

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

Present

Cllr Jonathan Hills, Cllr William Herbert, Cllr Yee Cheung, Cllr David Gibbon, Cllr Ian Morton, Cllr Robert Taylor, Cllr George Wright.

In Attendance

K. Paradise (Clerk) and members of public.

Questions from the Public

None

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Peter De-Vaux Balbirnie Cllr Ted Fox and PCSO Sally Boyden

2. Minutes

The meeting was asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th June 2007. The minutes were approved and then signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest

Reservoir – Lufkin's Farm – Cllr George Wright

4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- Councillor to attend AGM of Great Bentley Conservation Group – Cllr David Gibbon
- Councillor to attend Civic Service at St Andrews Church – Cllr Robert Taylor is already scheduled to attend.

5. Correspondence

- Open Reach. New ductwork in The Path and Thorrington Road.

Clerk to contact Open Reach to clarify.

- Mr Gibbs. Requests road signs:

Sturric Lane junction with Thorrington Road for the De Vere Estate.
Completed before meeting

Plough Road at junction with Thorrington Road.
This is not technically Plough Road therefore no signing required.

Clerk to telephone Mr Gibbs.

- Thank you letter received from Bev Adams on behalf of the Carnival Committee for the hire of toilets for the carnival day and notification that £689 had been raised from the street collection alone.

6. Information & Reports

None

7. County and District Councillors Reports

i) County Councillor – Cllr Derek Robinson report included the following:

- A meeting was held outside Tesco including Highways Cllr Bill Herbert and Cllr Lynda McWilliams.
- The mobile library every fortnight will make two stops in Aingers Green and two stops in Great Bentley.
- There are minimal services in Great Bentley, but to run, a bus service must be viable.
- Waste Disposal. Landfill will be coming to an end. Energy from waste is the future. Cllr Robinson has travelled the country looking at ways other Councils deal with this with positive results.

ii) District Councillor – Cllr Lynda McWilliams report included the following:

- Further to above from Cllr Robinson, the area outside Tesco was measured. Railings could be placed here up to 2 metres from the junction. Would look to have this included in next year's budget.

Note to raise at next PC meeting for possible PC funding.

- Affordable housing, RHT, Highways, planning - meeting next week.

8. Lighting

Nothing to report. No reply to date from Carpenters Farm.

9. Highways

- Station Road/ The Cut. It was noted that cars parked at the Railway Station are not from Great Bentley.
- The Surgery.

Clerk to write to Chris Morris for duplicate copy of plans and to the surgery that their comments are noted.

- Speedwatch. Letter has been sent to Essex Police. Await reply.

10. Policing and PCSO

PCSO Sally Boyden was unable to attend. It was noted that there is much praise for her enthusiasm and good work.

11. Wednesday Night Bikers

Letter from Royal British Legion requesting permission to fund raise at biker night meetings. Agreed.

Clerk to reply.

12. War Memorial

Awaiting outcome of grant application to TCVS.

13. Web Site

Nothing to report.

14. Finance

Expenditure for the month approved, as per schedule. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Herbert.

Clerk to write to Football Club and Cricket Club to ask for minimum donation of £100 each towards grass seed and fertilizer for The Green.

Insurance arrangements were approved by full the Council.

Cllr Morton to look at policy wording for signage on The Green after Clerk request for wording to the insurance company.

15. Clerks Report

All items from previous meeting dealt with.

16. Committee Reports

a) Allotments – play area – Village green Committee

A discussion was held regarding the Parish Council paying for the new all weather cricket pitch and then the Cricket Club reimbursing the Parish Council.

Clerk to contact Bruce Landscapes for update on progress with the play area.

b) Planning Committee

Tendring District Council

07/00963/TCA Mr G A Houghton No objections	1 No. Sycamore - reduce branches	22 Cherrywoods Great Bentley
07/00401/FUL Mr & Mrs N Ryan No objections	Rear single storey extension.	The Old Mill House The Green Great Bentley
07/00990/FUL Mr & Mrs K Brown No objections	Two storey extension to form kitchen/diner and bedroom.	Tye Barn The Tye Road Great Bentley

07/01049/FUL Mr Self & Miss Pells No objections	Two storey extension to form study, bedroom & bathroom, pitched roof over single storey	Hamilton House, The Green, Great Bentley
07/01056/FUL Mr & Mrs D Sawkins No objections	Proposed extension to existing bedroom	23 Pine Close, Great Bentley

Essex County Council Planning Development Control

ESS/28/07/TEN AO Poole & Sons and George Wright Farms	Agricultural Reservoir involving the extraction of minerals and the removal of surplus soils	Lufkins Farm, Near Great Bentley, Essex
<p>Approval subject to the following: Exit at Slough House Farm. Turn north on B1029 Great Bentley Road to Frating Green then left on A133 towards Colchester to follow correct routing previously allowed for Gurnham's Farm. Reason: 1. There have been many accidents at Lufkin's Farm staggered junction. 2. The priority is proposed to be changed at the Thorrington Railway crossing due to impending railway works.</p>		

17. Other Reports

- a) **TDALC** – Next meeting 11th July. Report from Cllr Taylor on latest Neighbourhood Action Panel.
- b) **Footpaths** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Transport** - Peter Harry – A letter has been written to Essex County Council – await reply.
- d) **Caretakers Report** – David Tylers report was read out.

18. Questions from the Public.

A member of the public asked why the press had not attended Parish Council Meetings recently. This was an oversight by the clerk.

Clerk to contact the press prior to meetings.