**Great Bentley Parish Council**

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GREAT BENTLEY PARISH COUNCIL ARE PLEASED TO BE HOSTING

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREAT BENTLEY

THURSDAY 25th May AT 7PM

**THIS MEETING IS A PUBLIC MEETING FOR ELECTORS OF GREAT BENTLEY WHO WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON ITEMS RAISED FOR DISCUSSION.**

*We will welcome you at 6.30pm where, before the meeting begins at 7pm we will have a suggestion board and post it notes available for you to make suggestions about things you would like to add to the agenda for discussion this evening or for projects for the Council to consider in the future, and to meet the new Councillors.*

*(Please note that no decisions from this meeting are legally binding on The Parish Council)*

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence: To receive apologies for absence

Cllr. P. Dennitts has sent her apologies for this meeting.

2. Annual Parish Meeting Minutes:To agree the minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting held on 12TH May 2022 as a true record of the meeting for signature by the Parish Council Vice Chairman of this meeting (previously circulated)

3. To receive the Annual Report from the Parish Council Chairman, read by the Vice Chair, Cllr. P. Harry.

4. Speaker: Christopher Blomeley, discussing interim energy saving ideas for Great Bentley residents, with an introduction to locally sourced energy and an introduction about the Manningtree Earth Festival returning this year.

6. Agenda items for discussion and voting – (*all agenda items submitted by local people beforehand or taken from suggestion board.)*

7. Pride of Great Bentley Awards, nominees are:

Len Clayden

Mary Maskell

Matt Plummer

Lucy and Russell Brown

8. Close of meeting – set date for Annual Parish Meeting 2024.