

Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday 6th January 2011 in the Village Hall

Planning Reference No.	Application Details	Address	PC Comments
10/01404/FUL	Proposed alterations and extension to existing barn to form tea room and self catering holiday unit.	Carpenters Farm, St Mary's Road, Great Bentley.	No objections.
10/01413/FUL	10 panel solar photovoltaic system to front south facing roof.	Wellers, Thorrington Road, Gt Bentley	No comment other than to highlight the fact that the property is within the Conservation area.
11/00002/FUL	Proposed detached garage/car port.	St Mary's Grange, St Mary's Road, Gt Bentley	No comment.

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

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Present

Cllr Herbert (Chair), Cllr Gibbon, Cllr Wright, Cllr Balbirnie, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Morton and Kate Mayhew (Clerk)

In Attendance

District Cllr Lynda McWilliams, County Cllr Derek Robinson, Mick Dorling, Contractor, Inspector Paul Morton, Essex Police, Linda Belgrove, Independent Police Authority Member, Cllr Ernie Osborne, Alesford Parish Council and approximately 12 members of the public.

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Mary Maskell – South side track is in a poor state. Cllr Herbert replied that repairs were due when weather permits.

MOP – Thanked the PC for pushing for Forge Lane to be repaired. It is in a much better state of repair.

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr Hills – Holiday. Cllr Warder – Business.
- 2. Minutes** – To confirm and sign Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2010. There were no objections and the Vice Chairman signed the Minutes. Cllr Taylor advised that Item 10 needed to be written as 'Forge Lane' and not The Forge so as to avoid confusion. Cllr Taylor clarified that the Grants Policy would be discussed by him and the Clerk and queries if the missing bench had been found? Cllr Gibbon advised he is still investigating.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Gibbon for St Mary's Farm – he has a farming agreement with the new owner. Cllr Wright also for St Mary's Farm - he will be renting 50 acres from next year.
- 4. Police Report & PCSO** – The Clerk read out the Police report.

Suspicious Circumstances - Morella Close

RTC - Shair Lane

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Cllr Herbert outlined the current position with the PC and PCSO contract. Cllr Gibbon gave the response to the Sub-Committee's report on private security. Inspector Morton gave the position with Essex Police but fundamentally it was the PC's decision to make as to whether or not they wanted a new PCSO. Cllr Wright explained there had been a previous PCSO the PC were happy with then one they weren't happy with and without the level of service expected Members were not prepared to commit to such a big expense. Cllr Taylor concurred with that view. Linda Belgrove gave a brief discussion on the situation between Essex Police and PCSO's and was happy to help with any of the discussions but felt the PC should decide what they want. Cllr Taylor advised it was the former PCSO's maternity leave that led to the cancelling of the previous agreement which Inspector Morton advised was not his understanding of the situation. He asked if the PC wanted a PCSO again and if so he could assist with that. Cllr Taylor advised that the problem stemmed from being told GBPC would not get a replacement which Inspector Morton refuted. Linda Belgrove advised the position is not clear yet as to the future of PCSO's and if the PC wanted to enter into a new contract they should do so sooner rather than later. Inspector Morton is to go back and look into the possibility of resurrecting a new contract. Clerk to arrange a separate meeting to discuss the PC's requirements of a new PCSO contract with Linda Belgrove to attend if possible.

Mary Maskell raised the problems during Carnival night but the Chair confirmed PC Heard has agreed to attend all main village events in 2011. Mary also asked when a PCSO is seen on patrol with another PCSO do the Parish lose half the time? Linda Belgrove advised that at night double crewed staff was accepted but not during the day.

Linda Belgrove introduced Cllr Osborne from Alresford Parish Council. He queried if there was enough work for 1 full time PCSO to do in Great Bentley as Alresfords PCSO was short of work and he suggested to Members that a shared agreement may benefit them. Their PCSO does a fantastic job and has helped certain situations in the village very well. Cllr Wright advised that when you have the right person for the role it is definitely value for money. Cllr Taylor asked when Alresford wanted an answer by and Cllr Osborne advised there was no time limit but if it were agreed then the details would need to be discussed. Cllr Herbert thanked Cllr Osborne for his time. Inspector Morton left the Meeting.

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

Clerks Report – January 2011

- 1) I have met with TDC Planning and Contaminated Land officers regarding the Car Park. They seem happy there are no issues to prevent a car park being planned for the site.*
- 2) Due to changes within Essex Police Sgt Wheddon has been transferred to Colchester and our main contact will be PC Heard or Inspector Morton.*
- 3) The website needs to be altered to reflect the new year. This is a good time to make any changes to the site to modernise it a little. I will liaise with Kevin Beck and put a proposal with costs to Members as soon as possible.*

Thank you.

*Kate Mayhew
Clerk to Great Bentley Parish Council*

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

*Correspondence Report
January Parish Council Meeting 2011*

- 1) *Cllr Balbirnie - £50 donation in lieu of Christmas Cards – Members agreed to put the money towards the new Christmas tree lights.*
- 2) *Mr Hume (via email) – Allotment site. The Clerk read out the letter and the Chair responded with a brief statement.*
- 3) *ECC – Acknowledgement of letter regarding Tye Road/Bridge – Cllr Robinson advised they were going to do some repairs to uplift it but funds were not available.*
- 4) *Mr and Mrs Allington – Railway Crossing Incident – Clerk to contact NR. – Cllr Morton advised that NR had promised that when the barriers closing they would observe permanently*
- 5) *Bentley in Bloom – Thanks for support.*
- 6) *Request for Marquee on Green – Clerk has sent Conditions of Use of Green.*
- 7) *UK Power Networks – Wayleaves cheque*
7. **Information and 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 – Presentation of preferred Mineral Sites at Thorington and Frating. Full Council adjourned to 22nd February but services will be affected.*
 - ii) *District Councillor – Census due on 27th March. Wrote to Horizon buses to thank them for their good service during the bad weather and asked if a bus to Clacton were possible which they are looking into. They used to write a letter to NR to ask when they last inspected Tye Bridge for safety – **Clerk to write.** Waste collection was good during the holidays.*
9. **Finance** – Items of approved expenditure for the month were agreed, proposed by Cllr Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Wright. There were no objections.

*Great Bentley Parish Council
Items of Expenditure January 2011*

06/01/2011	101001	K MAYHEW	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£586.34	£	586.34
06/01/2011	101002	K MAYHEW	A050	POSTAGE	£ 9.84	£	9.84
06/01/2011	101002	K MAYHEW	A018	TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	£ 43.80	£	43.80
06/01/2011	101002	K MAYHEW	A040	STATIONARY	£ 6.90	£	6.90
06/01/2011	101002	K MAYHEW (FOR A GOSLING)	A025	GIFTS/HOSPITALITY	£ 5.00	£	5.00
06/01/2011	101003	M DORLING	P040	MAINTENANCE/REMOVAL	£ 52.00	£	52.00
06/01/2011	101003	M DORLING	M010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£ 20.00	£	20.00
06/01/2011	101003	M DORLING	M020	PURCHASE ROAD PLANINGS/TRACK MAINTENANCE	£ 218.75	£	218.75
06/01/2011	101004	MAY GURNEY LTD	L020	LAMP REPAIR	£ 81.99	£	81.99
06/01/2011	101005	GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL	A060	ROOM HIRE 14th Dec & 6th Jan	£ 40.10	£	40.10

06/01/2011	DD	E-ON GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£ 250.49	£ 43.84	£ 294.33
06/01/2011	101006		A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£175.55		£175.55
06/01/2011	DD	TALKTALK - NOVEMBER	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£ 19.99	£ 3.50	£ 23.49
06/01/2011	DD	TALKTALK - DECEMBER	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£ 18.58	£ 2.77	£ 18.58
06/01/2011	DD	BT - TELEPHONE BILL HERBERT (NEW PADLOCK FOR ALLOTMENT)	A030	TELEPHONE	£ 64.19	£ 11.23	£ 75.42
06/01/2011	101007		P090	ALLOTMENT GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£ 25.49		£ 25.49
06/01/2011	101008	MR D TYLER	A013	CARETAKER	£ 64.00		£ 64.00
Total					£1,682.01	£75.69	£1,757.70

10. **Highways** – Heckfords Road and Plough Road very bad, road close to ditch is cracking. **Clerk to report to ECC Highways.**
11. **Website** – Nothing to report.
12. **Housing Needs Survey** – Clerk to defer to February Meeting.
13. **Car Park** – Clerk updated the Meeting
14. **PCSO** – Moved to Item No. 4.
15. **Street Light, Flag Hill** – Cllr Taylor proposed the light be repaired at a cost of £304.84p. All in favour. **Clerk to arrange.** Cllr Taylor highlighted his annual report for 2010 on lamp repairs.
16. **Tractor Servicing** – The Clerk explained of the 2 quotes requested only 1 was returned from Bellet. Cllr Herbert proposed the PC accept the quote from Bellet. Cllr Gibbon seconded the proposal. No objections.
17. **Bentley in Bloom Insurance** – Request for PC to pay insurance premium for containers on PC land. Members discussed this and agreed that as they already received £500 per year in donations from the PC and we were entering into a new Grants Policy Procedure whereby they would have to apply each year this was not agreed. All members were in agreement. **Clerk to write.**
- 18a. **Village Green Sub-Committee Report** –
- 18b. **Planning** – As above in Planning Meeting Minutes.
19. **Other Reports**
- a) **Tendring District Association of Local Councils** – No meeting.
 - b) **Transport Report** – Changes to train timetable and X22 Bus service Clacton to Stansted.
 - c) **Footpath Report** – The Footpath Representative read out his report.

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 31/12/10

- 1.
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4. Metre post erected on path by Highways

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D.E.Gollifer
(Footpath Representative) 31/12/10

Cllr Herbert asked the Footpath Rep why people were asking for the entire length of Cinder Track to become a Footpath and the PC were not aware of this but were under the assumption that it stopped before the gate and Footpath 8. Cllr Gibbon explained that the PC had never discussed it for Footpath 12 and was done without PCs support. The footpath should be 1m wide minimum. Mary Maskell explained the Cinder Track was the safer way for families to get to GB. Cllr Wright said that the path would be reinstated when weather permitted.

d) Caretaker Report –

DECEMBER 2010.

Fly tipping this past month was seen and reported in St.Marys Road/Lovers Lane areas and although not fly tipping as we know it, the following is worth noting:

Over the New Year period 6 bags of beer and wine bottles were left in black sacks and plastic carrier bags by the side of the bottle banks. Far too many to have come from private homes or parties AND it is my belief that these were placed there by the village hall following the usual New Year event when take your own is requested. Every bag had to be opened and bottles put into appropriate bins. Can this be investigated please to confirm or otherwise what took place. I believe that all bags came from same persons.

Clothing bank once again had a few bags of clothing left outside rather than placed inside.

David Tyler.
Village Caretaker

Additional Report: With the delays in getting the green bins emptied on usual day which is Monday, have asked TRDC to empty the one by bottle bank today [Wednesday], as despite it overflowing, people are still leaving Xmas items etc outside bin and it had become to look a mess. This should be done tomorrow.

e) NAP Report – No meeting.

f) Village Events requiring Police Attendance – No new events.

The Meeting closed at 21.11pm.

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Lynda McWilliams – Apologies for next Meeting.

Thanks from Teresa Watson from Jaywick Community Council who were viewing the PC Meeting with a view to setting up a PC in Jaywick.

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd February 2011