

Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday 3rd December 2009 in the Village Hall

09/01123/FUL – Former Little Chef, Colchester Road, Great Bentley

Application has been enforced. Cllr Taylor suggested no comments be submitted. Cllr Balbirnie felt that comments should be submitted. Cllr Gibbon proposed an objection be submitted based on the traffic hazard. Cllr Herbert seconded the proposal. No other proposals were made.

09/01160/TPO – Timbers, Weeley Road, Great Bentley

No objections

09/01217/FUL – 4 St Mary's Road, Great Bentley

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Present

Cllr Herbert (Chair), Cllr Balbirnie, Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Yee, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Fox

In Attendance

Kate Mayhew (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Questions from the Public

Bob Starsmeare – Has the PCSO's hours been increased as he has seen her a lot in past 6-8 weeks. Confirmed this has not happened.

1. **Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Hills, Cllr Wright and Cllr Morton.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2009. All in favour. The Vice Chairman signed the Minutes.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – None
4. **PCSO Report** – PCSO Oscroft read out her report. – Comment from Cllr Gibbon on recent incident of Hare Coursing in Aingers Green that the dog involved had been returned to owner.
5. **Clerks Report** -
 - Costs for blind on Resource Centre door. £100. All agreed.
 - Costs for Panic Alarm system - £95 Panic Alarm £55 Annual Service. Proposed by Cllr Gibbon, Seconded by Cllr Taylor.
 - Civic Reception – the Clerk can not attend, tickets were offered to other Members.
 - Christmas Lights – Request from Plummer Electrical for Parish Council to pay for the replacement lights. This was agreed as it was within the budgeted amount given annually.
6. **Correspondence** – Items of correspondence received for the Councils attention were read out and discussed.

- General Correspondence File – Circulars, Manuals, General Information for Members to look at.
- TDC – Street Naming for new Road
- Wayleave for BT – Agreed.
- Larkfield Road – Potholes. **Cllr Herbert to take a further look and report to Clerk.**

7. Information & Reports – Requests from members for additional matters off report or information only to be brought to the attention of the council.

8. County and District Councillors Reports

i) County Councillor – Water on Road near to School and Village Hall. Noted there was nothing Highways can do but would recommend a site visit to clarify. **Clerk to contact ECC and Cllr Robinson for a site visit.** ECC taken contract out with IBM to assist ECC to save £200m over next few years. Concerned that drop in budgets will result in drop in services to local groups.

Cllr Herbert requested a Keep Clear box on Plough Road opposite the school to assist vehicles who get trapped by traffic waiting to leave. **Clerk to contact Cllr Robinson with request.** Cllr McWilliams advised of a pothole in Plough Road which is gathering water significantly.

ii) District Councillor – Agreed with Street Name request for new road. **Clerk asked Cllr McWilliams to assist with contact for NR.**

9. Railway Gates – no further forward.

10. Highways – Network Rail have given approval for the Parish Council to use the old siding as a Car Park. The Vice Chairman voiced his thanks to the Chairman for his efforts in this regard. A heated altercation took place between Cllr Balbirnie and Cllr Gibbon about the matter. **Clerk to look at Rateable Value with TDC and contact Insurance Company for Public Liability.**

11. Website – Nothing untoward to report.

12. Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plan – Cllr Taylor advised that it would seem that to produce a plan would give the Parish Council more input over planning applications within the Area. St Osyth Parish Council invited TDC's Phil Hornby to a Meeting to discuss it further and felt it would be beneficial to do the same. Agreed. **Clerk to arrange.**

13. Circus – Cllr Herbert proposed and Cllr Balbirnie Seconded the proposal to invite the circus to the village on the consensus that we request a donation of £250 for the use of the Green and a refundable deposit of £250. All in favour.

14. Finance

- The monthly expenditure was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Balbirnie. All in favour.

03/12/2009	DD	E-on	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£ 250.49	£ 37.57	£ 288.06
03/12/2009	DD	Tiscali	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£ 19.99	£ 3.00	£ 22.99
03/12/2009	100787	GBVH	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£ 167.09		£ 167.09
03/12/2009	100788	Open Spaces Society	A100	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 40.00		£ 40.00
03/12/2009	100789	CANCELLED		CANCELLED			
03/12/2009	100790	GBVH	A060	HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£ 19.30		£ 19.30
03/12/2009	100791	May Gurney Ltd	L020	LAMP REPAIR	£ 99.78	£ 14.97	£ 114.75

03/12/2009	100792	M Dorling	M010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£ 102.00		£ 102.00
03/12/2009	100793	M Dorling	G010	GRASS CUTTING VILLAGE GREEN	£ 101.50		£ 101.50
03/12/2009	100794	D Tyler	A013	CARETAKER	£ 52.10		£ 52.10
03/12/2009	100795	Signs Made Easy	M040	NOTICE BOARDS	£ 37.64		£ 37.64
03/12/2009	100796	K Mayhew	A040	STATIONARY	£ 5.00		£ 5.00
03/12/2009	100797	K Mayhew	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£ 584.40		£ 584.40
					£1,479.29	£55.54	£

- The Budget for 2010/11 was agreed – Cllr Taylor advised the rateable value would be much the same as last year but TDC has not given a precise figure as yet. Some items have increased; overall increase on Precept of £10,000. All members were happy and accepted the 2010/11 Budget.
- The Bank Reconciliation for the 2nd Quarter was agreed – All in favour.

15. Village Green Sub-Committee Report

a) Allotments – Play Area – Green

No Green Meeting this month but Allotment water has been turned off. Tractor needs a service; Cllr Herbert asked if Members were happy for it to be done by Bellet. All in favour. Track repairs need to be done. Cllr Gibbon offered to get a quote for the Planings. Clerk to receive £50 bonus for extra work done during Allotment Renewal time. All in favour.

b) Planning Applications

16. Other Reports

- Tendring District Association of Local Councils – Cllr Taylor read out the report.
- Transport – The Rep advised that he had put together a report for publication in the Parish Magazine on all the aspects of his role that he is currently working on.
- Footpaths – The Chairman read out the Footpath Reps report in his absence.
- Caretaker – The chairman read out the report. Cllr McWilliams advised that the new enforcement officer was involved in the fly tipping in Heckford Road due to asbestos being left.
- NAP – Cllr Taylor read out the report from the Neighbourhood Action Panel.

The Chairman read out an item of Correspondence received from Cllr Balbirnie during the Meeting giving the PC a £50 donation in lieu of Christmas Cards. Proposed by Cllr Gibbon that the donation be used towards the cost of the new Christmas Tree Lights. Cllr Fox seconded. Agreed.

Meeting closed at 20.31hrs.

Questions from the Members of the Public

LM – Was Internal Audit okay. Confirmed.

PM – Lorry scattered stones, dirt, grit etc over his car on the corner opposite entrance to The Lodge. LM advised this has been reported to her and she has forwarded it to Highways.

MD – Soil test due on the Green. Layby at Heckfords Road, rubbish been cleaned up now and looks good. Where would the Circus be placed when it comes? Christmas Tree lights – the large ones may need to be replaced in the near future. Thought Cllr Balbirnie's donation was very generous.

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2010