

Minutes of Great Bentley Annual Council Meeting
Thursday 7th May 2009 in the Village Hall

Present

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

In Attendance

Kate Mayhew (Clerk), Essex County Councillor Derek Robinson, Tendring District Councillor Lynda McWilliams and 6 members of the public.

Cllr Herbert read out his report from the Spring Clean Competition and announced the winners.

Questions from the Public

None

Annual Council Meeting

1. Election of Chairman for 2009/10

Cllr Balbirnie proposed Cllr Hills to remain as Chairman for the forthcoming year; this was Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

2. Acceptance of Office by Chairman

Cllr Hills signed the Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman 2009/10

Cllr Balbirnie proposed Cllr Herbert to remain as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year; this was Seconded by Cllr Taylor. All in favour.

May Parish Council Meeting

1. Apologies for absence - No apologies were received from Cllr Morton. Apologies were received from Cllr Cheung.

2. Minutes – To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd April 2009. All in favour. Cllr Hills signed the Minutes.

3. Declaration of Interest – None.

4. PCSO Report – The PCSO read out her report and advised the Council that she was leaving as Great Bentley PCSO to work in another area from 1st June.

5. Clerks Report – The Clerk read out her report.

6. Correspondence – Items of correspondence received for the Councils attention were read out and discussed.

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 – Cllr Derek Robinson read out his report.

ii) District Councillor – Cllr Lynda McWilliams read out her report.

9. Insurance – The Renewal Documents were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to obtain a competitive quote.

10. Finance

- The monthly expenditure was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, Seconded by Cllr Fox. All in favour.
- The Clerk advised the Accounts will be ready for next month.

07/05/2009	100677	H Tweed	G020	STRIMMING	£ 128.00		£ 128.00
07/05/2009	100678	May Gurney Ltd	L020	LAMP REPAIR	£ 107.11	£ 16.07	£ 123.18
07/05/2009	100679	May Gurney Ltd	L020	LAMP REPAIR	£ 74.96	£ 11.24	£ 86.20
07/05/2009	100680	GBVH	P010	ALLOTMENTS WATER RATES	£ 21.60		£ 21.60
07/05/2009	100681	SLCC Enterprises	A017	TRAINING	£ 65.00	£ 9.75	£ 74.75
07/05/2009	100682	May Gurney Ltd (re-issued, prev chq lost)	L030	LAMP MAINTENANCE	£ 2,589.65	£ 388.45	£ 2,978.10
07/05/2009	100683	Wizard Electronics	A023	REPAIRS TO PC/PRINTER	£ 67.50		£ 67.50
07/05/2009	100684	GBVH	A060	HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£ 38.60		£ 38.60
07/05/2009	100685	EALC	A017	TRAINING	£ 54.00		£ 54.00
07/05/2009	100686	May Gurney Ltd	L020	LAMP REPAIR	£ 386.76	£ 58.01	£ 444.77
15/04/2009	DD	E-on (March)	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£ 250.12	£ 37.52	£ 287.64
07/05/2009	DD	E-on (April)	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£ 250.12	£ 37.52	£ 287.64
07/05/2009	100687	EALC	A100	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 407.25		£ 407.25
07/05/2009	100688	GBVH	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£ 167.09		£ 167.09
01/04/2009	DD	Tiscali	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£ 19.99	£ 3.00	£ 22.99
07/05/2009	DD	Tiscali	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£ 19.99	£ 3.00	£ 22.99
07/05/2009	100689	M Dorling	G010	GRASS CUTTING VILLAGE GREEN	£ 345.00		£ 345.00
07/05/2009	100689	M Dorling	M010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£ 70.00		£ 70.00
07/05/2009	100690	D Tyler	A013	CARETAKER	£ 64.75		£ 64.75
07/05/2009	100691	K Mayhew	A050	POSTAGE	£ 13.68		£ 13.68
07/05/2009	100692	K Mayhew	A018	TRAVEL AND SUBSISTANCE	£ 94.40		£ 94.40
07/05/2009	100693	K Mayhew	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£ 584.40		£ 584.40
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11. Highways

- A discussion took place following the Public Meeting. Cllr Hills read out the Chairman's Minutes of the Meeting which will be placed in Parish Magazine. Clerk to place on June Agenda.

12. Freedom of Information Model Publication Scheme – The Model Publication Scheme was formally adopted by Council. Proposed by Cllr Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Balbirnie.

13. Village Green Sub-Committee Report

a) Allotments – Play Area – Green

Cllr Herbert read out the report from the Village Green Committee. It was agreed to replace a waste bin recently destroyed by fire. Proposed by Cllr Gibbon Seconded by Cllr Fox.

b) Planning – no applications received.

14. Other Reports

- Tendring District Association of Local Councils – no meeting held.
- Transport – The Transport Rep read out his report – Cllr Hills thanked Mr Harry.
- Footpaths – The Chairman read out the Footpath Report.
- Caretaker – The Chairman read out the Caretakers Report.
- NAP – Cllr Taylor read out the NAP report.

Meeting closed at 20.46hrs.

Questions from the Members of the Public

It was noted that Caravans are using the village on daily basis.

Support staff at the School using Plough Road for all day parking.

Could a black bin be purchased to replace fire damaged one.

Waste left at Bottle Bank could be from biker night.

Do we pay for PCSO training? No.

Lufkins Corner, new Give Way sign is much smaller and not as visible.

Pot hole near Old Vicarage, road come away from drain, danger to cyclists – Clerk to advise ECC.

Ex thatched cottage corner, sightline is disappearing, verge cutting needs to be done.

Highways are looking into property with dangerous exit near Moors Close. Risk of serious injury.

The next Meeting will be held on Friday 5th June 2009

All Reports are available to view by appointment with the Clerk.