

# **GREAT BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11 NOVEMBER 2015**

Present: Cllrs Dyson ( Chair), Ruffle (Vice Chair) Slemmings, Hockley, Graham, Kennedy, Walsh

In attendance Cllr Peter Schwier

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Schwier who spoke about the Local Plan and that during 2016 consultation with the parishes would take place regarding the Call for Site. It was interesting that there is an over subscription in relation to need. He also referred to the fact the parish councils could access, free of charge, the latest update from Ordnance Survey in which the government invest £55m. He also highlighted the fact that when preparing the budget figures for the 2016/17 Precept the Council may have to take into account a decrease of approximately 12% - which is the reduction expected by the District Council from Central Government.

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations to record

### **2. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2015**

These were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Slemmings seconded Cllr Graham.

### **4. CLERK'S REPORT**

**Finchingfield Bridge:** A response had been received from the letter to Cllr Johnson, Cabinet Member for Highways Delivery. It stated that a diversion would be put in place during the work to take place in July 2016 although the use of a temporary bridge had been considered. Among the reason this is not a possibility is the work would increase from 4 months to 8 months and the cost was estimated at £380,000. There was a general feeling that the impact on residents, businesses and the Health Centre was so detrimental that alternatives should be considered.

**Village Map:** Cllr Dyson had reviewed the map again and requested some minor changes and the intention was that would be ready for printing following the December meeting.

**Grass Verge Castle Shot:** MDLandscapes had cut this area as requested and it would now be added to their maintenance contract. The Clerk had been in conversation with ERH regarding the hedge which if an owner cannot be readily identified may also be considered for maintenance by the Parish Council.

**Local Bus Consultation:** A letter has been acknowledged by the Transport Manager and this item is to be on the Cabinet Agenda on 19 November.

**Pavement Parking:** A letter had been sent to Nockolds, the resident's solicitors, as requested. No further communications had been received.

**Co-op Stores:** There were two areas of concern that are being pursued (i) Damage to the Memorial Garden and (ii) the damaged Gemini bin outside the store. Members had been copied in to the email correspondence. Although it was disappointing that the Co-op were not taking the matter more seriously, the Asst. Manager advised Cllr Kennedy that she would report the situation to the new Area Manager and suggest the Co-op purchase two new bins.

## 5. FINANCE November 2015

	PAYMENT TO	AMOUNT	CHQ. NO.	POWERS
1	E-on	£128.88	D/D	Parish Council Act 1957
2	A&J Lighting Solutions	£67.50	S/O	Parish Council Act 1957
3	Powergen D/D re Pavilion Supply wef May 15	£18.00	D/D	Local Gov(MP)Act 1976
4	Anglia Water	£7.00	D/D	Local Gov(MP)Act 1976
5	Community Information Point	£70.00	D/D	Local Gov Act 1972
6	MDL Sept £535.20 + Oct £535.20	£1,070.40	0156	Open Space Act 1906
7	Mr I Fox Railing Paint	£39.31	0157	Open Space Act 1906
8	JRB Enterprises Dog Bags 12,000	£180.00	0158	Local Gov Act 1972
9	A Kemp Garden Services Oct 15	£96.00	0159	Local Gov Act 1972
10	BDC Community Bus Hire	£125.40	0160	Local Gov Act 1972
11	Employee 1	£498.83	0161	Local Gov Act 1972
12	HMR&C Tax	£124.60	0162	Local Gov Act 1972
13	Viking Stationery -Paper/Inks/note books	£101.04	0163	Local Gov Act 1972
		<b>£2,526.96</b>		

**The sum of £2450.00 to be transferred to meet the above payments**

**Proposed Cllr Walsh**

**Seconded Cllr Ruffle**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION POINT				
	BT Broadband Acc 37324132	£21.00	D/D	Local Gov Act 1972
	BT Landline 810327 Acc 37653521	£23.00	D/D	Local Gov Act 1972
	BT Internet Line Acc 37653522	£26.00	D/D	Local Gov Act 1972
		<b>£70.00</b>		
MONIES RECEIVED				
	Bridge End Youth FC	£25.00		
	Community Bus - Bardfield Players	£135.00		Note £10 refund to IR
ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 02/11/15				
	Treasurers Acc 17956560	£719.44		O/S Cheques £390
	Business Call Account 00195929	£70,648.08		
	Special Projects Account 00655423	£6,434.24		
	New Pavilion Account 00710238	£52,241.36		
		<b>£130,043.12</b>		

## **6. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**15/01354/OUT Land at Braintree Road:** Due to the volume of paperwork that had to be digested, the Clerk was asked to request an extension to the 7 December deadline. There was agreement on how the Members felt about the application but wished to discuss all aspects of the impact of such a development and to prepare a comprehensive response.

**15/01305/FUL The New house,** first floor extension. This was considered as over development of the site and as part of the historic centre and the design of the proposed extension would impact detrimentally on the street scene due to its location and proximity to significant dwellings.

**15/01356/FUL The Vine PH,** steel staircase and creation of storage. There were no objections.

**15/01371/FUL The Nurture Barn,** erection of single storey extension. There were no objections.

## **7. PLAYINGFIELDS/PAVILION PROJECT**

**Firework Event:** Attendance was estimated at 500 with the raffle doing well. Exact figures should be known within a few days.

**Playground Project:** A meeting was still to be arranged with the Contractor and once some more details were agreed the play equipment company could be appointed. In the meantime the Clerk was liaising with BDC in regard to the 106 funds and preparing stage 1 of a Tesco grant application.

## **8. POLICE**

Nothing to report. Cllr Schwier stated that Flitch Green was considering appointing a security firm to patrol the estate due to the lack of police presence.

## **9. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

The flooding problem at Bridge End and in Bridge Street was discussed and the lack of a speedy response from ECC. The village handyman had visited the site to clear any leaves they may have caused the problem but this was not considered to be the case.

Cllr Hockley reported that a resident had highlighted the fact that the road from Bardfield to Saling is not categorised.

## **10. PIPERS MEADOW**

Cllr Walsh would be liaising with MDLandscapes regarding some immediate maintenance work and BDC to discuss the proposed 10 year maintenance plan.

## **11. ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Kennedy and Graham would continue to liaise with the PPP group and walk the six trails identified in the Great Bardfield walks. They would report on any problems and lack of signage. It was confirmed that lay people acting within the authority of the PC would be covered by its insurance and risk assessments would be carried out before any planned works.

Other items discussed:-

The Bus Shelter to be cleaned again

The Fountain – brickwork may need repointing in the near future

Rubbish Bin – being left outside houses where it isn't necessary

## **12. CORRESPONDENCE**

All items had been circulated or included within the Agenda

## **13. ITEMS OF REPORT**

**Councillor Training:** Cllr Graham has attended the most recent course

**UDC Consultation on Local Plan:** Cllr Walsh would be attending the meeting on 12 November at Foakes Hall

**Street Lighting:** Dark spots on Crown Street and the Causeway. Quotations would be obtained and consideration given to including any expenditure in a future Precept Northampton Meadow – Day burners to be reported to ECC.

**Christmas Lights:** These are ready to switch on next month.

## **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will be held on 9 December 2015 in the Committee Room at 8.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm