

LITTLE BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 02 September 2015 at 7.30pm**

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9.15.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Carlo Guigelliemi
Cllr Alan Coley

9.15.2 PUBLIC FORUM :

Villager John Leggett (attending) requested that the Public Forum is held before “Any Other Business” on the agenda. Council agreed that future meetings would accommodate this request.

Proposed Gap Closures on A120 – John expressed support of the gap closure, adding that it would benefit the village by reducing local farming traffic trying to use roads through it as shortcuts between the villages located on either sides of the A120 and A133.

9.15.3 PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM

None and previous minutes signed and dated as true and correct by Chairman Nigel Dyson.

9.15.4 DPI AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS

Councillors given revised acceptance of office forms and DPI and asked to complete. These will be returned to district council by 09 September, as agreed with them. These will also be made available for viewing by the public on the village website.

Action: Parish Clerk to scan and upload to site/send hard copies to council.

9.15.5 VILLAGE DONATION UPDATE

i. BROADBAND

- Agreement signed and installation process underway – County Broadband to survey village this week.

ii. FIREWORKS

- Nick Claydon agreed to run fireworks Sunday 1st November 2015 6.30pm
- Bonfire build is underway and fireworks have been ordered.
- Mike Taylor and Nick Claydon attending training course for firework/public safety which has been paid for from the donation pool available.
- John Leggett to assist with setting up and public safety.
- Raffle to be organized by Phillip Suarez

- Liz of Bricklayers Arms has requested that mulled wine is served in the bar to comply with licensing laws and this will be charged, Lesley Hunt has agreed to organize. Purchase of wine also from donation pool
- BBQ will be run by Ed and Sharon – assisted by Karen and Mark Fiddes
- Power supply to be organized, suggested this may come from Graham’s Bowden-Peters house as the most convenient

Action: Parish Clerk to email Graham and seek permission to use supply.

- Query on insurance coverage from Council.

Action: Parish Clerk to review insurance and ensure sufficient coverage for event.

- Council agreed there would be no advertising of the event outside of village magazine. House to house notice to Little Bentley Villagers friends and family.
- Green to be roped off and fence at back to prevent parking on areas by Mr Brian King.

iii. OTHER FUNDRAISING SPEND IDEAS

- Cinema to be started in October at Flyde Hall under Kelvin Robinson.

Action: Nigel Dyson to seek update from Kelvin on his return from holidays.

9.15.6 PLANNING

Several Applications received in the last period:

- Application for External works providing car parking, pathways, boundary treatments and hedge planting – St Mary’s Church Little Bentley <https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NS5K3VQB0EL00>

NOTE: Church Car Park – Chairman Nigel Dyson reported that work should start in the next two weeks subject to planning permission being granted.

- Application for Proposed two storey side extension to form living room and two bedrooms. (New pitched roof over existing two storey extension). | 1 Church Farm Cottages Church Road Little Bentley Colchester Essex CO7 8SE
<https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NR6AGBQB0GS00>
- Application for Demolition of existing redundant agricultural buildings and erection of two B1(c) buildings including courtyard, parking, landscaping and natural amenity area.
<https://idox.tendringdc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=NR2889QB0GI00>

Council has no objections to the above proposed works around the village. However, it confirmed its continued objection to the proposal of construction of a detached property on the land of 1 Church Farm Cottages, in light of the recent appeal lodged by the Applicant in this case.

Determinations

- Prior Approval Not Req'd - Application for dry storage of potato boxes and some agricultural equipment. Land South of Rectory Road Little Bentley Essex CO7 8SL

9.15.7 TENDRING LOCAL PLAN

Tendring District Council local plan Options consultation document has now been released and outlines suggested development areas for the years 2016 – 2032. The Council are inviting discussion/support and objections on the document between 01 September and 13th October, following which a draft local plan will be finalized.

Within the consultation document there is one area of particular concern to the village, that being the inclusion again of an option for provision of housing within “Tendring Central Garden Village” located on the site of Hare and Balls Green (formerly known as the OASIS project).

Nigel Dyson – Chairman, attended a meeting with Gt Bromley PC, Lt Bromley PC and Frating PC - also in attendance was Neil Stock (Chairman TDC and Planning Chief) - to discuss the concerns of local villages in relation to the proposed site.

This project was last dismissed in 2006 and was rejected on basis on non sustainability. As the new local plan is under consultation, the developer has once again pushed for re-inclusion of the OASIS site in the plan. Nigel Dyson was reassured at the meeting that the planning committee at TDC seemed to be against the project but could make no commitment to its omission from the plan, as decisions relating thereto could only be made by the full council after consultation period – 1st September to 13th October.

All councillors agreed that they would fight the proposal of a Tendring Central Village vigorously and further discussion around the other possible sites and benefits/disadvantages of each was undertaken.

Chairman Nigel Dyson will circulate proposed campaign leaflets to persuade villagers to object and has requested £50.00 from Parish funds to aid costs in fighting development of site by the 4 Parish Councils.. This commitment was given and agreed by Council.

Action: Nigel Dyson to advise who cheque is payable to.

Jennie Wilson has again been approached to reinstate CARD and fight the development independently of the PC.

Action: Parish Clerk to email Jennie for latest on progress/advise of council proposed action.

100 representation forms to be requested from the council by Parish Clerk for distribution to villagers to complete.

Action: Parish Clerk to request 100 further forms from Council

The Parish Council to draw up an Objection to “Tendring Central Village”.

Action: Parish Clerk to draw up suggested wording with the Chairman to get agreed by Councillors.

9.15.8 HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS

i. A120 UPDATE

Following the recent public exhibition relating to the proposed roundabout on the A120 Chairman Nigel Dyson showed detailed plans of the proposed works which

had been presented at the recent Public Meeting. Funding is in place and work proposed to commence in 2016 for completion in 2017

The recently installed speed cameras will remain in place on the stretch of road leading to Horsley Cross and it is thought that the gap access to Little Bentley (from the direction of Colchester) and Little Bromley (from the direction of Harwich) will be closed, meaning that traffic (including emergency vehicles) will be required to use the roundabouts at Pellens corner or Horsely Cross to travel in their desired direction.

Cllr Will King expressed concerns that closing these crossings will make Tendring Road and Rectory Roads “rat runs” as traffic tries to avoid the speed and accident reduction measures. Additionally, he outlined the danger of lorries overtaking his farm vehicles at speed on the A120 which may result. Chairman Dyson noted that there had been no fatalities since the introduction of the speed limit and incidents of this nature were significantly reduced.

ii. Church Road Narrow Bridge/Monkey Street

Awaiting decision on proposal for bridge narrowing/right of way signage on Church Road, Little Bentley.

Action: Parish Clerk to chase decision prior to next meeting.

iii. A133 SPEED RESTRICTION APPLICATION

Parish Clerk has contacted Great Bentley Parish Council with application details and supporting material and requested support from them in relation to this application. Again, not heard regards decision on this matter from Highways Essex.

Action: Parish Clerk to chase decision prior to next meeting.

iv. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Council agreed that this is not an essential project at this time and that this should be revisited with further development of local roads and if any significant impact to village life is noticed following the implementation of the proposed changes to the A120.

9.15.9 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/CLERK RE ANY RELEVANT ACTIONS TAKEN or MEETINGS ATTENDED

No meetings or actions taken other than those noted elsewhere within these minutes.

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

Applications completed and forms have been submitted to bank. Parish Clerk has yet to receive a statement from the bank but will review at the end of September.

Action: Parish Clerk to check with Bankers that change of address for parish correspondence has been processed and is in place if no statement received by 30th Sept.

9.15.11 REPORT FROM PCSO – SUMMARY OF NWF REPORT RELEVANT ITEMS

Parish Clerk summarized reports received. Updates can be viewed on Parish noticeboards or via the village website.

Action: Parish Clerk to update Parish noticeboards and website.

9.15.12 CORRESPONDENCE

Special expenses form received relating to the money claimed from district/county for items required to maintain community areas and services for villagers and public coming to the villages. Deadline for return of amended forms and application for changes to special expenses to be received by the council by 16th October.

Action: Chairman Nigel Dyson to review form and currently claimed expenses and advise if further items should be claimed for.

9.15.13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

9.15.14 NEXT MEETING & CLOSE

4th November 2015 19.30 – Apologies received from Cllr Suarez in advance.