

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Monday 4 February 2014**

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

Also present: Mr T Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and, for part of the meeting, three residents

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mrs T Cornish, Mr D Hunter and Mr B Rufford. Dr C Rowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application DC/13/3408/FUL.

2 Planning

Applications

DC/13/3810/FUL: Enlarged dormer windows to front and back of the house and a new dormer window on the eastern side of the house. A new roof light on the western side of the roof and a sun tunnel on the eastern side. Minor internal alterations at first floor level: Oak Mount, Martlesham Road

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to support this application.

DC/13/3408/FUL: Erection of new headquarters building for vehicle and plant hire operator, comprising workshop, offices, associated vehicle parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage and sale of vehicle, plant and machinery at Sink Gravel Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave

It was noted that SCDC would determine the application at a Development Management Committee meeting on 6 February. A statement to be presented to the Committee by the Council was considered as follows:

“ Little Bealings Parish Council objects to the proposed development on the grounds that, as submitted, it is incompatible with SCDC planning policies DM12, DM23 and 26, specifically that: the size of the proposed operation is large and would generate unacceptable levels of noise unless specific measures are incorporated to reduce it. Night time operation at 5.30am is required by the applicant and this is totally unacceptable for the local environment and contravenes planning policies and British Standards as well as the National Planning Policy Framework.

Noise levels affecting nearby properties almost all to the north of the site could be spared some of the sound generated by these operations if the building is moved closer to the earth bund. This is important and it would justify measures being put in place to stabilise the bund in order to gain maximum benefit from the earth shield. Parking arrangements around the North end of the building could be rearranged accordingly.

The risk of light pollution is likely unless specific measures are set in conditions.

There is insufficient information concerning the disposal of waste, drainage arrangements and the impact of the operations on existing land pollution. Any approval should require

regular monitoring to be carried out.

A noise assessment should be required before determination of the application. Any approval should set limits for noise and light levels which should also be regularly monitored. The limit for noise levels should not exceed those previously set by Suffolk County Council for the site, as contained in planning permission C97/1501.

The impact of extra very large vehicles on the A1214 is unacceptable as it would result in more 'rat running' along Martlesham Road and Playford Road."

and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Hunter (or in his absence Dr Rowe) would attend the meeting and present the Council's views.

DH/CR

DC/14/0007/FUL: Continued use of land as residential garden and erection of two-storey side extension, first-floor rear extension and single storey rear extension: Pipits Hill, Martlesham Road

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45pm for 15 minutes to enable to applicant to discuss the application with Councillors.

When the meeting recommenced it was noted that there were many windows on the northern side of the property, which overlooked the Fynn Valley, raising concern about light pollution at night. The applicant stated that they did not expect a lot of use of all of the rooms on this side of the property during the evenings and intended to draw curtains as well as plant additional screening.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the development to this application, subject to conditions being imposed to reflect the provisions of DM26, to prevent light pollution from the northern side of the property over the Fynn Valley. This includes screening by planting and the installation of sensors/timers on any outside lighting.

3 Finance

Damaged Sandbox at the Level Crossing

It was noted that the cost of a new green plastic sandbox which would match those in Gt Bealings and Playford would be £141 plus VAT, more than originally agreed, and **RESOLVED**:

- to purchase the sandbox at the increased price.

Annual Parish Meeting Minute Book

It was noted that the cost of providing a minute book which was comparable to the existing one was £360 plus VAT and **RESOLVED**:

- to purchase the Minute Book at the increased price.

4 Annual Parish Meeting 3 March 2014

It was noted that, in principle, SCDC would give a presentation on designating a Conservation Area in the parish, dependent upon the officer being available on the arranged date. Mr Fryatt agreed to pursue the matter. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- tea, coffee and biscuits/cake would be provided by the Council for the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 3 March 2014.