

**Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday 4th November 2010 in the Village Hall**

<b>Planning Reference No.</b>	<b>Application Details</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>PC Comments</b>
10/01133/FUL	Two storey side extension with garage and rear two storey extension.	Heathbern, The Path, GB	No comments.
10/01162/FUL	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension to form garage, kitchen/diner and enlarged bedroom.	Romnis Cottage, New Cut, GB	No comments.
10/01119/FUL	Erection of fence and gazebo and retention of gates.	Sycamores, The Green, GB	No comments.
10/01157/FUL	Form single storey extension linking the main house to the end of the single storey outbuilding.	Moynes Farm, Wick Road, Great Bentley	No comments.
10/01159/LBC	Form single storey extension linking the main house to the end of the single storey outbuilding.	Moynes Farm, Wick Road, Great Bentley	No comments.
10/01214/FUL	Single and two storey extensions.	Riverside, Flag Hill, Great Bentley.	No comments.

All Councillors were in agreement with comments made. There were no objections.

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**Present**

Cllr Hills (Chair), Cllr Herbert (Vice-Chair), Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Wright, Cllr Warder, Cllr Balbirnie, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Morton and Kate Mayhew (Clerk)

**In Attendance**

District Cllr Lynda McWilliams, Essex County Councillor Derek Robinson, Mick Dorling, Contractor and approximately 19 members of the public.

**Questions from the Public**

- 1. Apologies for absence** – None.
- 2. Minutes** – To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010. All agreed. No objections. The Chairman signed the Minutes.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Gibbon for Item 14 – he has a farming agreement with the new owner. Cllr Wright also for Item 14 - he will be renting 50 acres from next year.
- 4. Police Report** – The Clerk read out the report.

*NUISANCE PHONE CALLS - Larkfield Road*

*SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES - Plough Road - suspicious van in area*

*INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT - Plough Road*

*RTC - Flag Hill - fail to stop  
Plough Road - fail to stop*

*NOISE NUISANCE - Plough Inn*

*BURGLARY - Finch Drive - motorcycle stolen*

*HARE COURSING - St Mary's Road - then moved to Lt Bromley*

*NUISANCE YOUTH - Railway Station*

*Les Barnes PCSO 71909  
Thorpe Le Soken NPT Eastern  
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website : [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)*

**5. Clerks Report – The Clerk read out her report (previously circulated)**

*Clerks Report – November 2010*

- 1. I spoke to the Circus regarding the marks left by their animals and they have responded with a cheque for £50 to cover the costs of reinstating that area of the Green.*
- 2. I have sourced a new Horologist who can maintain the Millennium Clock, he is used by other Parish Councils locally and further afield and when I contacted them they were very happy to recommend him. His name is Ian Hayward and he is based just outside Ipswich.*
- 3. Mary Maskell and her volunteers have done an amazing job getting the Housing Needs Survey out to every property in the village. The donation of £100 that was going to the Scouts and Guides has been offered to the Parish Magazine.*

*Thank you.*

*Kate Mayhew  
Clerk to Great Bentley Parish Council*

**6. Correspondence Report – Items of correspondence received for the Councils attention.**

**Correspondence Report  
November Parish Council Meeting 2010**

- 1) ECC – Joint Waste Development Document Issues and Options Paper Consultation Documents 7/10/10 to 2/12/10.*
  - 2) TDC – Development Control Committee Minutes from Meeting 5.10.10*
  - 3) ECC – CIF Applications deadline 29.10.10*
  - 4) TDC – LDF Core Strategy and Development Policies Document – Public Consultation ending 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010.*
- 7. Information and Reports - Requests from members for additional matters off report or information only to be brought to the attention of the council.**

Cllr Taylor – Railing either side of inverts at Green Corner are loose and could swing into road and be a danger. Mick Dorling advised that the PC had previously paid for the replacement. Cllr Herbert and Mick Dorling agreed to investigate further and report back to Clerk.

## 8. County and District Councillors Reports

- i) County Councillor – Tye Bridge, HGV's, Highways Officer has confirmed that HGV's can't be prevented from using it. Preferred Mineral Sites – Admirals Farm was not a preferred site, Alresford and Frating were only sites identified in Tendring, will go back out for consultation in December. Applicants can appeal but will be 7 years before any more applications can be taken. 30% cuts are going to affect service delivery, Cllr Robinson is concerned about rural areas especially but should know more in February. Cllr Balbirnie advised of a dangerous area of road near to Tye Bridge, Cllr Robinson advised he had visited with Highways and they had advised it was safe. Clerk to report to Highways and copy Cllr Robinson in on correspondence.
- ii) District Councillor – Will also lend support to Tye Bridge road surface complaints. Section 106 monies not available to the Parish until property has been built. Would not be able to be used for the car park as not environmental project. TDC also facing cuts and will know more in February also.

## 9. Finance –

- a) Items of approved expenditure for the month. There were no objections.

Items of Expenditure  
November 2010  
Great Bentley Parish  
Council

4/11/10	100980	GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL	A060	ROOM HIRE	£ 19.80		£ 19.80
4/11/10	100981	RCCE GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL	A028	PRINTING - HNS LTRS & Q'S	£114.00		£ 114.00
4/11/10	100982	MAY GURNEY LTD	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£171.27		£ 171.27
4/11/10	100983	E-ON	L020	LAMP REPAIR	£ 51.43	£ 9.00	£ 60.43
4/11/10	DD	BRUCE LANDSCAPES	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£250.49	£ 43.84	£ 294.33
4/11/10	100984	D TYLER	P070	PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	£ 50.00	£ 8.75	£ 58.75
4/11/10	100985	K MAYHEW	A013	CARETAKER	£ 51.40		£ 51.40
4/11/10	100986	K MAYHEW	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£586.34		£ 586.34
4/11/10	100986	K MAYHEW	A050	POSTAGE TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	£ 14.76		£ 14.76
4/11/10	100986	GB PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL	A018		£ 55.46		£ 55.46
4/11/10	100987	EALC	D070	DONATION TRAINING - ELECTIONS	£100.00		£ 100.00
4/11/10	100988	M DORLING	A017	GRASS CUTTING VILLAGE GREEN	£ 60.00		£ 60.00
4/11/10	100989	M DORLING	G010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£188.50		£ 188.50
4/11/10	100989	M DORLING	M010		£ 40.00		£ 40.00
<b>Total</b>					<b>£1,753.45</b>	<b>£61.59</b>	<b>£1,815.04</b>

- b) Quarter 2 Bank Reconciliation was approved.

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

### Bank Reconciliation 1st July - 30th September

2010

Opening Balance	£29,350.21	
Payments To Date	£11,779.88	
Receipts To Date	£273.03	
Balance Brought Forward	£17,843.36	
Cheques Not Presented	£0.00	
<u>Balance at 30th September 2010</u>		£17,843.36

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Bank Reconciliation July - September 2010

Opening Balance	£18,587.94	
Payments to Date	£0	
Receipts to Date	£0	
Balance Brought Forward	£18,587.94	
<u>Balance as at 30th September 2010</u>		£18,587.94

c) Annual Affiliation Expenses were agreed.

*Annual Affiliation Expenses for Great Bentley Parish Council 2010*

Essex Association of Local Councils	£408.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	£105.00
Rural Community Council of Essex	£55.00
Tendring District Association of Local Councils	£15.00
Friends of Historic Society	£10.00
Open Spaces Society	£40.00
Tendring Community Voluntary Services	£25.00

d) Budget for 2011-2012 Version C was approved and the Precept Amount of £54,041 was agreed by Members. All were in favour and voted with a show of hands.

e) The Review of Internal Audit Effectiveness was agreed (previously circulated). All in favour.

10. **Highways** – Report from caretaker regarding a pot hole has been reported to Highways by Clerk today. Where Plough Road meets Dial Road – Cllr Gibbon was going to approach Mr Morton to remove dead elm tree's to improve sight on the bend.

11. **Website** – Nothing to report, all up to date.

12. **Housing Needs Survey** – The Clerk advised that the Survey had been delivered to every house in the Parish either with the Parish Magazine or individually.

13. **Private Security Sub-Committee** – Matter is in hand, Robert Chambers from EPA is attending the December Meeting to discuss with Council the issues they had concerns over previously.

14. **Allotment Land Site** – Cllr Hills read out a brief report on the current situation. He advised that Ted Fox had resigned and thanked him for his previous service. Cllr Wright asked if the PC had given the Fox/Mitchell family the opportunity to come back to the PC with their view. He felt the best way forward was to ask the Fox/Mitchell family their view and Cllr Hills advised that it was in the hands of solicitors at the request of Ted Fox. Cllr Balbirnie commented that it was disappointing to lose an active Councillor.

15. **Car Park Lease** – Cllr Hills and the Clerk advised of the current position with the lease and the land. Cllr Taylor advised that the rateable value has to be determined before the PC attempt to gain Planning Permission. Clerk to speak to TDC planning department with a pre-application planning consult. Clerk to liaise with Cllr McWilliams and place on Agenda for December. Cllr Hills raised the issue of charging for parking. Cllr Taylor felt that the Car Park could be swamped with commuters. Residents would need to be given permits. To be discussed at next meeting.

16. **Millennium Clock** – As in Clerks report.

17. **Penalty Ticket Training** – Clerk to ask contractors/caretaker and discuss at next meeting.

18a. **Village Green Sub-Committee Report -**

*Green Report 1110*

*Mowers: the centre set of mowers have developed a fault where only one side wheel is driving the blades. Mower locks up. The man from Bellet came out and changed the faulty set for a spare which Mick kept. As it is part of the re-conditioned set from Tuckwell no further action has been taken. Either badly worn teeth or they have sheared off. The mower will last through season. Cllr Wright felt it should be returned to Tuckwells for repair work. Cllr Gibbon felt Tuckwells were too expensive but would ask them for their labour rate and liaise with Cllr Herbert.*

*Junior pitch is becoming badly worn. There is nowhere else for them to go.*

*Main pitch outside Mil House needs goalpost bases lowered as now proud of Green. Cllr Warder to liaise with FC and report back.*

*Highways have not replaced the signpost because of Bentley in Bloom. The planters are now cleared. and MD has arranged with Highways for November.*

***BT have been introducing large concrete manholes round the green without our permission. Clerk to contact BT Openreach and advise this is outside of their wayleave agreement and they need to seek our permission before installing any more. Clerk to report back to next meeting.***

*South Side track needs attention. Cllr Gibbon has offered to do this.*

Roadside Conservation verges to be cut – have since been done.

Other verges? Agreed – **Clerk to contact Livertons.**

Seat in Plough Road to be reinstated. Livertons were responsible and were going to make a replacement bench. This will be kept as a spare. Cllr Herbert to contact Livertons.

**18b. Planning –**

**19. Other Reports**

- a) **Tendring District Association of Local Councils** – No meeting.
- b) **Transport Report** – The Rep gave a brief report on the daily bus service.
- c) **Footpath Report** –

*Footpath Report for Great Bentley Parish Council October 2010*

*The numbering of paths in the parish of Great Bentley is as stated on the “Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for the County of Essex” dated 1 July 2002, scale 1:10,000. For descriptions of paths please see previous reports.*

*Notes on paths as at 31/10/10*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3. *Stile at Sturrick Lane end removed by Highways. New footpath sign erected at Sturrick Lane end.*
- 4.
- 5.
- 7.
- 8. *Litter between Birch Avenue & rail track cleared by Village Caretaker*
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 17.
- 19.

*D.E.Gollifer  
(Footpath Representative) 31/10/10*

*Cllr Hills advised that mud left on Heckford Road had been swept by him. Cllr Wright said he would assist and clear the soil if necessary. Cllr McWilliams advised Highways had also visited.*

- d) **Caretaker** – The Chairman read out the Caretakers report.

**CARE TAKERS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2010**

*Little to report this month other than notification of fly tipping in the public footpath off Birch avenue and builders/DIY debris left in Aingers Green Road. Both reported promptly to TRDC and hopefully collected quickly as always.*

*Play area no problems and noticeboards updated. As mentioned last month, attention to the one at the school furthest from level crossing, will require the beading replaced eventually and the one at Flag hill will need some adjustment to enable the door to be secured properly. I will do what I can to repair this one.*

*Bottle bank and clothing banks are fine and well used.*

*Bikers nights now finished and nothing to report on this.*

*David Tyler 23/10/10*

**e) NAP Report –**

**f) Village Events requiring Police Attendance – Clerk to contact PC Heard for all future events.**

*Cllr Balbirnie advised of Public Meeting with Essex Police on 10<sup>th</sup> November in Princes Theatre at 7.30pm.*

*The Meeting closed at 8.41pm.*

### **Questions from the Members of the Public**

*Ted Fox said he felt it was refreshing to hear Cllr Wright's earlier suggestion. He felt he had been corralled by Cllr Hills to produce a document in time for the meeting. He was not in good health and he felt under pressure from Cllr Hills to produce a resolution. Cllr Hills replied that if Ted Fox wanted to give a timetable he come back to him with a proposal. Ted Fox felt he was being pestered for a resolution for this evenings meeting. Cllr Hills asked Ted Fox when the PC could expect to receive a resolution to the situation. Ted Fox asked why a deadline was even needed. Cllr Gibbon advised it was due to public pressure. Cllr Wright interjected with his thoughts that the public should be made aware there was a problem but that two months should be given to the Fox family to put forward a proposal to remedy the situation. Mr Fox thanked Councillor Wright for his proposal to give him 2 months to sort out the problem relating to the Parish Council land that has mistakenly been given over to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Ted Fox said that he can assure the Council that by giving him this amount of time will mean that they will be rewarded with a positive outcome. Ted Fox advised that he hoped the situation would be sorted out earlier than two months. Ted Fox asserted that the last thing Cllr Hills should do was push him. Cllr Gibbon advised he knew the position fully and appreciated what Ted Fox was going to do but he was being asked by members of the public for the position and where the land was.*

*Peter Harry – is it worth pursuing sponsorship by local businesses to help with the funding of the Car Park? Cllr Wright has kindly done the site lines to the right of Moors Close but the left side needs to be done also. Cllr Wright will do this but the landowner needs to give permission.*

*Mary Maskell – Notice Board at Post office needs closing – Clerk to do after meeting.*

*Mick Dorling – Christmas lights to go up on last w/e of November, needs volunteers for the Saturday. Remembrance Service on the 11<sup>th</sup>. All Members of PC welcome.*

*Pot hole outside Pharmacy – Clerk to Report.*

**The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2010**