**Great Bentley Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 09th of February 2023 at The Village Hall, Plough Road Great Bentley Colchester CO7 8LG**

Present: Cllr. P. Dennitts (Chair) Cllr. B. Herbert Cllr P. Harry Cllr. L. Edwards Cllr. A. Clarke Cllr. K. Plummer Cllr G. Wright

In attendance: Mrs Jennifer Spear (Clerk) and 0 members of the public.

**AGENDA**

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

Cllr Lynda McWilliams, Cllr R Adams, Cllr R. Taylor sent their apologies, these were accepted by the Council

**02.239.23 To Receive any declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**02.240.23 Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting from the 02nd February 2023 (previously circulated) to be approved and signed.**

**Resolved** Cllr A. Clarke proposed that these were a true record of the meeting, Cllr K. Plummer seconded and these were signed by the Chair.

**02.241.23 Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and matters of mutual interest (time limited to 10 minutes)**

No members of the Public Present

**02.242.23 To discuss and agree a plan of action with Cadents proposal: Cadent -2022 – 12 – RW – EP – Weely Road, Great Bentley**

Cadent have advised that they want to start work laying the pipe next week, which gives Great Bentley Parish Council, (GBPC) no time to have the correct checks made by our land agent. GBPC have requested that cadent lay the pipe in The Green alongside the Southside track, (which was in the original proposal from Cadent to do so) to do this we require an easement. However Cadent have advised they don’t need this as they can lay the pipe in The Southside track without gaining permission from GBPC as they have permitted rights access to do so and they don’t need an easement or to pay any costs.

The members of the council discussed at length the implications of a pipe being laid in the road, firstly that it wouldn’t be a good idea to be completely dug up as that may leave it in a worse state of repair than it is currently, also what will happen if GBPC are able to lay a proper road surface on the track in the future, the road will not benefit if the road has to be repeatedly dug up to gain access to the pipe.

**Resolved -** Cllr G. Wright proposed for the clerk to contact Stanford’s to ask them to liaise on GBPC’s behalf with Cadent that if they will pay for GBPC’s legal fees, then GBPC can sign the consent to lay, as long as the pipe is placed in the original agreed position which is running alongside the Southside Track, Cllr P. Harry, seconded this proposal, all in favour.

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

None exchanged

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

**Resolved –** That the date of next meeting is to be on Thursday 2nd March 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

16:46 end of meeting ‘

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