

Minutes of Great Bentley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting
7.15pm, Thursday 1st September 2011 in the Village Hall

Present

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

In Attendance – Approximately 16 electors.

27. Apologies for absence – None

28. 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.

29. Public Question Time – None

30. Minutes - RESOLVED: That the decisions recorded at the last Meeting on 4th August 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Balbirnie and Seconded by Cllr Edwards.

31. Planning Applications

Planning Reference No.	Application Details	Address	PC Comments
11/00898/FUL	Proposed two storey side extension to form additional living space and storage.	24 St Mary's Close, GB	No objections.
11/1012/TCA	1 No. Beech – Prune Row of Leylandii – Fell	20 Cherrywoods, GB	No objections.
11/00850/FUL	Construction of cattle loose yard. Change of use from redundant stackyard.	St Mary's Farm, GB	No objections so long as access to existing classified footpaths is not restricted.
11/00886/FUL	Erection of shower room and conservatory.	3/4 Chapel Terrace, Heckfords Road, GB	No objections.
11/00993/FUL	Erection of veranda around caravan.	8 Beech Way, Bentley Country Park.	No objections.
11/00994/FUL	Replacement dwelling (amendment to 09/00690/FUL)	St. Mary's Grange, St Mary's Road, GB	No comments.

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

32. Correspondence –

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

34. Forthcoming meetings

The next Meeting is scheduled for 6th October 2011.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.49hrs.

Signed: Chairman

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Mary Maskell – School clock still out of time.

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156. 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

157. Police Report – PCSO Barnes read out the report.

*Suspicious Circumstances - Hall View Road - (Male selling at door)
St Marys Road - (2 males in a van)*

Theft of Vehicle - Plough Road

*Criminal Damage - Colchester Road - (CCTV Cameras damaged PAS Trade)
The Green - (Red Lion Inn, tiles on roof damaged)
Heckfords Road - (Admiral farm sign damage)*

Theft from Motor Vehicle - Thorrington Road - (Index plates taken)

Nuisance Youth - Heckfords Road - (Youths running in front of vehicles)

RTC - Plough Road

Tendring District's Crime Reduction Officer gave a brief presentation on a rural crime reduction initiative which replaces the UV Pens. The kits are supplied to Parish Councils at a cost of £9.80p. 10 kits were given to the PC as a trial and it was resolved that the issue would be placed in the Parish Magazine to gauge public reaction to the scheme.

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

1) *There have been 2 more additions to the allotment waiting list and 3 plots have become vacant.*

- 2) *Network Rail has said occupancy of the Car Park can be from 1st November and the lease arrived today. Cllr McWilliams asked for the progress on the Big Society Application and the Clerk advised that 3 quotes were needed to support the application and Cllr Hills would supply details of local firms to contact. Cllr Taylor proposed two Members would be needed to sign the Network Rail lease, Cllr Hills suggested himself and Cllr Warder which Cllr McWilliams seconded. No objections.*

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

- 1) *Mr Howlett - Proposed bus stop at Sturricks Lane. Cllr McWilliams gave an update on the matter and a brief discussion ensued involving Cllr Derek Robinson who offered his support on the matter.*
- 2) *TDC – Special expenses 2012/13*
- 3) *ECC – Disposal of land at Sturricks Lane*
- 4) *Steven Parsons – Request for proposed TV documentary.*
- 5) *Lara Sargeant – Permission to hold fundraiser on the Green 8.10.11*
- 6) *EALC – New Councillor Training 25th September, 7pm*
- 7) *ECC – Road closure*
- 8) *ECC – Salt Bin Scheme – Cllr Wright offered to store any supplies for the salt bins.*
- 9) *GBYFC – Letter of thanks for Grant monies received.*

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

161. County and District Councillors Reports

- i) *County Councillor – Cllr Robinson spoke on the request for a stop sign at Heckfords/Weeley Road junction which was refused. Martins Farm Civic Amenity Site closure was discussed, a meeting is being arranged by St Osyth Parish Council inviting local Parish Councils to attend to lobby Cllr Kevin Bentley to stop the closure. **Clerk to chase St Osyth PC for a date for the meeting.***
- ii) *District Councillor – Cllr McWilliams spoke on Martins Farm closure and the Local Development Framework.*

162. Highways – *Cllr Herbert spoke on Tye Bridge, works have still not been carried out. Cllr Robinson advised that all markings on the roads indicate works are to be carried out.*

163. Village Car Parking – *No further update on the car park than otherwise mentioned and Cllr Edwards advised the Working Party had not convened for their second meeting. **Clerk to include Mick Dorling in the Working Party. Cllr Hills and the Clerk to liaise and draw up a specification of works.***

164. Village Bus Services – *A discussion took place regards the Go-Ride service and their request for funding towards the service. Cllr Hills suggested a note be placed in the magazine regards*

the use of the service. **Clerk to place on November agenda and advise Go-Ride that a decision will be made then.**

165. LED Lighting – Cllr Taylor gave his report on the issue and proposed a policy decision from Members that for all lamps where the fitting is damaged then the lamp be replaced with an LED fitting then look further into changing all street lamps to LED fittings. It was seconded by Cllr Hills. No objections.

166. Finance – Cllr Wright proposed the expenditure and Cllr Herbert seconded.

**Items of Expenditure for
September 2011**

01/09/2011	101096	M DORLING	G010	GRASS CUTTING VILLAGE GREEN	£356.00		£356.00
01/09/2011	101097	MR R MCWILLIAMS	A013	CARETAKER	£66.88		£66.88
01/09/2011	101098	K MAYHEW	A010	CLERKS SALARY	£615.64		£615.64
01/09/2011	101098	K MAYHEW	A023	REPAIRS TO PC/PRINTER	£4.68		£4.68
01/09/2011	101099	BRUCE LANDSCAPES	P070	PLAY EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	£430.00	£86.00	£516.00
01/09/2011	101100	FENN WRIGHT - CAR PARK	A016	CONSULTANCY FEES	£726.00		£726.00
01/09/2011	DD	E-ON	L010	ENERGY CHARGE	£250.89	£50.18	£301.07
01/09/2011	DD	TALKTALK GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL	A035	BROADBAND CHARGES	£16.33	£4.09	£20.42
01/09/2011	101101	M DORLING	A060	HIRE OF MEETING ROOM	£20.30		£20.30
01/09/2011	101102	LANDSCAPE SERVICES	M010	GENERAL MAINTENANCE	£240.00		£240.00
01/09/2011	101103	LANDSCAPE SERVICES	G020	STRIMMING	£45.00	£9.00	£54.00
01/09/2011	101104	LANDSCAPE SERVICES	G030	VERGE CUTTING	£420.00	£84.00	£504.00
01/09/2011	101105	FRIENDS OF HISTORIC ESSEX	A100	MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£10.00		£10.00
01/09/2011	101106	NFU MUTUAL GREAT BENTLEY VILLAGE HALL	A090	INSURANCES	£197.10		£197.10
01/09/2011	101107	LANDSCAPE SERVICES	A065	RESOURCE CENTRE RENT	£175.55		£175.55

167. Website – nothing to report.

168. Allotment Land – Cllr Hills advised that the original land had been offered back to the Parish Council and he proposed that on the basis that the PC is put back in the situation they were before the land was sold that the offer be accepted. Cllr McWilliams seconded. Cllr Taylor proposed two Members to sign the new agreement, Cllr Hills and Cllr Warder were suggested again, no objections.

The Meeting was closed at 20.45hrs

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169. Data Protection Act – No further action.

170. Queens Jubilee Celebrations 2012 – Cllr McWilliams gave her report and requested a donation of £2,000. Cllr Taylor proposed, Cllr Hills seconded, all in favour.

171. The Spinney – Clerk to place on next Agenda when Mick Dorling has returned from holiday.

172. Village Green Sub-Committee Report –

a) **Green Report** –

Green Meeting 09/11 held at The Community Resource Centre. 7.30pm 25th August 2011.
Those present Cllrs. B. Herbert, L. McWilliams, L. Edwards, G. Wright and C. Warder and our Contractor M. Dorling

Changes to spinney - Conservation Group letter has not been made available to us.

Veolia Water List - A list of minor items that need further attention after the reinstatement of The Green by Veolia Water has been compiled. We would prefer the work to be left to the PC and Veolia to pay for it. Could we seek their opinion on that?

Tractor and Mower - A repair to the flat mower has been made by Bellet. The Ford tractor has also needed their attention, battery not recharging, may be the dynamo.

Running Club

There are burn marks on The Green where The Running Cub held a barbeque on Sunday 21st. We felt they should consult with us before they hold these unauthorised events and would like The Clerk to write to them.

Tree surgeon working on behalf of ECC has inspected the large trees on the Green - report to follow.

A quote has been received for work on the willow trees behind The Mill Flats. Cllr Herbert advised it was quite high and further quotes to be obtained. **Cllr Herbert to advise of details of contractors to approach.**

The tree at Moorlands Farm to be reduced, letter of courtesy to be sent to person who planted it – speak to Bill.

Play Area.

Cllr McWilliams and myself met with Kirsty Richardson from TDC re: contributions from developers due to us under the 106 agreement. These contributions could be spent on new play equipment. There is room for another item without expanding the area.

Cllr Hills suggested a copy of the Section 106 agreement be obtained and then a decision be made.

Land Registry - Has the Clerk had a reply from The Land Registry regarding the PCs ownership of The Green.

Cllr Hills spoke on the situation with the allotments and asked Members to confirm that costs were to be discussed with the Councils solicitors.

b) Planning -

173. Other Reports

a) Tendring District Association of Local Councils – No report.

b) Transport Report –

Good news; some of you may be aware that the 77 Service will be increasing in frequency as from the 4th September 2011. During the main part of the day there will be two buses on, so the service will become hourly. The change will also mean a more regular service to Colchester General Hospital.

Full details are on the enclosed timetable. You will also see on the timetable that that there is a service from Clacton Rail Station in the mornings with just 1 run and again in the late afternoon with 1 run. This has been extended to Clacton mainly for Essex Council Transport who have some college students who need to travel to North station although it is still open to the general public.

As previously stated the daily Horizon 79 service from Brightlingsea to Clacton was just not viable. However this has been taken up by Go Ride, with service on Tuesday and Saturday only from Brightlingsea to Clacton. The service will operate 3 times a day in both directions and one journey will be via Great Bentley/Aingers Green as detailed in last month's magazine. Please note however that this is initially for an 8 week period, again to see if there are sufficient passengers to make the service viable not only from Brightlingsea but also from our village.

c) **Footpath Report** – The Footpath Rep gave a brief report. Cllr Hills asked the Footpat

d) **Caretaker Report** –

The play area is in good order, just a small amount of litter. Bikers Nights - moderate amount of litter in the usual places. Spinney and pond both good. Recycling Centres are clean and tidy and well used. On Tuesday 16th August I noticed close to the junction of Lovers Lane and Tye Road; fly Tipping, consisting of approximately 20 tyres; reported to T.D.C. at 14.50.hrs
All notice boards are in good order with up to date information including the new Bus Timetables.

e) **NAP Report** – No report.

f) **Village Events requiring Police Attendance** – Nothing to report.

Business having been concluded, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.13pm.

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MOP – Requested when the seat at Aingers Green would be replaced – **Clerk to contact Livertons and advise the PC will purchase the seat and get them to pay.**

DG – Spoke on the Spinney and the Heather Patch

JT – Urged Members to read the Conservation Report and take on board the points raised in the report.

JN, The Plough P.H. – Spoke about the Biker Nights and the affect the burger van was having on their business, felt the PC should not be allowing the catering vendors to be on the Green. Cllr Hills suggested all the points raised be put in writing for formal discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting.

MM – Spoke on the allotment issue.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October in the Village Hall.