

Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting
7.15pm, Thursday 6th October 2011 in the Village Hall

Present

Cllr Hills (Chair), Cllr Herbert (Vice-Chair), Cllr Warder, Cllr Balbirnie, Cllr Plummer, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Edwards and Kate Mayhew (Clerk)

In Attendance – Approximately 16 electors.

35. Apologies for absence – None received

36. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that they were required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they knew they might have in items of business on the meetings agenda. They were reminded that they would need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and to leave the room if the interest was a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

37. Public Question Time – None

38. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the decisions recorded at the last Meeting on 1st September 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Taylor and Seconded by Cllr Warder.

39. Planning Applications

Planning Reference No.	Application Details	Address	PC Comments
11/01017/FUL	Proposed replacement of existing windows, doors & external cladding.	Mill on the Green & The Granary, The Path, GB	No objections.
11/01059/FUL	Proposed formation of pitched roofs over single storey element.	Farm View, St Mary's Road, GB	No objections.
11/01025/FUL	Change of use from A1 to A3, reinstate windows to side elevation, replacement entrance, new chimney to rear, replacement air conditioning units and new parking area.	Evans Stores, The Green, GB	No objections.
11/01019/FUL	Proposed re-building of existing front boundary wall.	The Old Rectory, The Green, GB	No objections.
11/01140/FUL	Erection of single storey rear extn, two storey rear & side extn side extn to garage and front porch. (Remove exstg single storey rear extension and garage.)	34 Birch Avenue, GB	No objections.
11/01095/FUL	Extension to existing grain store.	South Heath Farm, South Heath Road, GB	No objections subject to the use remaining for agricultural purposes.
11/01153/TCA	1 no. ornamental cherry – fell.	10 Cherrywoods, GB	No objections.

	LATE SUBMISSION		
11/01120/FUL	Proposed re-building of existing front boundary wall. 11/01119/LBC refers	The Old Rectory, The Path, GB	No objections.

All members were in agreement with the comments made on the above applications.

40 Correspondence – Hartley Park, Clacton – promotional material.

41. Planning matters for report (for information only) - No matters were raised.

42. Forthcoming meetings

The next Meeting is scheduled for 3rd November 2011.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9hrs.

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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In Attendance - Approximately 20 electors.

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Request for new railings outside Tesco – Cllr McWilliams has chased Highways, Clerk to also chase with Cllr Robinsons support.

MM – Copy of petition for Martins Farm closure.

174. Apologies for absence – None

175. Minutes – RESOLVED: That the decisions recorded at the Meetings on 6th September 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Herbert, Seconded by Cllr Balbirnie and signed by the Chairman.

176. Declarations of Interest – Members were reminded that they were required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they knew they might have in items of business on the meetings agenda. They were reminded that they would need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and to leave the room if the interest was a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time.

Cllr McWilliams – Caretaker
Cllr Warder – Youth Football Club
Cllr Wright – Minerals Development

177. Police Report – The Clerk read out the report.

Nuisance Other - The Green, Red Lion Inn - (Eggs thrown at building)
Plough Road (Tesco)
Larkfield Road - (Knock down ginger)

Theft from Motor Vehicle - Station Road - (Sat Nav and wallet taken)

Nuisance Youth - Robin Close, Station Road, Strurrick Lane, The Path x 3 - (Knock down ginger)
The Path - (Youths on cycles)
St Marys Road - (Youth putting earth on the road)

Theft of Metal - Larkfield Road - (Metal taken from a skip)

Criminal Damage - The Path - (Window smashed)

Animal - Plough Road

Theft Other - Brook Farm - (Member of staff took items)
Tye Road - (generator taken from field)

RTC - Flag Hill

178. Clerks Report – *The Clerk read out her report.*

- 1) *It has been a very busy month with allotments but most of the rents have now been received and the general consensus is one of support for the new charging system which seems fairer. There has been just one request for a re-measure!*
- 2) *I have given one of the DNA kits away to an interested tester!*
- 3) *Livertons have agreed to pay for a replacement bench to the value of £350.*
- 4) *The Annual Return has been sent back from the Audit Commission without any comments or concerns to note.*
- 5) *I have spoken with the Village Hall Committee regarding a spruce up of the Resource Centre and they are making enquiries as to how best this could be done.*
- 6) *I would like the IT support for the PC to be carried out by a different contractor. The current contractor is extremely busy and has much bigger companies to work for and as such finds it difficult to return calls and/or do call-outs. This has an affect when I need urgent IT support. I propose contacting a few local firms to see if they are willing to work for us on an 'as and when' basis. Can Members agree? Agreed. **Clerk to provide details of local contractors hourly rates and liaise with Chairman.***

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

- 1) *GBFC – Request for agreement to renew Clubhouse Roof. No objections.*
- 2) *Ms Nunn, The Plough P.H. – Biker Nights affect on trade. Cllr Warder read the letter out and a discussion ensued. Cllr Hills expressed his sympathy for the situation. Cllr Taylor advised part of the problem was that the burger van had moved further down the Green to ensure congestion is kept to a minimum in Plough Road. Cllr Edwards advised the landlord of the pub had invested heavily into the pub. Cllr Wright raised the issue of the marshals formal position and their accounts. Cllr Hills proposed the marshals arrange for the Burger Van be moved further up the Green towards the Pub and the ice cream van to be asked to leave*

and the organisers to be asked to discuss the finances raised and how best to proceed. Seconded by Cllr Balbirnie. All in favour.

- 3) *Plummer Electrical – Request for marquee on the Green 2/12/11 for Christmas Lights switch on. Proposed by Cllr Hills, Seconded by Cllr Herbert.*
- 4) *Open Spaces Society – Notice of general meeting 23.11.2011*
- 5) *Feature Landscapes – FOI request – awaiting further advice from EALC.*
- 6) *Conservation Society - Invitation to view the Heather Patch – 8.10.11 10-12pm*
- 7) *Walker Construction – Request for inclusion on tender list for works relating to the proposed car park. **Agreed.***
- 8) *Boundary Commission for England – 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.*

180. Information and Reports - Requests from members for additional matters off report or information only to be brought to the attention of the council.

181. County and District Councillors Reports

- i) *County Councillor – Sturicks Lane Bus Stop has been finalised. Martins Farm closure – approval to present petition to County, decision to be made within the next week.*
- ii) *District Councillor – Cllr McWilliams gave a report on the Martins Farm Site closure, advised there is a Sports Person of the Year Award being ran by TDC and discussed the proposed land development in Great Bentley following a call for sites by TDC. The land is at the rear of Heckfords Road and an area behind Pine Close near to the railway. Cllr Warder asked Cllr McWilliams to give a brief explanation of the position and it was advised that residents should respond via the public consultation. Cllr Taylor suggested that a representative from TDC could be approached to discuss with the PC. Cllr Hills advised it is still a plan-led system. Cllr McWilliams advised Members that Gary Guiver from TDC would be more than happy to speak with them and Cllr Warder suggested that he be invited to meet before the 28th October. **Clerk to arrange.***

182. Highways – Already mentioned with Cllr Robinson.

183. Village Car Parking/Car Park – Cllr Hills advised a specification of works has been prepared for tenders. **Clerk to send out immediately.**

184. Finance – Cllr Herbert proposed the expenditure and Cllr Taylor seconded.

Items of Expenditure for
October 2011

06/10/2011	101108	LANDSCAPE SERVICES	G030	GRASS VERGE CUTTING	£		£
					9.00		9.00
06/10/2011	101109	HMRC	A012	CLERKS NI	£		£
					5.58		5.58
06/10/2011	101110	K MAYHEW	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£615.64		£615.64
06/10/2011	101110	K MAYHEW	A050	POSTAGE	£		£
					11.04		11.04
06/10/2011	101111	ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL	A016	CONSULTANCY FEES	£		£
					90.00	£18.00	£108.00
06/10/2011	101112	AUDIT COMMISSION	A026	AUDIT CHARGE	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
06/10/2011	101113	BELLET LTD	G050	REPAIR /MAINTENANCE OF MOWERS ETC	£217.60	£43.52	£261.12

06/10/2011	DD	BT - TELEPHONE	A030	TELEPHONE	£66.05	£13.21	£79.26
06/10/2011	DD	E-ON	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£250.89	£50.18	£301.07
06/10/2011	DD	TALKTALK	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£16.33	£4.09	£20.42
06/10/2011	101114	VEOLIA WATER	M080	WATER RATES - STANDPIPE	£50.32		£50.32
06/10/2011	101115	MTM PLANT GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE	P020	HIRE OF TOILETS FOR VILLAGE GREEN	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00
06/10/2011	101116	HALL GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE	A060	HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£20.30		£20.30
06/10/2011	101117	HALL	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£175.55		£175.55
06/10/2011	101118	MR R MCWILLIAMS	A013	CARETAKER	£69.24		£69.24

185. Website – nothing to report.

186. Allotment Land – No further update, still in the hands of the solicitors. Cllr Wright felt patience should be given. Cllr Wright proposed he make a subtle enquiry about the situation. Seconded by Cllr Hills.

187. The Spinney – A discussion took place on the report from the Conservation Group regarding changes to the Spinney. Cllr Taylor proposed that a meeting take place with the Conservation Consultants who wrote the report. Seconded by Cllr McWilliams. Members had a general discussion afterwards.

188. Budget 2012/13 – The date for the Meeting was arranged for Monday 17th at 12.30pm in the Resource Centre.

189. The Circus – The dates for the circus were confirmed as being 13th – 16th October. Members were all agreed. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, Seconded by Cllr Warder.

190. Grants 2012/13 – There have been 5 applications received to be considered for Council approval. Cllr Plummer and Cllr Edwards agreed to discuss and agree amounts for funding with the Clerk and report to Finance Committee prior to their budget meeting.

191. Village Green Sub-Committee Report –

a) Green Report –

Green Report 1011

Community resource Centre. 29th Sept 2011

Those present were Cllrs. L. McWilliams and B. Herbert

Tractor

A new tyre is required on the gang mower. The wheel is now with MD Tyres at Clacton and has temporarily been replaced with a spare.

Allotment

The hedge on the south side of the Allotment is being cut by hand and the hedge on the east side has been cut by the neighbouring farmer, Mr. Gordon Black. I have thanked him for that.

Digital Land Register

The PC need to look thoroughly at all documents relating to The Green because we do not own all of the registered land, but do own some that is outside the registered area. We also have land in Birch Avenue, Station Road and the allotments.

Burger Van

Julie Nunn, landlady of The Plough wishes us to discuss our continued support of the burger van during Motorbike Night.

Bill Herbert

A discussion took place regarding monies from Section 106 agreements. Cllr Hills asked the Clerk to locate the copy of the S106 document identifying where the money must be spent.

b) Planning -

192. Other Reports

a) Tendring District Association of Local Councils –

The Chairman expressed pleasure that there were so many present and his disappointment that Richard Walker was not present as several issues had been raised with him which it had been hoped would be dealt with this evening, especially as a deal of work had been done to ascertain the answers.

Matters Arising

Considerate Parking Initiative - Cllr Chapman reported that Ian Taylor (TDC) had taken on responsibility for sea fronts as well as car parks and that he had agreed to be present at the November meeting. The new arrangements for on street parking control were reported as working satisfactorily in Manningtree, Lawford and Mistley; that some problems had been met by Ramsey and Parkeston; and that someone who had stopped to post a letter and another standing beside his car had both received a ticket from excessively zealous wardens in Walton-on-Naze. The Chairman said that Ian Taylor would be happy to accept invitations to speak at Parish Council meetings.

Matters of Concern raised by Members – The Chairman called for members to raise concerns:

Essex Area Forum - It was reported that a local panels were to be set up to replace the Essex Area Forum arrangements. He added that public access would be denied to meetings of the new local panels when they were operating.

The Chairman expressed concern that matters raised with TDC, which should have been dealt with in July, were still outstanding - he listed them as: Changes to responsibility for sewer pipes / connections; Travellers policy; Local Highway Panels; Essex Area Forum; and "Big Society" update.

NAPs - It was reported that the quality of these was very patchy but that in Great Holland pressure had been brought to bear on TDC to cut the highway verge hedges recently.

TDC operating procedures - It was reported that there was now a Memorandum in place for ECC and TDC to work more closely together.

Local Listing - It was reported that this was still a possibility but that being on the "old" list gave property owners some benefits such as tax reliefs whereas the new local listing would not provide these.

Aggregate Extraction - It was reported that the TDC Cabinet had strongly objected to the proposals for aggregate extraction from Ardleigh, Alresford and Frating and had understood local objections relating in Ardleigh to the historical remains within the proposed diggings which would spoil the area by making a hole 1 km across and 1 km deep. It was also pointed out that the proposers said that materials would be removed by rail - this showing that the proposal for Ardleigh was not for requirements for aggregates for Essex only but for further afield (e.g. London). It was generally agreed that there was a need for close monitoring of progress with the proposals.

Martin's Farm - It was reported that a very interesting meeting had been held the previous evening between parish councillors from the area affected by the proposal to close the Martin's Farm Civic Amenity Site. The Portfolio Holder from ECC, Cllr Kevin Bentley, and the Head of Waste Disposal were both present as was the TDC responsible officer. There was a long discussion on the amount of waste disposed at the site compared with others in the district and county and justification for the closure of this particular site but it turned out that the issue was how to save the most money from the waste disposal budget. It was then reported that, as an effort to ameliorate the effects, Cllr Bentley said that 2,000 compost bins would be available free of charge to residents affected by the closure.

Arrangements for the future of kerbside collection of various forms of waste and re-cycling materials were then outlined.

Data Protection Act – The Chairman advised members to note a recent circular from NALC Legal topic note 38 which pointed out that the data protection act covered paperwork as well as computers and suggested that they read clause 38 which clarified the position of councillors. He reminded councillors that under the act all council paperwork needed to be kept under lock and key when not attended by the clerk.

EALC Annual General Meeting on 27th September

- a) **Police** - It was reported that there was a police presence giving a presentation, on proposals for making the necessary financial savings, which took up the allotted time but allowed no discussion as they left immediately after finishing. Fears were expressed at the loss of confidentiality at the proposed police offices in fire stations and shops. It was reported that Superintendent Glenn Maleary was appointed to Neighbourhood and Partnership Policing and he would be willing to attend a future meeting of TDALC to talk with members. The future of PCSOs was uncertain except for those part funded by parish councils.
- b) **Planning** - It was reported that John Jowers, the Portfolio Holder at ECC, had been present and had informed that meeting that each District needed its Local Development Framework (LDF) in place otherwise it could be a “free for all” situation, green wedges could be lost as developers will try to by-pass the normal planning process. It had also been pointed out that Neighbourhood Plans were needed to strengthen input from the local populous, also that there was no need to wait for TDC to produce its LDF. The Portfolio Holder had expressed surprise that the draft LDF had been torn up by TDC recently.

Pleasure was expressed at this TDALC meeting that this had happened as it showed that the ruling group had listened to representations made by residents and that there were plans and a timetable of events for a new round of consultation and production of a new LDF for Tendring District. The hope was expressed that members of TDALC would encourage their neighbours to go to make their comments at the various exhibitions to be mounted in early October. Discussion followed on how to produce a Neighbourhood Plan and a Village Design Statement including the need for the District Council to incorporate the plan into the LDF for it to have any teeth. It was pointed out that RCCE would be helpful in setting up the process for a parish council.

Other Business

- a) It was reported that Libraries were promoting Essex Ambassadors and calling for some 400 volunteers to do various jobs of promoting Essex to visitors to the Olympics in 2012.
- b) It was reported that a motion put forward by St Osyth Parish Council to EALC had been adopted and would be forwarded to NALC Annual General Meeting on 19th October. This was seeking to close the loophole in existing legislation under the “enabling development” clause which allows owners of historic properties to build developments in order to pay for repairs to their historic buildings.
- c) It was reported that the Bribery Act came into force in July directed at Councillors and Officers who can now be prosecuted for infringements of good practice.

b) Transport Report – Mr Harry commented on the raised kerbs for bus stops and why can the platform not be raised at the railway station.

c) Footpath 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 30/09/11

- 1.
- 2.
3. Highways have cleared path

- 4.
5. Highways have cleared section of path adjacent to railway
- 7.
8. Highways cleared path at access to railway
- 10.
- 11.
12. Highways cleared path at access to railway
- 13.
- 17.
- 19.

D.E.Gollifer
(Footpath Representative) 30/09/11

d) Caretaker Report – September 2011

The play area - good order- more litter than usual, partly due to the extended good weather.

Bikers Nights - moderate amount of litter in the usual places.

Spinney and pond both good.

Recycling Centres, clean and tidy and well used.

On Sunday 2nd.October I reported 3 areas of Fly Tipping, 1st.on Swallow's Row, on the bend.2nd.along Dead Lane near the junction of the B1027, and 3rd.on Straight Road, near the Gas Regulating Sub Station. All reported to T.D.C.

All notice boards are in good order with up to date information, except the notice board along Thorrington Road, which had its glass panel smashed, and was duly reported to Cllr. Bill Herbert.

**e) NAP Report –
Report on Neighbourhood Action Panel 14/09/11**

Report from Robert Taylor comprising abbreviated minutes of last meeting with items relating to or of interest to Great Bentley.

1. Opportunity for guests/residents to address the panel

Lewis Robertson who told of his work with Essex Young Peoples Drugs and Alcohol Service

- *EYPDAS is funded by tender*
- *He works with schools with an age group of 10 – 16 year olds and has attended Colne School over the last two years with PCSO Diss; doing a piece jointly with the school one lunch time.*
- *Can take referrals and works with age groups up to 19 years.*
- *Works with Out Reach on more specific groups*
- *Provides a harm reduction service*
- *Would be prepared to do a piece of work with the panel*
- *Would look to attending local events and happy to engage with villages; could attend with a PCSO and arrange with local police*
- *Would be pleased to attend Youth Clubs NAP can refer teenagers to EYPDAS those requiring help must be agreeable*
- *There is a link with children in care homes*
- *Lewis gave his contact details if there is a need to make a referral; Mobile phone 07734072131 e-mail lewis.robertson@childrenssociety.org.uk There are also links on Face Book*

Frank introduced a new member to the panel, Sheila Elliot; Sheila is a trained Counsellor in behavioural therapy and works with the private organisation "Life Force". Sheila gave a brief resume of her work and how she would like to work with young people.

Frank said he was pleased Sheila had agreed to be a member of the panel and her knowledge and skills would be very useful.

Frank gave the opportunity to the resident, Richard, to address the panel. Richard has concerns with the cuts being made to the police force and related how Scotland has 1000 more police than England- he has concerns regarding fly tipping if the Civic Waste Site at Martins Farm is closed. Richard also made some political points. Frank suggested that with the concerns Richard has regarding policing and the political points, advised him to write to Anthony Jackson.

2. Chairman's Report

The first thing is to thank our local Police Officers and PCSOs for the work they have put in over the summer months to continue to make our area one of the safest in the county. As always I thank panel members for the time and effort they put into attending NAP meetings – some have served almost five years on the panel.

This NAP has been very effective for a number of years and although attendance at our meetings fluctuates we have made an impact where it counts – in our local communities.

Our latest action plans involve attention to drug and alcohol abuse in our area, tackling speeding and road safety issues and acquisitive crime cutting initiatives – on all three we have made very good progress with excellent support from police and other agencies. I note we have a much increased following on our social media site which gives us a good platform for publicity.

I am very pleased that in the new blueprint for policing the Chief Constable has mentioned NAPS as being major players in the future of police and community relations. It is disappointing to note though that there are now only two NAPS left in Tendring – Clacton east and us although Colchester has 15 NAPS - the most recent casualty in Tendring is the Frinton and Walton NAP according to information I have just received –although there is hope it can be resurrected.

One interesting point I have picked up on is that Essex Police are to introduce a Crime and Incident Management Bureau to manage crime investigation and to assist the public in reporting crime.

Burglary is on the rise and it is important that we support the new initiatives that our local police are working on. The Selecta DNA property marking scheme involving advanced technology will help greatly, provided people understand what it is about and make full use of the marking kits. Parish and Town councils are key players in this.

I was very pleased to attend the Alresford Music Festival a few weeks ago and see and hear the Tendring Music Collective in action – these groups of young musicians are very talented and of course have received some funding from this NAP.

On Friday I will be meeting with Chris Palmer-Tomkinson (Lord Petre) the High Sheriff of Essex in nomination to discuss our NAP and future funding under the High Sheriffs award scheme. I will do all I can for our cause. He has indicated great interest in the work we have done so far and I am confident we will receive some grant funding from this scheme.

Thorrington and Frating have Speedwatch groups trained and ready to go – Alresford, Thorrington and Frating will share the speed gun and equipment. Pam Sadler the Chair of Thorrington PC has helped greatly on this as has former panel member Len Christodoulides and we thank PC Dan Heard for training the volunteers. I carried out a Speedwatch recently with PCSO Louise Cox and PCSO Sue Groves and in the space of an hour we had recorded a high number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit all the drivers will receive warning letters.

The fly-tipping of vehicle tyres is on the increase – I reported one of these instances on the B1027 where a heap of about fifty tyres were left – I was impressed to note that TDC removed these within 24hrs of my report and I hope fly- tipping does not escalate when the St. Osyth re-cycling plant closes.

3. Police Report - Sgt Fraser McCrae

Fraser spoke on some of the changes within the force locally with the closure of Brightlingsea Police station and how the police will be integrated with the Fire Brigades building; there will no longer be a front office for members of the public, although contact by phone will continue.

- Fraser gave details of crimes over the last three months in Brightlingsea, Thorpe, Alresford, Great Bentley, Thorrington and Frating.
- Crime has increased, but Tendring is still classed as a low crime area; on an average works out to one crime per day.
- Neighbourhood police are now on shift.

- All local events have had a police presence and links have been formed locally.
- HV patrols will continue in all areas.
- Frating and Thorrington speed watch team are now trained.
- The crime prevention initiative, with the new DNA packs, is being rolled out across the district with local councils
- Work with offender teams is ongoing
- Our police were required to assist with the recent riots
- Dale Farm is now beginning to get busy.
- Demand is going up and expectation is high

Lynda expressed her gratitude and praised the police for the way in which they handled a recent serious accident in Great Bentley. The victim of the accident, who has sadly died, was a very close friend and a popular and well known resident in the village. The concern at the time of the accident and follow up of help and advice given to the victim's daughter has been excellent and greatly appreciated.

4. Police Priorities Fraser reported there has been impact on the three priorities listed at the previous meeting, but there is more to do on them; it was agreed to keep the three priorities without change; -

1. Speeding vehicles featured strongly again for all areas but with some locations highlighted as more of a problem. Set up community speed watch. Identified by police and mentioned by some areas Frating and Thorrington, PC Dan Heard to be trained.
2. Identified by Police, insecure or vulnerable property such as houses, sheds, cars, etc in all areas. This is often a key factor in reported crime which is almost gifting criminals a prize each time.
3. Ensure where possible, police presence/interaction with the community at organised events such as festivals, fetes, school events and other similar public gatherings. All areas. Identified by police but also supported by organisers of such events. More police presence out and about on high visibility patrol, on foot and cycle.

Great Bentley Speedwatch was discussed and Lynda explained the reasons the team gave up; the main concern being the negativity and approach made regarding errors with vehicle registration numbers etc., Fraser believed that this approach was not necessary and would like to re-introduce a speed watch in Great Bentley.

5. Any Other Business

Adrian mentioned that 4Youth is looking to be re-located to Pencils in Brightlingsea. They are at the first stage in the process by applying for a change of use of the property. Sheila mentioned that Alresford Church is being extended; this will mean more rooms will be available.

- f) **Village Events requiring Police Attendance** – Clerk to advise PCSO regarding Circus dates.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.16pm

Signed: Chairman

Date:

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MP – Spoke on nuisance youths in the village and the issue of burger van/pub during biker nights and the Christmas Lights and how the event was supported and made more of an event.

MM – Spoke about the Lights and costs involved.

E – Spoke on Community First Responder Group within Great Bentley and requested support from the Parish Council for the setting up of the group. Cllrs supported the request following a formal proposal being received for discussion.

RA – Spoke on the parking problems from the gym in the village. The Clerk advised contact had been made with the gym for discussions to assist the problem but had not been acknowledged.

MOP – supports the gym's position within the village, is aware many of the members walk/cycle to the gym and feels that Tesco's are the main offenders for congestion. Also raised the point that bus kerbs are too high for residents with limited mobility as well as the platform at the station.

JT – Spoke on the Spinney and the report sent in from the Conservation Society and the invitation to meet with the experts.

MM – Spoke on the Bikers Nights and attempts to keep them off the Cricket Pitch.

*AC – Asked how the legalities for the Southside Football Pitch were coming along. **Clerk responded and to chase up.***

MP – Spoke on the gym parking.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd November in the Village Hall.