

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm  
on Monday 3 November 2014**

**Present:** Mrs F Rogers (Chairman), Mr D Hunter, Mr B Rufford, Dr C Rowe, Mr D Wilson and Mrs M Wilson

**Also present:** Mr T Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and one member of the public

**In attendance:** Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Wilson declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application C13/0393: Stables opposite Brimar, The Street: Change of Use to Riding Establishment, as a resident living near the site, should the item be discussed.

Both PCSO Moss and Mr P Bellfield (Suffolk County Councillor) were unable to attend.

**2 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8 September 2104**

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to amend and then approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2014.

**3 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**District Councillor Locality Budget**

It was noted that funding would be provided for roof repairs at the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall. The VHMC had applied for funds for new stage curtains. Mr Fryatt had further budget to distribute for community activities and had publicised the budget in the Benefice Magazine.

**4 Police**

PCSO Justin Moss was not available to attend the meeting. A new officer, PC Abigail had been allocated to the parish, along with PCSOs Moss and Thomas. There had been a fire at the Kesgrave SNT office, but service had been maintained.

PCSO Moss had agreed that the location of the green box on the Hall Road crossroads was not very good. The matter had been pursued with SCC who had agreed to contact BT about the purpose and number of the boxes at this location.

**5 Planning**

**Applications**

**DC/14/3114/FUL: Blewbury, Playford Road: Proposed Replacement Dwelling**

Mr Hunter reported that he had spoken with the owner of the property who had advised that he had contacted both of his neighbours and there was no

objection. It was noted that only small non native trees on the boundary would be removed and that there was no overlooking into neighbours' properties. The footprint was similar to the existing dwelling. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to support the application.

**C/12/2483 Finches Hill, The Street: Certificate of Lawful Use of Existing Development for a swimming pool enclosure built under permitted development law previously attached to dwelling but since 02/12/12 not attached**

SCDC had advised that although it had refused this application, a further CLUED application had been made (DC/14/2995/CLE). The application required a legal determination by SCDC and there was no capacity for consideration of planning policy or local opinion in this type of application. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To advise SCDC that the Council was of the view that the matter should be determined promptly and the development removed if there was no justification for the CLUED.

**DC/14/1125/OUT: Valcot and Acacia Cottages, The Street: Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages and creation of new centralised vehicular access**

SCDC had granted outline planning permission, but the reserved matters were extensive, including a full contaminated land assessment and remediation plan, a sewerage treatment plant and a surface water strategy. The applicant had also been advised that SCDC had significant concerns about the indicative layout, form and scale of the dwellings, all of which were considered to be suburban in character and inappropriate for the location. Any scheme would need to respect the existing pattern of development and a terrace of modest dwellings set on a similar arrangement to the existing pair of cottages may be appropriate development.

**Sinks Pit**

Residents had advised SCC (as the minerals planning authority) of the BagAgg business at the site, which was considered to be operating outside the hours in the existing planning permission. SCC had advised that it would contact both the site operators and SCDC to discuss the matter.

SCDC had advised that there was no masterplan for the site and suggested that the Council could contact the owners to ask about their future plans for the site. It was noted that Jerry Tate had not provided answers to questions raised at the last meeting.

**EAOW3**

The Council's objection had been acknowledged and it seemed that the only likely access would be 'AG'. Submission of the application would be delayed until 2015.

**C13/0393: Stables opposite Brimar, The Street: Change of Use to Riding Establishment**

SCDC had advised the applicants that they do not have planning permission. They had been advised of the information which SCDC required to enable permission to be issued.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That, in view of the time that had passed since the application had been considered by SCDC, SCDC be asked to refuse the application.

## **Policy**

### **SCDC Site Specific Policy Review**

It was noted that the only viable sites nominated as for housing development in the parish had been rejected by SCC as highway authority. This was due to the lack of footways.

The Clerk and Mrs Wilson (in place of Mr Wilson) had attended the consultation appointment with SCDC and there had been full consideration of issues regarding the parish, including the extent of the physical limits boundary, poor drainage in The Street, Sinks Pit and that the Council did not agree with its status as a Local Service Centre. The hierarchy was not under review, but SCDC was of the opinion that Mallard House did constitute a place of employment.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- Not to join an SCDC Working Group for the Local Plan Site Specific Allocations.

### **Ipswich Policy Area Group**

In response to the Council's enquiry, the Chairman of the Group had advised that the intention was to discuss socio-economic trends and issues such as traffic infrastructure. There was no intention to allocate housing from the Borough into the District.

## **6 Highways**

### **Flooding at The Pines, Martlesham Road**

Mr Bellfield had advised that there was sufficient highways budget to enable this issue to be addressed. Moreover especial funding was allocated to deal with flooding.

(Mr Bellfield had also advised:

- that education in Suffolk was improving as the latest statistics showed
- that a further £10m had been allocated to improving rural broadband.)

It was considered that recent severe flooding in The Street was much worse than in previous years and was the result of the lack of dredging of the river and inadequate ditches. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To draw the flooding to the attention of the Environment Agency and SCC

### **20mph Limit for The Street**

Mr Bellfield had advised that a new 20mph policy was being considered by SCC Cabinet next month and there was a new impetus to lower the speed of rural traffic.

A group of residents and school parents had arranged a meeting to discuss how to pursue the 20mph limit, and had been advised to invite an officer from SCC to explain the current policy and a member of SAVID. The Council had also been invited to send a representative and it was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mrs Rogers would attend the meeting on 14 November on behalf of the Council. **FR**

It was noted that, as a result of Mrs Cornish's resignation the Council currently had no representative available to attend SAVID meetings.

### **Footpaths**

Mr Ball had reported subsidence on FP3, a route used by school children. The matter had been reported to SCC.

### **Ipswich Northern Bypass**

Mr Hunter enquired whether this proposal was being resurrected. Mr Fryatt understood that there was some mention of it, with a proposed route joining to the A12 at the roundabout at Burkitt Road, Woodbridge.

### **Trees in The Street**

Mr Wilson reported two trees which may fall into The Street near Grove Farm. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To report the matter to SCC

## **7 Parish Councillor Vacancy**

It was noted that Mrs Cornish had resigned from the Council due to the pressure of other commitments. The vacancy had been advertised as required and SCDC had advised that no election had been requested. The Council could therefore co-opt a new Councillor. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approach a resident who had expressed interest in becoming a Councillor.
- That the appointment of a replacement 12PT representative would wait until a new Councillor was co-opted
- That Mrs Rogers would be the Council's new appointment to the VHMC. **FR**

## **8 Finance**

### **Income and Expenditure:**

The second half of the precept, £3025.04, had been received from SCDC. It was **RESOLVED** that the following expenditure be incurred:

- Clerk's Salary for November and December (£250.75 per month)
- HMRC: PAYE for Clerk's salary (November) (£62.60)
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- Clerk's expenses for the purchase of printing ink and paper (£23.98)

A schedule of the above payments was signed by the Chairman, and cheques were signed accordingly.

**Budget for 2015/16**

The budget for next year was considered and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the budget with no increase in the precept and to include an allocation of £100 for donations to charities active in the parish
- That, in view of the requirement to allow a contingency sum of £641 for a Council election next May, the binding of the Council's minutes should be postponed until after it was known whether this expenditure would be incurred.

**Checking of Bank Statements**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mr Hunter would undertake this quarterly in place of Mrs Cornish.

**10 Matters Arising from Circulated Items (2014/05 and by email)**

There were no matters arising.

**11 Correspondence**

Items received were noted, including:

- A letter from SCDC urging Councils to enhance the recruitment of councillors for the elections in 2015 and encourage a diversity of backgrounds and talents to participate in local politics. Mr Fryatt advised that there was also a need for new District Councillors. He advised that, in respect of the new Woodbridge ward, it was intended that one of the Woodbridge Councillors would be specifically responsible for the rural parishes included in it.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following items be circulated to Councillors:
  - Suffolk View
  - Clerks and Councils Direct

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 January 2014.