

LITTLE BARDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2016 at 7.30pm in Gardiner's Barn

Members Present

Cllr William Gardiner (Chairman), Cllr Terry Cutmore (Vice Chairman), Cllr Clare Beeston, Cllr Colin Simpson, D Cllr Simon Howell. Mrs C. Feltham-Williams (Clerk)

Members of Public Present

Mrs C Cooper, Mr R Cooper, Mr T Cooper, Mr K Cooper

1. Apologies

No Apologies

2. Public Forum

Four members of the Cooper family attended the meeting to speak of their reaction to the Parish's reaction to planning application UTT/15/3746/FUL. Mr T Cooper feels that people have moved in to the area and expected the village to change. Also, that other people have made adjustments to their land without seeking planning permission or regard to local wildlife. Cllr C Beeston's house was mentioned as an example of this, however Cllr C Beeston explained that previous owners had not fitted septic tank properly and so sewage was going into the pond. This was addressed, the pond filled in and weepers put out. There was no need for planning permission in this instance.

Mr T Cooper also felt his son, Mr R Cooper was being victimized by the local residents. They have never objected to anyone's planning permission, however everybody objected to their. Cllr W Gardiner explained that the Parish Council was a voice for all residents and had to respond how the residents wanted. If the residents had supported the planning application the Parish Council's response would have reflected this.

Mr T Cooper explained that when Cooper's Transport first opened it was classed as a depot and could be run day and night with no restrictions enforced. Mr R Cooper could shut down his business and bring in International drivers, not local people, and run day and night with no consideration to local residents.

Mr R Cooper felt that everybody was against him as soon as the planning application was filed and that no one believed that the application was correct to what he was planning to do. It was explained to Mr R Cooper that Uttlesford District Council are the ones who will decide what is right and wrong without any emotions involved. The Parish council takes each application one at a time and represent the views of the entire parish.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved and signed by Chairman.

There were no matters arising that are not covered elsewhere in the minutes.

4. Clerk Report

Clerk reported all outstanding tasks had been completed

Clerk is to send copies of minutes to The Bardfield Times and to check that all the contact No's are correct.

5. District and County Councillors Reports

D Cllr Simon Howell to give the Parish Council a cheque for £400.00 for use within the community. This has to be used for a specific project. A project has yet to be specified. Clerk to email address where the cheque is to be sent to.

D.Cllr Simon Howell explained the procedures regarding enforcement of planning conditions.

D Cllr Simon Howell will speak to Uttlesford District council regarding naming of protected lane (UTT LANE72) to Hawkspur Green Lane.

6. Planning

Cllr William Gardiner has spoken to Mr Theobald regarding the Solar Farm, he explained that if the planning Inspector needed something confirmed or clarified they could ask the applicants or the Council planning Officer to extrapolate on it the Inspector had done so with regard to Wardell Armstrong.

Mr Theobald has not been asked to respond and is expecting the answer in 2-3 weeks' time.

7. Highways

Hawkspur Green Lane naming - The parish council have to advise all the residents of the lane if they wish the name to change, this will be time consuming and an expense. The Council will wait until we have heard from D.Cllr Simon Howell.

In the 1400's the road was named The King's Highway. Cllr T Cutmore will continue to pursue this project.

Seven potholes photographed and reported at Oxen End. Cllr T Cutmore has started a new reporting form to track potholes. The general condition of the road at Oxen End was queried by Cllr C. Simpson. The building works that are taking place at the Bushett Farm and also unusually heavy farm traffic for the winter months was causing the damage to the surface and also the verges.

8. Finance

Invoices to

- EALC - Chairman training £70.00
- Moor Hall Farms - expenses for the Solar farm response £ 66.36

9. Defibrillator

Cllr T Cutmore has made enquiries into the cost of a defibrillator and the maintenance and training costs.

Has obtained three separate quotes but the Parish Council feel more information is required as to how it will be operated and by whom and the logistics of its use for Oxen End and Hawkspur Green.

10. AOB

Clerk was given employment contract, to read, sign and return at next meeting.

Clerk given member's interest forms to submit and file.

Clerk to report damaged BT telephone pole opposite Little Bardfield Hall.

Next Meeting Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 7.00PM.

This will be the Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Annual General meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.15PM.