**Great Bentley Parish Council**

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**Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend the Full Parish Council Meeting taking place at the The Village Hall Plough Road Great Bentley Colchester CO7 8LG** **on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 7:00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:**

**Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.**

Signed

Jennifer Spear

Clerk Responsible Financial Officer to the Council 27th January 2023

**AGENDA**

**02.209.23 To Receive and approve any Apologies of Absence**

**02.210.23 To Receive any declarations of Interest.**

**02.211.23 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting from the 5th January 2023 meeting (previously circulated) to be approved and signed.**

**02.212.23 Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and matters of mutual interest (time limited to 15 minutes)**

**02.213.23 Footpath Diversion**

To discuss and agree any actions from the meeting with Cala Homes on Thursday 26th January 2023

**02.214.23 Clerk’s Report**

**02.215.23 Finance**

1. To review the monthly financial bank reconciliation
2. To approve new payments for February in accordance with the 2022/23 budget – please see attached payments list
3. To agree to the price increase for meeting room hire from the Village Hall
4. To discuss the new yearly contract renewal from TMB Services

**02.216.23 Electric Supply – To discuss switching to Npower now the Parish Council are out of Contract with Drax, (out of contract rates with Drax are 78.4 per KWH with Npower they will be 33.8 per KWH, however this is a variable tariff and can change monthly).**

**02.217.23 Personnel Committee**

**Proposal – To discuss offering the recommended candidate the part time position of assistant to the clerk, at 10 hours per week, beginning in February.**

**02.218.23 The Green Working Group**

a) To note the report from the Green Working Group

**02.219.23 Environmental Working Group**

a) To note the Environmental Working Group Report and that the proposed area of The Green has not been cordoned off as agreed at January’s meeting. This will therefore be organised for councillors by Councillor P Dennitts during February.

b) To discuss inviting a member of the Wivenhoe Group to the March meeting to speak and discuss any concerns about the possibility of introducing a new mowing regime for The Green.

c) To discuss the completed application form for the Climate Action Challenge Fund.

**02.220.23 Standing Orders**

**Proposal:** To discuss and agree proposed updates to the Standing Orders previously circulated

**02.221.23 Adult Gym Equipment**

As circulated there is £143,650 of S106 money available to Great Bentley, secured until 2032, (just waiting for confirmation if this is all available now or is some due to be available once building is finished)

1. To discuss if the Parish Council want to begin looking into costings for adding Gym Equipment to the Playground area.

**02.222.23 Election – For Councillors to note the process for application, that there is one known vacancy arising and therefore encouragement for others to step forward is vital.**

**02.223.23 To note the recent correspondence from residents and discuss any updates on the Southside Track.**

**02.224.23 Possible Tesco Relocation – To discuss any next steps for the Parish Council to take regarding a possible relocation.**

**02.225.23 Coronation Planning Committee**

**Proposal:** To discuss a request from the Coronation planning committee to source for further funding for the coronation celebration and to look into the Parish Council Insurance to see if this can be extended to cover the celebrations.

**02.226.23 War Memorial**

**Proposal:** To discuss the addition of a new line of engraving, and to discuss the maintenance required for the surrounding posts, with a proposed plan of repair.

**02.227.24 To discuss the two quotes received for works for the replacement posts around the War Memorial, posts around Mill House, posts at the play area and removal and replacement of post and rail along Heckfords Road.**

**02.228.23 To discuss a new request for a memorial bench outside Oaklea**

**02.229.23 To discuss and agree the new Service Level agreement from TDC for cutting the public rights of way, for the year 2022/23**

**02.230.23 Planning/Housing**

1. **22/01818/FUL, Land to The South of Weeley Road Great Bentley Essex**

Full planning permission for the erection of 154 dwellings, informal recreation space, a local area of play and associated development.

**b) 23/00005/FULHH Land at Sturrick Lane, Great Bentley, Essex, CO7 8PT**

Proposed conversion of existing barn to ancillary residential accommodation in association with dwelling approved under 22/00619/TDCPIP.

**c) 22/01732/FUL, The Oaks, 14 St Marys Road, Great Bentley**

Proposed extension to disused garden area, to provide single storey wing which will accommodate 12 rooms, including en-suites and external patios areas. Demolition of existing front gable wing and reconfiguration of the car park.

**d) 22/02134/FULHH, 5 Weeley Road, Aingers Green, Great Bentley**

Proposed erection of a workshop to rear of garden and solar panels.

**e) 23/00037/FULHH, 13 The Paddocks Great Bentley Colchester Essex**

Proposed single storey side extension to form study

**F) 23/00012/FULHH, 32 De Vere Estate, Great Bentley**

Proposed first floor rear extension to form bedroom and en-suite

**02.231.23 To discuss the new request from UK Power Networks for a new electricity connection to The Forge.**

**02.232.23 Reports from District and County Councils** (ECC Alan Goggin, TDC Lynda McWilliams)

**02.233.23 Council Reports:**

**a)Footpath report**

**b)Caretaker’s Report**

Circulated prior to the meeting

**c)PCSO Crime Report**

Circulated prior to the meeting

**d)Tree Wardens Report**

To discuss a plan for the following trees that have died or need work, (from the Tree Wardens Report):

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| ///lengthen.tactical.flaunting | Mountain Ash - has some die back - memorial Morton |
| ///towel.snips.daylight | Oak - dying? |
| ///laptops.deriving.cherry | Oak? - dead |
| ///marshes.overhear.alerting | Oak - not happy |
| ///boss.glows.ripen | Oak? - dead |
| ///revolting.exulted.expose | Oak - not good |

**For the Parish Council to note that a tree was reported damaged in the Spinny, this has since been inspected and Clive Dawson agreed for it to be removed, which has been carried out already.**

**f)Annual Parish Meeting - To consider changing the proposed date for the APM to the 11th May to avoid the pre-election period (purdah) as recommended in the EALC election training.**

**02.234.23 Highways & Transport Reports:**

**02.235.23 Training/Events**

**a) Reports on attended events**

**b)Nominations for new events**

**02.236.23 Information Exchange/Items for next agenda**

**02.237.23 To confirm date and time of next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting is booked for 7:00pm on Thursday 2nd March 2023

**02.238.23 Public Open Forum** (Maximum 10 minutes)