

Meeting of Great Bentley Parish Council

Held on Zoom on 1st April 2021

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7.44 pm

Present: Cllr Dennitts (Chairman), Cllr Herbert, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harry, Cllr Hills, Cllr Edwards & Cllr Wright. Also, in attendance were the Clerk and 5 members of the public.

04.21.041 Apologies for absence: Cllr Adams & Cllr Plummer

04.21.042 Declarations of interest:
Cllr Herbert – Non-pecuniary Interest: Southside track. Pecuniary Interest: Football Club

04.21.043 Information and reports since last meeting:
Smaller segments of the Green spraying: Proposed Cllr Herbert, Seconded Cllr Hills, **Resolved:** To contract Hill Farm Landscapes.
Tetrapac Recycling Bin offered by TDC to be placed beside the bottle banks: Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Edwards, **Resolved:** No objection.
Request from NHS Ride of Thanks Essex for 1000 motorcyclists to use the Green: Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Hills, **Resolved:** Unable to give permission for this event the same as unable to give permission for regular bike meets.

04.21.044 Minutes of meeting:
Proposed Cllr Harry, Seconded Cllr Taylor, **Resolved:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings.

04.21.045 Public Forum: A resident noted that if 1000 people take part in the NHS ride use of lavatories and virus control should be a consideration.

04.21.046 County and District Councillors Reports:

- a) District Councillor - Cllr L McWilliams (See Appendix A)

Cllr McWilliams noted:

The A133-A120 link road has approval.

If an event has more than 500 attendees, the organizer must liaise with TDC Safety Advisory Group.

Dealing with parking issues at entrance to The Path.

- b) County Councillor - Cllr A Goggin (See Appendix B)

Cllr Goggin noted the following:

Local Highways Panel's primary role is for matters of safety. £600,000 has been allocated for Tending this year.

Flag Hill traffic measures will take place this year.

Footpath 13 bridges should be installed in April.

Cllr Goggin will not be at the next meeting as it is election day but said it had been a pleasure to work with the Councillors, and Cllr Dennitts thanked him for his work

04.21.047 Other Reports:

- a) Transport – Cllr Harry – Drainage work at Forge Lane being carried out exactly as agreed.

- b) Footpaths – Mr D Gollifer – Report noted (See Appendix C)

- c) Caretaker - Mr R. McWilliams – Report noted (See Appendix D)

- d) TDALC – Cllr Taylor – Tending Action Plan for climate change has been published. A120 rubbish ongoing.

04.21.048 Finance:

- a) Proposed Cllr Harry, Seconded Cllr Hills, Cllr Wright abstained as report not seen, **Resolved:** to approve the monthly expenditure report. Cllrs Edwards & Taylor to authorise on-line (Appendix E)

- b) The monthly bank reconciliations were noted.

04.21.049 Correspondence:

- a) Request to smarten the triangular noticeboard. Proposed Cllr Harry, Seconded Cllr Dennitts, Cllr Taylor abstained, **Resolved:** to remove the noticeboard and replace with a Village of the Year sign.

- b) Request to proof-read the Parish Magazine before publication was discussed. Advice obtained from EALC. Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Wright, **Resolved:** To add a disclaimer to the whole of the website regarding posts from sources other than the Parish Council.

- c) Request to commemorate Rose Allin for the Essex Lieutenancy's project. Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Taylor, **Resolved:** To accept the proposal from the Essex Lieutenancy project and speak to the Cricket Club to seek approval to have the blue plaque on their premises.

- d) Request to consider the reduced husbandry of the roadside verges. Following a discussion, Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded Cllr Herbert, **Resolved:** to reply using the statement in the Green Report and note the area identified by ECC of rare grasses on the Green which is only cut once per year under the supervision of the Conservation Group.
- e) Letter regarding inconsiderate parking at The Path near the Pharmacy. Cllr McWilliams is also dealing with this. Proposed Cllr Harry, Seconded Cllr Edwards, **Resolved:** Clerk to liaise with Cllr McWilliams and to advise the PCSO and the Parking Partnership when times the congestion occurs are received.
- f) Letter regarding parking on the kerb opposite Tesco. A discussion took place which included the suggestions of the installation of railings, bollards, kerbs, or restriction for HGVs and safety. Cllr Goggin advised that if this is to be taken to the LHP, evidence is required to be provided showing that it is dangerous. Only one resident has complained (on several occasions). Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Wright, **Resolved:** to monitor for the next 6 months to gather evidence to be put forward to the Local Highways Panel, if after 6 months we decide that a single kerb or other solution is necessary. Put in Parish Magazine article to gather evidence
- g) Letter regarding an occasional mobile carwash at the west side of the Green was noted. Clerk to thank resident for the report.

04.21.050 Parish Council Grants:

Following further information, Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Harry, **Resolved:** Grant to Conservation Group £100.

04.21.051 Village Green & Allotment Working Party: (Appendix F)

- a) Proposed Cllr Wright, Seconded Cllr Taylor, Cllrs Herbert & Hills abstained, **Resolved:** To recruit a Land Agent to liaise with Dalcour Maclaren regarding the Dead of Easement and Heads of Terms re Cadent gas main.
- b) The agenda item for proposed knee-rails along the Southside track was not discussed as it was deemed that the surface of the track needs to be discussed as well. All Councillors to put forward proposals with explanations of how the surface can be improved before the next meeting
Cllr Goggin and Cllr McWilliams were asked to discover what thoughts ECC and TDC may have regarding this and what funds might be available from them.

04.21.052 Future Meetings:

To follow Government guidelines, the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on-line using Zoom on 6th May 2021 at 7pm. The Planning Committee meeting and the Parish Council meeting will follow immediately after. There will be no Annual Parish meeting this year.

04.21.053 Public Forum:

A resident suggested that a single kerb opposite Tesco would provide a visual deterrent to some, but sometimes it has to be accepted that there is not an answer to everything. It would be a deterrent to some but not all.

Meeting closed 9.16 pm

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

Appendix A

TENDRING LEISURE CENTRES SET OUT ROAD MAP FOR RE-OPENING

Leisure centers in Tendring are and will be re-open, in line with the government roadmap.

From 29 March outdoor grass sports pitches are available to book in line with the requirements of each sport's national body, the re-opening of further leisure services is subject to the roadmap 'not before' dates and may change depending on the situation.

Leisure Centers are to re-open from 12 April, offering gym sessions, lane and family swimming plus junior swim lessons, and youth or disabled club activities. Racket sports are also permitted for single households or bubbles, with the exception of squash.

From the 17th of May fitness classes will resume as will adult swimming lessons, and the flume at Walton-on-the-Naze Lifestyles can be used again. Racket sports are expected to be open under the rule of six, except squash – where national body guidance is awaited.

Existing leisure memberships will be free for April and May, as the January payment taken before lockdown was introduced will cover the costs. From June, memberships will be at 75% rate. Annual memberships have been extended to account for the months of closure.

THE NEW A120 – A 133 LINK ROAD

I appreciate that highways is Alan's area but in case you were not aware I thought you would be interested in the information relating to the new Link Road from Tendring's perspective. A virtual exhibition for the proposals is available to view at www.essex.gov.uk/link-road-and-rapid-transit A planning application is due to be submitted at the end of this month.

NEW HOMES IN JAYWICK SANDS GO ON THE MARKET

The ten new homes in Jaywick Sands have been completed.

Five of the new homes in Lotus Way will be council housing, and tenants are being identified for the properties in the coming weeks, while the other five houses will be sold.

TDC has adopted a Local Lettings and Sales Policy for the houses, meaning priority for the council homes will be given to people from the local area. Meanwhile the properties for sale will be prioritised for local people and key workers.

Opposite the housing development, work is underway on a £2million scheme for a covered market and business units.

Ecological surveys have begun on the site as part of the Essex County Council and TDC initiative, being led by HAT Projects.

The market project received £1.972m from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) from the Getting Building Fund (GBF).

TDC has also committed, through its Housing Strategy, to building 100 further homes in Jaywick Sands.

NO CHANGES TO WASTE COLLECTIONS OVER BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Residents are being reminded that there are no changes to waste and recycling collections over the April bank holiday weekend.

Previously a bank holiday would have meant changes to households' collection days, but with the new waste service which fully rolled out during the summer of 2019 this will no longer happen.

Lynda

[Cllr. Lynda McWilliams](#)

[Ward Councillor to the Parishes of Great Bentley Frating and Little Bentley](#)

[TDC Cabinet Member with the portfolio for Partnerships](#)

Appendix B

1.	Local Highway Panel	Meeting 18 March	Extra £200K per panel each year for next 3 years. Should improve speed of delivery	The Gt. Bentley item of Flag Hill Cottages safety measures approved for this year.
2.	Cabinet. AG attended	March 16	Climate Change Action commission initial interim report	Some items already being worked on. EG is new schools buildings being carbon net from outset.
3.	Adult Community Learning Forum	March 12 briefing	Improvements and ambitions discussed for 10 main centres	Locally to GB are Colchester & Clacton.
4.	Back to school AG's education portfolio.	COVID return	Across Essex 470 primary & 80 Secondary schools. Early fears not materialized – yet?	Early days. Statistics good. One school temporarily shut.
5.	21/22 rates bills delivered from Tendring	Individual rate bill per house	The largest proportion of total bill [64%] is paid to ECC with zero increase. Fire & rescue also zero.	TDC = 9% @ + 3.5%. Police & Comm = 11.2% @ +5% Adult Care = 7% @ + 1.5%. Parish = 3.5%
6.	ECC members grant 21/22	Remains at £10K	In My division I was able to increase £10K to £15K with joint initiatives.	Thinking caps on!
7.	Rapid COVID 19 lateral flow kits	Test yourself at home. FREE.	Available from hubs. Locally Colchester Library probably nearest	Using Library building as HUB. AG also attended Harlow public meeting for same.

8.	Happy to chat seats	Installed in Thorrington & Brightlingsea	To follow this month IN Alresford & St.Osyth	GB resident spotted in social media and will write to Parish.
9.	Walkway bridges	Right of way. Bridge repairs	Chased again. Promised for April.	Wet weather and flooded land has stopped access.
10.	Colne School Brightlingsea.	Expansion	Extra 300 places. Expansion agreed at Cabinet – AG endorsed.	LHP part. Zebra crossing at last. Meeting to agree 04/01/21 Part funded
11.	Speed reviews over whole county.		Trying to change "criteria". From National to Hertfordshire	Kevin Bentley in favour. Mentioned at full council.
12.	Frating Book store. Main road	Works finished.	Improved bus stop and right turn options. Management advised.	Completed on time. Little inconvenience to road users. One water issue for Frating.
13.	Flooding - on green	The Path & Forge Lane.	All agreed. Thanks to Cllrs attended site meeting	Scheduled for next ¾ weeks. Weather and ground allowing

Appendix C

Footpath Report for Great Bentley Parish Council, March 2021

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:

1. Heckford Road to Colchester Road (A133)
2. Sturrick Farm to Colchester Road (A133)
3. Heckford Road to Sturrick Lane
4. Thorrington Road to Great Bentley Road
5. Parish Church to Frating abbey

7. Clacton Road (B1027) to Thorrington Creek
8. Great Bentley Green to St. Mary's Road
10. Hollybush Hill (B1027) to Marsh Farm
11. Weeley Road to Colchester Road (A133)
12. Birch estate to St. Mary's Road
13. Plough Road (Ainger's Green) to Frating Abbey Farm Road
17. Tye Road to Weeley via Coppice Farm
19. Dead Lane to HollybushHill (B1027)
20. Cinder Path St. Mary's Farm

Notes on paths as at 31/03/21

8. Pedestrian crossing upgraded at rail track. ECC Order 2021 closes path from 02/04/21 for up to 6 months whilst access roads are constructed for housing development. The section of the path to be closed runs to the NW from Bridleway 20.
12. Pedestrian crossing upgraded at rail track
20. Diversion to Bridleway opened

D.E.Gollifer
Footpath Representative (31/03/21)

Appendix D

Starting with the play area, all in good order and getting more used every day. At the bottle bank, all in good shape with just a small amount of broken glass. Meanwhile at the clothing banks, this area has now been cleared and the fence has also been repaired. The station car park is now clear of all railway vehicles and two railway staff where in the process of clearing up. The allotments are looking good and with the better weather everyone is taking advantage of this. Fly tipping is at an all-time low, but this could change over-night.

Many thanks.
Bobby. Caretaker for Gt. Bentley

Appendix E

List of Payments made between 01/04/2021 and 10/04/2021.
Co-Op Current Bank A/c

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
01/04/2021	Verilocation	DD	12.00		Tractor GPS
10/04/2021	TalkTalk	DD	39.10		Telephone & Broadband
29/04/2021	Haven Power	DD	359.00		Energy for Streetlighting
30/04/2021	K. Paradise	STO	1199.00		Clerk Salary

Payments made between 01/04/2021 and 21/04/2021.
Unity Trust Current A/c

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
06/04/2021	R McWilliams	BACS	69.24		Village Caretaker
06/04/2021	TMB Ltd	BACS	127.68		I.T.
06/04/2021	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	BACS	24.98		Play Area Parts
06/04/2021	Signs Made Easy	BACS	30.00		'Property of GBPC' labels
06/04/2021	Sibbons (Alresford).	BACS	38.40		5 Traffic Cones
06/04/2021	Zoom	BACS	14.39		K Paradise - Zoom
06/04/2021	GBVH	BACS	224.20		Office Rent
06/04/2021	EALC	BACS	84.00		Planning Course
06/04/2021	HMRC	BACS	1,119.02		Tax & NI Mth 9-12
06/04/2021	Agrii	BACS	102.24		Fertilizer/weed killer
21/04/2021	Essex Pension Fund	BACS	458.13		ERs,EEs, Admin pension

Appendix F

Green Committee 0421

Those involved in discussion: Cllrs. P. Harry, P. Dennitts, R. Adams, B. Herbert and for a short time Cllr. L. Edwards and the Councils Grass Cutting Contractor M. Dorling

Position of seat.

We established the position of Geoff Wrights memorial seat and marked the ground with paint.

Letter re roadside verges and The Green.

The P.C. have an agreement with ECC whereby the P.C. are paid to cut the verges alongside the unclassified roads using a local contractor. We are not in a position to decide whether to do so or not. We do however have some conservation verges that are only cut once per year and they are supervised by Essex Wildlife Trust.

Should we cut the Green or not? The vast majority of users would say yes. Dog mess, fire hazard and litter would be the main reasons and also it is used for many sports. We do have an area which is allowed to grow and is only cut once per year and is overseen by The Conservation Group.

Parking in the Path.

There often are large vans parked inconsiderately at the entrance to The Path, some of these are delivering to The Pharmacy and at least one belonging to a local resident. This may get worse now that TDC have allowed the Pharmacies only parking space and waste bin area to be built on. Should we ask the PCSO to observe and do what she can?

Cadent gas at Green Corner.

Cadent appear to be going to extraordinary lengths to register a short extension to their pipework. The opinion of the committee is that if Cadent are willing to pay all expenses and we are willing to do the extra work then we should.

Southside Track

At the time of the meeting the best that could be said is that the work is unfinished.

VOY signs. Remove all the signs. Give the Village Hall two signs to keep as a record of the history of the village. New replacement VOY sign to be placed at the Plough/Cricket Club corner. One sign to be placed at Aingers Green on non ECC land. The signs were originally paid for from the money raised the at the Party on The Green in the year 2000. The final £460 of that fund was incorporated into P.C. funds a few years ago by Clerk Kevin Harkin.

The Allotment Toilet door has needed to be repaired after it was left unlocked. Waiting for an inspection by VH Committee member.

Five new cones have been placed outside The Garage.

The wooden Recycling compound has needed repairs, which have been done.
The War memorial base repairs are completed to our satisfaction.