

**Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 in the Village Hall**

**09/00489/FUL – The Stores, Rose Cottage, Great Bentley**

Architect Paul Newbould gave a presentation on his design statement for the dwelling and the plans were discussed in detail. Cllr Balbirnie declared a Personal interest in that he personally knew the Architect. The plans were discussed in detail but no decision was made at the time. Mr Newbould advised he would send in more information.

**09/00797/FUL – Stepping Stones, The Green, Great Bentley**

The application was discussed, it was agreed there were no objections to the proposed development but approval would be subject to TDC investigating a right to light of the immediate next door neighbour that could potentially be affected by a large expanse of wall on the side elevation.

**09/00875/FUL – 18 The Saltings, Bentley Country Park, Flag Hill, Great Bentley**

No objections.

**09/00864/FUL – Land adj The Moors, The Green, Great Bentley**

Cllr Balbirnie proposed that Members do not object to application. Cllr Hills seconded the motion. Cllr Gibbon objected on the grounds access via the Green is not legal but he did not object to the proposed dwellings. Cllr Gibbon proposed the application for the building without vehicular access being taken into consideration. Cllr Balbirnie seconded it. Cllr Morton agreed. Cllr Hills abstained from voting.

**Clerk to advise Planning Department that as custodians of the Green Members can not and will not grant access across the Green.**

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**Present**

Cllr Hills (Chair), Cllr Herbert (Vice Chair), Cllr Balbirnie, Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Morton, Cllr Wright

**In Attendance**

Kate Mayhew (Clerk) and 7 members of the public.

**Questions from the Public**

Light o/s Rambler Cottage is out.

Rhys Howard, Jess Hawkins represented by Joshua Kent - proposal for a BMX/Skate Park. They advised that Cllr Wright has some land available and they would sign a disclaimer for injuries. Cllr Hills advised they should draw up a plan of what they want and pass to the Council for discussion at the next meeting. Cllr Wright advised he is happy for a temporary land let but a permanent park will need more discussion.

- 1. Apologies for absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Cheung, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Fox.
- 2. Minutes** – To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009. All in favour. The Vice Chairman signed the Minutes.

3. **Declarations of Interest** – None
4. **PCSO Report** – The Chairman read out the PCSO's report.
5. **Clerks Report** – Clerks Training - will need to show changes in practice as evidence for portfolio; request Members allow her to proceed and Clerk will advise of changes when necessary. Website – Chairman had seen on another PC website a link directly to District Councils Planning Portal. **Clerk to arrange with web host over next few months for same link and put Website on next Agenda.**
6. **Correspondence** – Items of correspondence received for the Councils attention were read out and discussed.  
  
TDC - Special Expenses – None to record.  
TDC – Street Cleansing – Noted.  
Mr Lawrence – Memorial Tree Scheme – Cllr Wright proposed and Cllr Morton seconded that any opportunity to replace a tree should be considered for anyone wishing for a new memorial tree as opposed to an existing tree as per the Adopt a Tree Scheme that is in operation.  
St Osyth Parish Council – Informal Meeting Request – Chairman Agreed.  
Bentley in Bloom – Insurance – **Clerk to speak to Insurance Company and advise.**  
Land Registry – Noted
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 – The County Councillor was not present and sent no report.
  - ii) District Councillor – The District Councillor was not present. A report was read out on her behalf which expressed her thanks for works at Holly Bush Hill being dealt with done so quickly.
9. **Finance**
  - The monthly expenditure was agreed. All in favour.
  - Audit Report – Has been returned without any comments.
10. **Car Park** - Chairman's update – The Chairman advised Members of the outcome of a meeting with Network Rail where proposals for a Car Park were put forward. It was a very positive discussion and approval was given in principle subject to a 6 week consultation process.  
  
Cllr Morton – railway gates – gates being left down longer than necessary between services. Cllr Gibbon agreed that there were more delays than previously with manual gates. **Clerk to place on Agenda for next month.**
11. **Pumping Station** – To make decision on proposal to purchase building should it become available in the near future. A discussion took place on the benefits of the scheme. It was proposed to monitor the situation and if building becomes available to make a decision then.
12. **Lighting** – To advise on approximate costs for new streetlight and discuss viability of providing one in Plough Road. Costs involved are not available this year. Costs are high but situation will be monitored. Clerk to investigate a tree near the light at the end of the cinder track which is blocking the light and ask owner to prune it.√
13. **Village Green Management** – To discuss and decide if one should be prepared and adopted by the Parish Council. The Chairman requested all Members look at the Management Plan and put all their suggestions in and it will be raised at the next Meeting. **Clerk to place on Agenda.**
14. **BMX/Skateboard Park** – To raise a discussion for the need within the village for this facility.

This was discussed during the Public time as above.

**15. Village Green Sub-Committee Report**

- a) Allotments – Play Area – Green

Asset List – Cllr Herbert to continue to compile list with the Clerk. Clerk to liaise with Insurance company about extending cover and advise of costs if any.

- b) Planning – applications – Please see above for details of applications discussed and outcome.

**16. Other Reports**

- a) Tendring District Association of Local Councils – no report.  
b) Transport – was read out – trial service that goes through village to be investigated.  
c) Footpaths – was read out. Nothing of concern.  
d) Caretaker – was read out. Fly tipping prevalent.  
e) NAP – no report

Finance – Cllr Wright felt that Finance should be dealt with during the Meeting – Chairman agreed.

Meeting closed at 20:48hrs.

**Questions from the Members of the Public**

Dogs in Allotment – caused damage – no dogs should be permitted on site which is in the Agreement.

**The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009**