

Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 5th March 2009 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr Taylor, Cllr Herbert (Chair), Cllr De Vaux Balbirnie, Cllr Morton, Cllr Fox, Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Cheung, Cllr Wright

A closed meeting took place before the Parish Council Meeting to discuss Clerks Salary.

In Attendance

Vanessa Capon (Temporary Clerk), Essex County Councillor Derek Robinson, Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams and approx 6 members of the public and PCSO Boyden.

Questions from the Public

Report to Council advising 2 trees had tops taken out of them and 2 trees' sides taken out of them, 2 oak trees have been decimated. **Clerk to write to landowner and advise caution.**

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr J Hills

2. Minutes

The meeting was asked to approve the Minutes of the Parish Meeting of 5th February 2009. The minutes were approved proposed by Cllr Fox, Seconded by Cllr Gibbon and signed by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Herbert. All in favour.

3. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Fox declared an interest for item 17.
Cllr Taylor declared an interest in allotments if they come up.
Cllr Herbert declared that he is working at the football club.

4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting

None

5. PCSO

PCSO Boyden read out her report.

6. Clerks Report

Clerk absent.

7 Correspondence

All correspondence received in the last month was read out and discussed.

8. Tree Planting Programme – Council have received a cheque for £200 from TDC.

9. Information and Reports

Requests from members for additional matters of report, or information only to be brought to the attention of the council.

Cllr Fox – near Aingers Green on the highway there is board with 2 mirrors, would be preferable to have a convex mirror. **Clerk to contact Highways.**

10. County and District Councillors Report

- **County Councillor – Cllr Derek Robinson** – Cllr Robinson read out his report.
- **District Councillor – Cllr Lynda McWilliams** – Cllr McWilliams read out her report.

11. Highways – An update from Clerk was read out.

12. Great Bentley Football Club – The Club requested the £2,500 donation the Council offered.

13. Finance

- Expenditure for the month was approved.

24/02/2009	100644	Inland Revenue	A011	CLERKS INCOME TAX	£ 338.60		£ 338.60
24/02/2009	100644	Inland Revenue	A012	CLERKS NI	£ 79.25		£ 79.25
05/03/2009	100645	May Gurney	L030	LAMP MAINTENANCE	£ 2,589.65	£ 388.45	£ 2,978.10
05/03/2009	100646	Audit Commission	A080	AUDIT	£ 400.00	£ 60.00	£ 460.00
05/03/2009	100647	Bellet Ltd	G050	REPAIR /MAINTENANCE OF MOWERS ETC	£ 543.90	£ 81.59	£ 625.49
05/03/2009	100648	GBVH	A060	HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£ 19.30		£ 19.30
05/03/2009	100649	GBVH	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£ 167.09		£ 167.09
05/03/2009	100650	GB Football Club	D025	GT BENTLEY FOOTBALL CLUB	£ 2,500.00		£ 2,500.00
05/03/2009	100651	D Tyler	A013	CARETAKER	£ 51.85		£ 51.85
05/03/2009	100652	Wizard Electronics	A022	PRINTER/PC REPAIRS	£ 136.28		£ 136.28
05/03/2009	100653	GB Methodist Church Lunch Club	D010	GT BENTLEY LUNCH CLUB	£ 150.00		£ 150.00

County Councillor Robinson left the meeting. (8.15pm)

14. Lighting – Nothing to report.

15. Village Historical Signs – No update at present

16. Affordable Housing – An update from the Clerk was read out.

17. Children's Play Area – The Clerk advised that works are soon to be completed.

18. Speed Watch – signs are deteriorating.

19. Freedom of Information – Deferred to April meeting in Clerks absence.

20. Village Tidy Up Day – This has now been arranged, request for Council to organise judging.

21. Bunny Webb Pictures – Council agreed to research the historical value before accepting the donation.

22. Village Green Sub-Committee Report – The report was read out by Cllr Herbert.

b) Planning – 06/02034/FUL, Housing Development, St Mary's Road, Aingers Green - **No objections were given.**

23. Other Reports

a) TDALC – Cllr Taylor advised Council that there will be a planning meeting in the future.

- b) Transport Report – The Transport Rep read out his report.
- c) Footpaths – The report was read out.
- d) Caretakers Report – The report was read out.
- e) NAP – nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 21.00hrs.

Questions from the Members of the Public

Agenda in the notice boards? Clerk to arrange.
Has questionnaire been forwarded to Clerk in relation to the INTEND?
Historical Signs - Suggestion that the Mill House on the green be first.

Next meeting Thursday 2nd April 2009