

Minutes of The Great Bentley Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 5th April 2007 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr William Herbert(Vice Chairman), Cllr David Gibbon, Cllr Roger Adams , Cllr Ian Morton, Cllr Peter De-Vaux Balbirnie, Cllr Robert Taylor.

Cllr George Wright apologised for arriving late during the meeting

In Attendance

K. Paradise (Clerk) and 12 members of public.

Questions from the Public

Concerns were expressed regarding the amount of sheltered housing to be allocated within the proposed Bovis Homes Development.

It was pointed out that this is still only a proposal, the land has not yet been acquired and no plans have been submitted.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Jonathan Hills, Cllr Ted Fox and Cllr D Robinson

2. Minutes

The meeting was asked to approve the minutes of the meeting of 1st March.

Proposed by Cllr Adams, seconded by Cllr Morton, the minutes were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. R. Adams declared a possible interest in anything regarding M. Dorling.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Nothing to report.

5. Correspondence

- On-going correspondence regarding proposal of a wedding reception on The Green. It was pointed out that the organisers would have to apply for an alcohol licence if required.
- Great Bentley Gardening Club asked permission for a plant sale on The Green on Saturday 5th May. Agreed.

Clerk to write to Great Bentley Gardening Club

- 2 members of the public sent letters regarding their concerns over the proposed Bovis Homes site. It must be noted that as yet there has been no firm proposal for the Council to discuss, proposals are subject to planning permission and Highways will look to see if road layout proposals are safe. The only discussions taken place so far are regarding finance and the Council wish to find the best compromise for Great Bentley.
- An e-mail was received regarding trolley storage to side of Tesco.

Cllr Herbert to invite the gentleman to a Committee Meeting

- Letter received from The Friends of The Green raising concerns over recent car parking on The Green. Point noted – Council will monitor.

Clerk to write to The Friends of The Green

- Letter from a lady regarding lack of bus services in Great Bentley, especially to Clacton. Over 60's have free bus passes but no opportunity to use them. Clerk has spoken to Essex County Council and forwarded this letter to their Local Bus Manager. Clerk has also spoken to First Bus Co. The Parish Council has received an invitation to attend a Passenger Transport Representative Meeting on 9th May.

Clerk to write to lady and Cllr Taylor to speak to a possible delegate.

Letter from Fund Raising Manager of Interact. This is a charity helping those in Essex with learning difficulties and mental health issues, asking for a donation. Declined as this is not a charity for members of the village.

Clerk to write to Interact

- E-mail from Great Bentley Running Club thanking the Council for continuing support. They wish to make a donation of £250 to the Parish Council.

Clerk to send letter of thanks

6. Information and Reports

Cllr Balbirnie circulated a summary of TDC Service Achievement Summary 2004 - 2008

7. County and District Councillors Reports

Due to forthcoming elections nothing to report

8. Lighting

One lamp wiring replaced

9. Highways

Nothing to report.

10. Policing and PCSO

PCSO Sarah Tyler reported during the month there have been 2 dwelling burglaries with forced entry but nothing taken. There is graffiti on signage on Plough Road from Aingers Green. One missing person was found. Sarah's last day is 7th April. Sally Boyden is taking over from her.

11. Wednesday Night Bikers

A letter has been received from the insurance company detailing Public and Legal Liabilities of the Parish Council. The Green must be inspected for debris and trip hazards etc prior to and after events. A checklist should be made with space for notes and comments. Ask Village Caretaker if he would do this. It was agreed that specialist legal knowledge will be required at times regarding The Green.

Cllr Herbert or Cllr Taylor to speak to Village Caretaker re inspections of The Green.

12. War Memorial

Nothing to Report

13. Web Site

Website is improving.

14. Affordable Housing

There is to be a meeting on 3rd May between the Rural Housing Trust and Cllr Jonathan Hills.

15. Neighbourhood Action Panel

Cllr Taylor presented a report of speed issues in the village. Speed warning signs (VAS) may be possible for Aingers Green – awaiting ECC and new budget. There is also a possibility of neighbours in Plough Road creating a team who could do Speed Watch work.

16. Finance

Approval of Expenditure for the month as per schedule. Proposed by Cllr Gibbon, seconded by Cllr Taylor, the cheques were signed.

16a. Clerks Report

There is to be no 2007 Election in the Parish of Great Bentley.

The first instalment of the Precept of £21,706 has been received in the bank account today.

The 2007 Calor Essex Village of the Year/Best Kept Village competition entry has been completed and returned by Cllr Taylor.

Parking Enforcement has been informed of parking issues in New Cut.

A Get Well card has been sent to Cllr Fox.

A letter has been sent to Great Bentley Youth Football Club detailing Councillors decision of football matches on Sundays to be between the hours of 10am and 1pm.

Lufkin Farm Crossroad kerb erosion reported to Highways.

Mobile toilets have been booked for Great Bentley Carnival & Fete on Saturday 30th June.

Clerk to book mobile toilets for the Flower Show on 1st September

Letter sent to Conservation Group giving permission for children's Pond Dipping event.

Clerk sent letter and visited the Pharmacy to discuss concerns re speeding vans in the vicinity of the Pharmacy.

Minutes of Meeting 1st March sent to Rob McWilliams for inclusion on the website.

Letter of thanks sent to Mr Gosling for supplying the council's tractor with diesel at no cost since January 2006.

Two allotment agreements sent out.

When election posters are taken down, a list of booked events on The Green can be posted.

Comments regarding last months planning applications sent to TDC.

There are two temporary road closures:

Church Road, Little Bentley 16th April for 4 weeks

Ravens Green Road, Little Bentley 30th April for 5 days.

17. Committee Reports

a) Village Green Committee

Cllr Herbert presented the report of the committee.

Clerk to write to TWC re patch of mud surrounded by safety netting outside New May House

Cllr Gibbon presented report on road at the Surgery.

Agreed that councillors meet at the site on Sunday 8th April at 9.30am to discuss proposals.

Councillors to meet at Doctors Surgery on Sunday 8th April at 9.30am

Allotments

Cllr Herbert presented report on allotments,

b) Planning Committee – this item was moved to end of meeting.

18. Other Reports

- a) **TDALC** – Nothing to report
- b) **Footpaths** – There is a notice in local newspaper of definitive map of footpaths.
- c) **Transport** – See correspondence
- d) **Caretakers Report** – David Tylers report was read out.
Cllr Hertbert to speak to Andy Bruce re ROSPA Check

19. Further Questions from the Public.

Request for Planning Meetings to include the public.
 Large potholes in Wick Road.
 Tye Bridge is dipping.
 What progress has been made regarding the junction of Heckford Road and the A133.

20. Planning Committee

The following applications were discussed, comments are shown bold.

Cllr R Adams declared interest in 07/00255/FUL

W/e 2nd March 2007		
07/00234/FUL Mr & Mrs K Brown NO OBJECTIONS. In keeping with surrounding countryside and buildings, no adverse impact on highways or neighbours	Two storey extension to form kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom/w.c.	Tye Barn, Great Bentley
07/0255/FUL Mr J Maunton NO OBJECTIONS. In keeping with original house.	First floor bedroom above existing garage	Killearnan, St Marys Road, Great Bentley
07/00327/DETAIL Mr & Mrs JH Buchan NO OBJECTIONS.	Proposed detached house – reserved matters following outline approval 06/00072/OUT	Land adj. Bouverie, St Marys Road, Great Bentley
W/e 9th March 2007		
07/00293/FUL Mr & Mrs Buxton NO OBJECTIONS. In keeping with a reasonable extension.	Extension	32 St Marys Road, Great Bentley
07/00355/LUPROP Bentley Self Drive Van Hire OBJECT. 1. Plan poorly representative of boundary and actual relationship to highway. 2. Not in keeping with the area. 3. Detrimental to countryside. 4. Dangerous location on blind corner. 5. Lack of sight line around the corner.	Use of land as offices and van hire storage	Little Chef, Colchester Road, Great Bentley

Cont.

W/e 30th March 2007		
07/00508/TCA Mr C French NO OBJECTION PROVIDED replaced with 2 no. native trees	1 no. Willow – fell. 2 no. Conifers – fell. 1 no. Silver Birch in rear garden – fell	Ivy House, The Green, Great Bentley

Clerk to pass comments to Planning Dept.