

Meeting of Great Bentley Parish Council

Held on Zoom on 6th May 2021

MINUTES

Meeting commenced at 7.28 pm

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

05.21.057 Apologies for absence: Alan Goggin

05.21.058 Declarations of interest:
Cllr Herbert – Non-pecuniary Interest: Southside track. Pecuniary Interest: Football Club
Cllr Adams – Non-pecuniary Interest: Contractor M Dorling and Trustee of Village Hall

05.21.059 Information and reports since last meeting:
The Clerk has resigned but will carry out duties as much as possible until a replacement is found.
A discussion was held about the absence of the PCSO
Clerks report to be shortened. Chairman and Clerk to cull.

05.21.060 Minutes of meetings:
a) Proposed Cllr Harry, Seconded Cllr Edwards, **Resolved:** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st April 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings.
b) Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded Cllr Edwards, **Resolved:** To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23rd April 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings.

05.21.061 Public Forum: None

05.21.062 County and District Councillors Reports:
a) District Councillor - Cllr L McWilliams (See Appendix A)

b) County Councillor - Cllr A Goggin (apologies received)

05.21.063

Other Reports:

- a) Transport – Cllr Harry – Nothing to report
- b) Footpaths – Mr D Gollifer – Report noted (See Appendix B)
- c) Caretaker - Mr R. McWilliams – Report noted (See Appendix C)
- d) TDALC – Cllr Taylor – Meeting in May

05.21.064

Finance:

- a) Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Hills, **Resolved:** to approve the monthly expenditure report. (Appendix D)
- b) The monthly bank reconciliation for Unity Trust was noted.
- c) Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded Cllr Edwards, **Resolved:** to approve the year end bank reconciliation.
- d) The financial year end 2020/21 carried forward figure of £97,231 (section 2 box 8) was confirmed.
- e) Proposed Cllr Taylor, Seconded Cllr Edwards, Cllr Hills abstained, **Resolved:** to approve Section one, Annual Governance Statement, of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21
- f) Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Taylor, Cllr Hills abstained, **Resolved:** to approve Section two, Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21.
- g) Internal Audit Report 2020/21 recommendations were noted
- h) The clerk to purchase a new voice recorder for when the Parish Council meetings commence again in the village hall.
- i) Proposed Cllr Harry, Seconded Cllr Hills, **Resolved:** to approve the cost of new 'no parking on the Green' signs
Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Adams, **Resolved:** Cllr Wright to have signs made for spraying on the Green.

05.21.065

Correspondence:

- a) Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Harry, Cllr Herbert Abstained, **Resolved:** to give permission for the Friends of The Green to carry out the customary fund-raising on the Green.
- b) Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Harry, **Resolved:** to give permission from the Youth Football Club to erect a marquee on the Green in front of the clubhouse for the annual awards evening in July.
- c) Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Edwards, **Resolved:** following a request from a resident for a litter bin at the Heckford's Road entrance to PROW footpath 3, Cllr Harry to speak to Go Homes to see if a bin could be placed on the open space. Cllr Taylor suggested TDC to be consulted to see if they have capacity to empty it.

- 05.21.066 Village Green & Allotment Working Party:** (Appendix E)
The request from Market Field Farm for work placement opportunities was discussed. Proposed Cllr Edwards, Seconded Cllr Wright, **Resolved:** Clerk to write to say that the Parish Council is not in a position to look at now, will look again when a new clerk is in place and consider for the budget, revisit in March 2022 for next season.
- 05.21.067 Southside Track:**
Written proposals were put forward by Cllr Dennitts and Cllr Adams before the meeting. Cllr Hills and Cllr Wright put forward proposals during the discussion. A lengthy discussion was held about how in a legal way, the track could be upgraded and the Green protected.
Cllrs Dennitts and Adams withdrew their proposals and Cllr Wright amended his proposal.
Residents of Southside were invited to give their comments.
Cllr Hills proposal was not agreed.
Proposed Cllr Wright, amended by Cllr Hills, Seconded by Cllr Taylor, **Resolved:** Cllr Hills to provide a letter for Councillors to approve before contacting a lawyer for advice on what the options would be.
It was agreed the Parish Council will give Cllr Hills clear instructions and Cllr Hills will obtain the rate for legal costs.
- 05.21.068 Village Magazine Article:**
Proposed Cllr Dennitts, Seconded Cllr Taylor, **Resolved:** To give the article to developers to pass to their customers
- 05.21.069 Water Supply to the Michael Mitchell Memorial Allotment Site:**
Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Adams, **Resolved:** Accept and thank Cala Homes for the donation of £1000 to have a water supply added to the allotment site. Cllr Hills to apply to Affinity Water for a service to the site.
- 05.21.070 Next Meeting:**
Legally, Parish Council on-line meetings cannot take place after 7th May and following guidelines, it is not advised to have meetings in the hall before 21st June. Proposed Cllr Hills, Seconded Cllr Harry, **Resolved:** There will be no Parish Council meeting in June, the next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 1st July 2021. Clerk will send payment lists and scanned invoices to Councillors to approve.

The fair has asked to come to Great Bentley for the weekend of 28th June. Cllr Wright will advise the fair to contact the Clerk again.

05.21.071

Public Forum:

A resident asked for the cones along Southside to be removed

The play area seats which were removed due to Covid will be reinstated after 21st June.

Meeting closed: 8.54 pm

Chairman's Signature:

Date:

Appendix A

I am afraid there is very little to report on at this present time due to the Pre-Election Period for Essex County Council Councillors, and the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner elections.

NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED AT TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

A new chairman was selected at Tendring District Council (TDC) annual meeting, held on Tuesday 27th April 2021, the full council voted for Cllr. Jeff Bray, who has been the Vice Chairman for the last two years and he replaces the outgoing Chairman Cllr. Dan Land.

Cllr Peter Harris was elected as the Vice Chairman.

BUT.....

I have, kept the Clerk informed on various points that have been raised to me and others by Great Bentley residents.

One main point of concern has been the next stage with the Reserved Matters Application for the Taylor Wimpey development of 136 properties off Weeley Road Great Bentley.

As you know this development was approved by a Government Appeals Inspector, as the application went to Appeal when Tendring District Council's Planning Department refused the outline planning application.

I am waiting for the Reserved Matter Application to come forward as I shall be calling it to go before the Council's Planning Committee.

Meanwhile I have had many emails and conversations regarding the proposed plan. One being over the situation that had occurred recently with Anglian Water's pumping station along Weeley Road, and the overflow of sewerage that had occurred. The residents are concerned with the impact on the pumping station due to the building of more houses in the area. Fortunately, I have a

particularly good Engineer contact at Essex who has helped enormously with the many sewerage and flooding issues at Frating, Thorrington Road's Pumping Station, also with the matters at Weeley Road.

Another point is the new positioning of the access and egress to the site which will cause a headlight impact to the properties opposite the entrance.

Tendring District Council's Planning Officers are aware of the situations that have occurred.

Another matter that has been raised is the situation with parking at the Pharmacy when Pharmacy vehicles are unloading deliveries and allegedly blocking the access to and from The Path.

I did speak to the Pharmacy regarding the concerns.

Cllr Peter Harry agreed to accompany me on one of my visits to the area recently, and we were able to speak to two residents who had already related their concerns.

One point that had been discussed was to ask for double yellow lines in the area, but it was thought the idea would cause many unwanted knock on effects, neither would it prevent the delivery vehicles from parking to unload goods.

At present an acceptable idea has been to request a white lined marking on the road, previously known as a Hockey Stick, to help the disabled resident who has difficulties with cars blocking his gateway.

Many thanks

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

Footpath Report for Great Bentley Parish Council, April 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 Hollybush Hill (B1027)
20. Cinder Path St. Mary's Farm

Notes on paths as at 30/04/21

5. Pedestrian traffic lights not working at rail track (Highways Ref: 2714993 dd. 26/04/21)
13. Two footbridges repaired (Highways Ref. 2663119 dd. 16/04/20)

D.E.Gollifer

Footpath Representative (30/04/21)

Appendix C

Starting with the play area, all is in good order except for a couple of signs (about Covid-19) one of which was broken in half. This was handed over to Mick Dorling to deal with. Bottle bank next, as usual this is well used, clean and tidy. Just around the corner is the clothing bank, clean and tidy. Both car parks well used with little rubbish. The allotments are looking good, as everything is coming into bud. Fly tipping, starting with Tye Road, someone dumped 15 sheets of asbestos on the side of the road just before the junction of Wick road. Along Frating Abbey Farm road there are 4 lots of rubbish. All fly tipping has been reported to T.D.C. and awaiting their removal.

Many thanks.

Bobby, Caretaker for Gt. Bentley.

Appendix D

Co-op Bank

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized	Transaction Detail
29/04/2021	Haven Power	DD	359.00		Energy for Streetlighting
30/04/2021	K Paradise	STO	1,199.00		Clerk Salary
01/04/2021	Verilocation	DD	12.00		Tractor GPS
14/04/2021	TalkTalk	DD	39.10		Telephone & Broadband
Total Payments £1609.10					

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Authorized Ref	Transaction Detail
11/05/2021	A&J Lighting	BACS	7,353.42	Budget 2020-21	LED/Heads Upgrade
11/05/2021	Agrii	BACS	102.24		Compitox plus
11/05/2021	Bellet Ltd	BACS	1,458.96		Tractor & Mower Service
11/05/2021	Bentley Admin	BACS	46.50		Payrol Qtr to April 2021
11/05/2021	M Dorling	BACS	444.00		Mowing and maintenance
11/05/2021	EALC	BACS 5	74.86		EALC & NALC affiliation fees
11/05/2021	Essex Pension Fund	BACS	458.13		Ers,EEs,Admin
11/05/2021	Heelis & Lodge	BACS	225.00		Internal Audit
11/05/2021	Landscape Services	BACS	456.00		Strimming 8.4.21
11/05/2021	R McWilliams	BACS	69.24		Village Caretaker
11/05/2021	Smith-IT	BACS	549.00		Fix Website/Annual Host Fee
11/05/2021	TMB Ltd	BACS	127.68		IT contracts
11/05/2021	Great Bentley Cub Pack	BACS	315.00	03.21.034	Grant
11/05/2021	The Scout Group	BACS	250.00	03.21.034	Grant
11/05/2021	Great Bentley Cricket Club	BACS	250.00	03.21.034	Grant
11/05/2021	GBVH	BACS	500.00	03.21.034	Grant
11/05/2021	GBVH	BACS	224.20		CRC Rent
11/05/2021	Bentley In Bloom	BACS	500.00	03.21.034	Grant
11/05/2021	Bentley Green Players	BACS	350.00	03.21.034	Grant

11/05/2021	Conservation Group	BACS	100.00	04.21.050	Grant
11/05/2021	Great Bentley Football Club	BACS	400.00	03.21.034	Grant

Total Payments £ 14754.23

Appendix E

Green Report 0521

Meeting held at the notice board area 9am Sunday 25th April 2021

Those present Cllrs. P. Drew, P. Harry, R. Adams, B. Herbert and council contractor M. Dorling.

Cadent

I am to meet Alex Chapman, land agent from Stanfords regarding the gas storage facility that Cadent want to install beneath The Green.

Hope Learning Community

Students under the age of 19, with learning difficulty or autism need work and have asked The P.C. if we can help. Our suggestion is that until we have successfully installed a new Clerk we should say no, but we will happily pass the message on to other village organizations.

SouthsideTrack

An interesting product idea is at info@gclproducts.co.uk

TruckPave80

Bill Herbert