDC and ECC Councillors to seek guidance on most feasible and sensible option for the road.
- iv. **APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE VILLAGE SPEED LIMIT BOUNDARIES** - Nothing heard - Clerk to chase.
- v. **TENDRING ROAD VERGES / BUSES** - letter written and sent to Stephenson's - await response.

01.17.7 VILLAGE INVESTMENT FROM FUNDS

- i. **NOTICEBOARDS** - 3 noticeboards purchased - Chairman has offered to organise installation - looking for assistance to erect Little Bentley boards - one on bus shelter - one on wall outside Church Hall. Cheque signed for payment for boards.
- ii. **DEFIBRILATOR** - Will and Liz agreed to site this on the public house external wall and have kindly offered to supply electricity required to maintain this - Council agreed to purchase @ £1,250.00 + VAT. Clerk to arrange.
- iii. **WEBSITE** - quotes from two companies to be proposed at next meeting
- iv. **CHURCH HALL CHAIRS** - purchased and arrived. In use.

03.17.8 SECTION 106 MONIES - CHURCH HALL ROOF REPAIRS

No news heard - Chairman to chase this application.

03.17.9 COUNCILLORS/CLERK - ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED

None

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

Cheque for GP Signs - £476.51 - Parish Council Noticeboards
No further transactions

Clerk to start accounts at year end on 31st March for presentation and sign off in preparation for audit presentation following May meeting.

03.17.11 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT/COUNTY

None received for presentation at the meeting, neither Councillor present. Clerk to request these.

03.17.12 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to write to TDC re the Crabtree Cottage problem raised by A Elvin. Heard nothing on action for them, which was promised some years back. Answers to other points raised by Mrs Elvin as above.

Historical photos of village offered - Chairman to contact gentleman who offered and obtain these.

03.17.13 PUBLIC FORUM :

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

Gary Haggard - Lent Group 10 - 12 on Thurs Morning throughout Lent.

Graham Bowden - Peters - Items retrieved from his garden following fireworks display. Sharp objects discovered and presented at meeting. Nick to bring to attention of supplier and discuss in relation to this years supply.

03.17.14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

03.17.16 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE

3rd May 2017 - 7pm

Meeting closed 19:45