

**Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Village Hall**

09/01021/TCA – Pycotts, The Green, Great Bentley

09/01044/FUL – Bentley Country Park, Flag Hill, Great Bentley

09/01108/FUL – Boblyn, St Mary's Road, Great Bentley

09/01111/FUL – 1 The Oaks, Bentley Country Park, Flag Hill, Great Bentley

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**Present**

Cllr Herbert (Chair), Cllr Balbirnie, Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Cheung, Cllr Taylor

**In Attendance**

Kate Mayhew (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

**Questions from the Public**

Forge Lane still in terrible state. A133 sign still saying telephone box in the village. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

Cllr McWilliams has reported 2 complaints of signs – reported directly.

1. **Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Hills, Cllr Morton, Cllr Fox, Cllr Wright.
2. **Minutes** – To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009. All in favour. The Vice Chairman signed the Minutes.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – None
4. **PCSO Report** – PCSO Oscroft read out her report. Cllr Taylor asked PCSO Oscroft to explain the public surgery times. PCSO Oscroft explained that she is carrying out her surgeries in the Main Hall of the Village Hall. Youths gathering on Railway platform, PCSO Oscroft has been to see the group in question but British Transport Police are responsible.
5. **Clerks Report**
  - Repair to Resource Centre Cupboards – MD to deal.
  - Request for blind on Resource Centre door. Agreed. Cllr Gibbon proposed that a Panic Alarm system be installed for Clerks safety, Cllr Balbirnie seconded – Clerk to investigate costs and advise.
6. **Correspondence** – Items of correspondence received for the Councils attention were read out and discussed.

- Burger Van Request for Biker Nights – permission can not be given for burger van to be parked on the Green. **Clerk to draft a response for Cllrs approval.**
- RBL – Request for permission to continue to fundraise – agreed. **Clerk to write.**
- GBCG – Overcrowding of trees in the Spinney. Cllr Gibbon felt the trees should be lightly thinned. It was agreed to do nothing at the moment.
- St Mary's Church – Tree Festival – Cllr Gibbon offered to donate a tree for Christmas Tree Festival. Cllr Cheung offered to decorate it.
- Anonymous complaint about Youth Football Club – Clerk has passed it to GBYFC for them to deal with the points raised. Cllr Gibbon observed that the first team pitch will deteriorate if continuously played on. Cllr Herbert advised that it was a FC matter.
- TDC – Statement of Accounts available on website.
- TDC – Chairman wishes to attend a GBPC meeting as an observer. No objections. Clerk to write.
- TDC – Tree Planting Grant confirmed to the value of £150.
- RNIB – request for support of their campaign – **Clerk to write.**
- TDC – Conservation Area Appraisal – **Clerk to contact and request additional information.**
- Carnival Committee – donation of £100 received with thanks for use of the Green.
- Visiting Circus – **Clerk to request more information and put on Decembers Agenda.**
- General Correspondence File – Circulars, Manuals, General Information for Members to look at.

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

Christmas Trees – Cllr Gibbon will supply 2 trees this year for the village which was accepted with thanks.

**8. County and District Councillors Reports**

- County Councillor – Apologies were received.
- District Councillor – Cllr McWilliams advised that operation cougar took place regarding untaxed vehicles which was successful. Area survey carried out in 35 areas of the district. Overall GB villagers felt they were able to influence decisions made in there area and felt safe. Library and Bus services came low down. Gov't put in £100m grant to waste & recycling. Cllr Herbert asked Cllr McWilliams if Admirals Farm was due to be included in Minerals Extraction.

**9. Finance**

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

05/11/2009	100771	Great Bentley & Thorrington RBL	S010	POPPY WREATH	£ 16.50		£ 16.50
05/11/2009	100772	H Tweed	G020	STRIMMING	£ 56.00		£ 56.00
05/11/2009	100773	M Dorling	G010	GRASS CUTTING VILLAGE GREEN	£ 97.87		£ 97.87
05/11/2009	100774	M Dorling	M030	MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE POND	£ 700.00		£ 700.00
05/11/2009	100775	M Dorling	M010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£ 141.50		£ 141.50
05/11/2009	100776	M Dorling	M090	WORKS FOR FOOTBALL CLUB	£ 58.00		£ 58.00
05/11/2009	100776	M Dorling	M010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£ 38.00		£ 38.00
05/11/2009	100777	K Mayhew	U030	PCSO MOBILE PHONE	£ 40.00		£ 40.00

05/11/2009	100778	K Mayhew	A018	TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	£ 55.46		£ 55.46
05/11/2009	100778	K Mayhew	A050	POSTAGE	£ 4.95		£ 4.95
05/11/2009	100779	Morton Contracts	G030	VERGE CUTTING	£ 440.00		£ 440.00
05/11/2009	100780	Webeck	A023	REPAIRS TO PC/PRINTER	£ 60.00		£ 60.00
05/11/2009	100781	Simon Woods Joinery	M040	NOTICE BOARDS	£ 360.00	£ 54.00	£ 414.00
05/11/2009	100782	EALC	A017	TRAINING	£ 34.00		£ 34.00
05/11/2009	100783	GBVH	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£ 167.09		£ 167.09
05/11/2009	100784	GBVH	A060	HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£ 19.30		£ 19.30
05/11/2009	100785	D Tyler	A013	CARETAKER	£ 64.55		£ 64.55
05/11/2009	DD	E-on	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£ 250.49	£ 37.57	£ 288.06
05/11/2009	DD	Tiscali	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£ 19.99	£ 3.00	£ 22.99
05/11/2009	100786	K Mayhew	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£ 584.40		£ 584.40

10. **Railway Gates** – Clerk to continue to chase Network Rail on delays when barriers down. More traffic issues then before gates were installed. Cllr McWilliams to pass on contact details at NR to the Clerk to put pressure on them to look into delays.
11. **Street Lights Consultation** – Cllr Taylor advised of the outcome of his lighting consultation. Poor response, only 19 people replied. Cllr Taylor proposed that the Parish Council retains all night lighting for pedestrians on the main Road through the village and the main connecting roads such as Station Road, Heckford Road, Larkfield Road and Birch Avenue plus dark alleys. That the other lamps be converted to Photocell controlled with off at midnight and on at 5am at alternate lamps in the other roads in the village. That a quotation be sought from Cartledge (our lighting contractor) to modify the control systems to establish how many we convert in this financial year and from EDF on the reduction in energy charges. All in favour. **Clerk to obtain quotations and supporting information from contractors.**
12. **Village Green Management** – Cllr Herbert advised the Plan previously circulated has changed slightly & read out revised document. Cllr Gibbon thanked Cllr Herbert for his efforts in producing the Management Plan. Cllr Taylor commented on the placing of vehicles on the Green. Cllr McWilliams commented on licensing aspect which is covered within Use of the Green document. Cllr Gibbon proposed and Cllr Balbirnie seconded that the Plan be adopted by Council as its current working document. All in favour.
13. **Website** – All working well and up to date.
14. **Affordable Housing** – Name for new street and houses have been agreed. No further action.
15. **Village Green Sub-Committee Report**
- a) Allotments – Play Area – Green
- Cllr Herbert read out the Green Report and the Report of Works to Football Pitch. Water Rates have increased. There is a well on the site being used by some of the tenants which could run dry so existing supply still needed.

Highways – Bentley Road, Lufkins Corner – raised kerb in a dangerous state.  
Water on road outside Village Hall causing problems – ECC previously advised there is nowhere for it to flow to. **Clerk to contact Cllr Derek Robinson.**  
Footpath – Gordon Black – Cllr Herbert to discuss with landowner directly.  
Tye Bridge – signpost at Shair Lane, Tye Road, Weeley Road is down completely. **Clerk to contact Highways.**  
Telephone Sign – **Clerk to contact Highways.**

b) Planning Applications

**16. Other Reports**

- a) Tendring District Association of Local Councils – No report.
- b) Transport – The Rep was not present but the Clerk read out his report.
- c) Footpaths – The Rep advised there was no report this month.
- d) Caretaker – The chairman read out the report.
- e) NAP – The last meeting was not well attended, the March meeting will be at Great Bentley and Cllr Taylor to advertise in the Parish Magazine.

Cllr Herbert advised there had been some complaints about the Football Pitch works – Mary Maskell would like Cllr Herbert's report in the Parish Mag. Agreed.

There has been a request from Mary Maskell to hold their annual Christmas tree recycling event in January 2010. Date to be confirmed. Agreed in principle.

Request for Notice Board at Allotments with £40 contribution from Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Balbirnie seconded.

Meeting closed at 21:25hrs

**Questions from the Members of the Public**

MD – Lighting Consultation – will it go into Parish Mag – Cllr Taylor advised this would be the case.

Peter – Foliage around street lights in Aingers Green – been cut today.

MD – Confirmed no new trees would be planted on the Green.

MD – There will be an Armistice Day Memorial Service on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009**