

***Minutes of The Great Bentley Parish Council Meeting Thursday 7th
September 2006 in Great Bentley Village Hall at 7.30pm***

Present

Cllr Jonathan Hills (Chairman), Cllr William Herbert (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr Robert Taylor, Cllr Peter De-Vaux Balbirnie, Cllr Edward Fox, Cllr George Wright,
Cllr Ian Morton

In Attendance

Miss Janet D Bloomfield (Clerk to the Council), Ten members of the public, Cllr D
Robinson ECC

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr David Gibbon, Cllr Rodger Adams.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2006, were approved and signed as a
correct record. Proposed by Cllr R Taylor and seconded by W Herbert.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr J Hills asked if Cllrs would now declare if they have an interest.

Cllr E Fox declared an interest in the Affordable Housing.

Cllr R Taylor declared an interest in the Allotments.

Cllr W Herbert declared an interest in the pond on the Village Green.

4. Correspondence

- Letter from Essex County Council, Highways and transportations regarding Vehicle Activated signs and Speed Indicator Devices. Council agreed that they would like a meeting with Highways to discuss the possibility of having a Vehicle Activated sign (VAS). Council agreed. Clerk to arrange.
- Letter from Mr M Turner regarding the Parish Council Office not having a letter box to put the letters for the village residents to put mail for the council. Council agreed to put a letter box on the out side of the office wall. Clerk to arrange.
- Letter from lots from residents, regarding complaints. Copy letters to the Chief Superintendent D Hudson.
- Letter from Mr M Stevenson regarding motor vehicle speed along Plough Road.

5. Information and Reports

Footpath Station Road

The Parish Council had a meeting with highways regarding the new proposal in Station Road Great Bentley. Council approves of the footpath on condition that the path is a narrow path and that the edge of the road along side the new footpath be painted with double yellow lines and the opposite side of the road is to be residents parking only. Council agreed.

6. Essex County and Tendring District Report

Essex County Council Report

Cllr Derek Robinson reported that there is a lot of houses been built in Brightlingsea and Thorrington. He reported that there have been a lot of cars broken in and around the same area.

Tendring District Council Report

Cllr R Taylor reported on the burger van that has been parked on the village green Wednesday nights. Cllr R Taylor said that the people who own the van are happy to discuss with the council regarding trading on the village green.

Cllr R Taylor reported on the District Plan. He said that the Frating site will start on the 26th September 2006.

7. Update

a) Policing and PCSO

No Report

b) Highways

Council discussed the speeding vehicles through Great Bentley. They looked at the options and the council decided that they would like to apply for a VAS. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Essex Highways.

c) War Memorial (Repair and renovation)

Clerk reported that she has requested the forms regarding a grant for the War Memorial.

d) Network Rail

No Report.

e) Double Kerb

Council looked at three estimates regarding the Double Kerbs out side the doctor's surgery. Council decided that they would like Promack to carry out the work. Clerk to arrange.

f) Resource Centre

Clerk reported that the community Resource Centre is not being used by the residents of the village. Council agreed that the Clerk should monitor the Community Resource Centre.

Clerk reported that she has received from Tendring District Council Recycle Green Bins in the office for the public to collect if they would like to replace there old bin or have another one.

g) Village Map

Clerk reported that the Village map is well underway.

h) Wednesday Night Bikers

Council decided to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting

8. Finances

a) Miss J Bloomfield reported that she had received correspondence from the bank Cllrs who filled the signatory mandate form in can now sign the Councils Cheques.

b) Cllr R Taylor reported that the Finance Committee will need to meet in November 2006 to set the Budget for next year. Cllr R Taylor will arrange this.

b) Items of Expenditure for Approval

The schedule of expenditure for September was submitted to Council, Schedule attached. Proposed to be approved by Cllr R Taylor and seconded by Cllr E Fox.

9. Clerks Report

Clerk Janet Bloomfield reported that the TDC Forward Plan 59 1 September 2006 – December 2006 was now in the office. If Cllrs would like to look at the Forward Plan this would be kept in the Community Resource Centre.

10. Committee Reports

a) Allotments

Cllr W Herbert reported that he attended to a leakage in one of the allotment water pipes and although it is repaired he had left the water turned off.

Cllr W Herbert said that there will be some maintenance work to do at the end of the tenancy period.

Cllr W Herbert will consult with the Clerk before the agreements go out at the end of September.

b) Play Area

Cllr W Herbert reported that the Caretaker has mentioned the springy beasts not being safe, but upon inspection they appear no different than they have been for some time. They are due to be changed soon.

c) Village Green Management Committee

General Maintenance

Cllr W Herbert reported that the seats near the War Memorial had been vandalised and taken to Steve Saltmarsh for repair. Cllr W Herbert said that it has now been returned without any charge.

He said along Plough Road, slats are going rotten and will soon need repair and two concrete posts which prevent cars going onto the Green from The Path are broken and need replacing.

He said the pond will need some tidying up and reeds removed this autumn

He said that Tendring Hundred Water Company has agreed to lay the water supply to the pond in the near future.

Football Club

Cllr W Herbert reported that there have been complaints about loud obscene language at football games on the main pitch during evening matches. Complaints have come from people walking on the green and from as far away as the Cricket Club. The FC Chairman tells me that their committee are having difficulty controlling some of their members and requests that the PC write a letter explaining that action will be taken if this behaviour is not stopped.

He said that four months ago the FC was told by the Council that if there were to be Sunday games, kick-off could be no later than 11am. The Village Green Committee was assured there would be no Sunday games at all. That appears to have changed now, and I have said that we will enforce the 11am kick-off rule.

Cllr W Herbert reported that the Football Goalposts have been moved to their other position and are checked once a week.

d) Planning

Four planning applications were examined- comments on each are shown

Application Number 06/01176/FUL Raised decking to caravan. Bentley Country Park Flag Hill Great Bentley Colchester. Essex

Council had no objections it is in keeping with the surrounding area

Application Number 06/01322/FUL Decking to side of caravan (10 Hedge Row) Bentley Country Park Flag Hill Great Bentley Colchester Essex

Council had no objections it is in keeping with the surrounding area

Application Number 06/01416/FUL Alterations and Extensions Kellands Farm South Heath Road Great Bentley Colchester Essex

Council had no objections it is in keeping with the surrounding area and not over looking neighbours

Application Number 06/1414/FUL Variation of condition 3 of planning consent TEN/198/85 and condition 2 of planning consent TEN/1158/86

to allow occupation of caravans/chalets for the period commencing 1st March in any one year to 3rd January of the following year.

Bentley Country Park Flag Hill Great Bentley Colchester Essex

Council objects to this application, on the ground of flooding.

11. Other Reports

a) TDALC

No Report

b) Foot Paths

Nothing to report

c) Transport

Nothing to report

d) Caretakers Report

The caretakers report was read out. Council noted report.

The Council approved the resolution that under section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies Act 1960 the public and the press be excluded from the meeting during:-

- a) A discussion regarding the value of land owned by the Parish Council corner of Birch Avenue. No decision has been made.

Chairman.....

Date.....