

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 8.25pm  
on Monday 6 January 2014**

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

**Also present:** Mr P Bellfield (Suffolk County Councillor) (for part of the meeting) and Mr T Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor)

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

**Councillor  
Actions**

**1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies were received from Mr B Rufford. Dr C Rowe and Mr D Hunter declared non-pecuniary interests in planning application DC/13/3408/FUL.

It was **RESOLVED** that the order of the Agenda be changed to deal with a part of the Highways item first. (See also item 7 below.)

**2 Highways**

**Trees in Station Road**

Mr Bellfield reported that he had raised the Council's concern with officers, but was unsure whether any inspection had yet taken place. Residents had also been asked to check trees via the Benefice Newsletter and information sent by SCDC had been circulated to residents via the enewsgroup.

Mr Bellfield also reported on further budget cuts to be made by SCC, but that the highways budget was not targeted.

**3 Minutes of the Meetings held on 4 November and 16 December 2013**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2013 be amended and then signed as a true record
- the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2013 be signed as a true record.

**4 Planning**

**Applications and Enforcement**

**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**

In view of further information given by the applicant at a presentation before the Council meeting, and after consideration of the views of parishioners

expressed at the presentation, it was **RESOLVED** to amend the views of the Council, as determined at the meeting on 16 December as follows:

- to object to the proposed development on the grounds that, as submitted, it is incompatible with SCDC planning policies DM12, DM23 and 26, specifically that:
  - a) the size of the proposed operation is too large for the site and would generate unacceptable levels of noise and light pollution for nearby residents. The levels could be mitigated if the building is relocated to be closer to the bund and the parking areas redesigned.
  - b) 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.
  - c) 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 the Council for the site, as contained in planning permission C97/1501
  - d) 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.

It was noted that SCDC had approved the following applications:

DC/13/2799/FUL 6 Holly Close: Proposed Single-Storey Side Extension

DC/13/2976/FUL Finn Toft Martlesham Road: Erection of Single Storey Side Extensions and Alterations

#### **East Anglian Offshore Windfarm 1**

It was noted that examination of the application had finished on 23 December. The Inspectors would submit their recommendation to the Secretary of State by 23 March 2014.

#### **C12/2483: Finches Hill, The Street: Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development (CLEUD): For a swimming pool enclosure built under permitted development law previously attached to dwelling but since 02/12/12 not attached**

It was noted that SCDC had resolved not to take any further action in the matter for a period of six months, to allow time for a planning application for the unauthorised development to be submitted.

#### **Planning Applications**

It was noted that both Playford and Gt Bealings Parish Councils invited applicants for planning permissions to attend Council meetings and explain their applications. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that in future a planning applicant would be advised of the date of

the Council meeting at which their application would be discussed, but that it would be made clear that there was no obligation to attend and not doing so would not prejudice the outcome of the Council's consideration of the application.

### **Operating Licence for Foxhall Stadium**

No consultation had been received from SCDC, although the licence had been due for renewal by December 2013. It was presumed therefore that the Stadium was currently operating without a licence. Mr Fryatt agreed to pursue the matter with SCDC and ask when consultation with the Parish Councils would take place.

## **5 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **Public Sewer for The Street**

It was noted that, while one more owner of property had contacted the Council about a problem with drainage, no one had sent any evidence to be used for an application to Anglian Water. SCDC had suggested that an informal meeting with Anglian Water would be a useful way forward, but enquiries of a professional company had suggested that it may be more expedient to submit an application containing an outline of the problems being experienced by residents, and let Anglian Water respond. It was likely that the number of properties affected, the current location of waste pipes and difficulty in identifying a location for a new treatment plant would be major issues to be overcome and that any project would take many years. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to submit an application for connection to a mains sewer to Anglian Water on behalf of residents in The Street.

## **6 Police**

### **12PT**

The report for December was not yet available but PC Sally Thomas had advised that there had been one reported crime: theft from a local hotel. This had been queried as there was no hotel in the parish.

It was noted that meetings of the 12PT would take place on 22 January, 30 April, 23 July and 30 October. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mrs Cornish would attend the meeting on 22 January

**TC**

The mobile police station will visit on 14 January.

### **Speeding on Martlesham Road and Community Speed Watch**

It was noted that the police had now agreed to carry out speed enforcement checks along Martlesham Road, with effect from 30 December 2013. In consequence it was uncertain if there was still a need to consider joining the Community Speed Watch, especially as only two residents had volunteered to take part. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to ask the residents concerned if there were still keen to participate and, if so, if it would be possible for them to find a third volunteer to form a group
- to establish the cost of joining a Community Speed Watch.

### **School Parking and Road Safety**

It was noted the PCSO Justin Moss would be visiting the School on 17 January and that the visit would also consider whether a Newsletter should be issued to parents.

## **7 Highways**

### **Grit for Richards Drive**

SCC had confirmed that it would ask its contractor to deliver a supply to the two sandboxes.

### **Damaged Sandbox at the Level Crossing**

Mr Wilson reported that the quote he had obtained for a new wooden sandbox was very expensive and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that a new green plastic sandbox would be purchased at a price of £80 to £100.

### **Trees**

A property in Martlesham Road had advised that urgent works were needed to remove dead and diseased tree branches overhanging the road. The owner was in contact with both SCDC and the Council's Tree Warden, as the trees were subject to the TPO in the area. It was noted that the Tree Warden had advised that works to trees were best determined by SCDC in view of potential safety issues and the Council's limited expertise.

### **Burning of Rubbish**

It was noted that periodically there seemed to be dense black smoke from land in the Martlesham Road area and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to raise the matter with SCDC in relation to environmental health.

### **Footpaths**

The signpost by the Church had been reported to SCC for replacement as it was leaning over.

### **Motor Accidents at Level Crossings**

It was noted that SCC was collecting data in respect of motor accidents near level crossings, with a view to making changes to barriers, and wished to be advised of any incidents which may not have been reported to the police. It was **RESOLVED**;

- to publish the request for information locally

## **8 Adoption of Standing Orders**

Consideration was given to NALC Model Standing Orders 2013, including where options were available to the Council and where information was required to be inserted by the Council. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to adopt NALC Model Standing Orders 2013

## **9 Finance**

**Income:** Nil

**Expenditure:** Cheques were signed as follows:

- Net Payment of Clerk's Salary for January 2014 (£250.75) and expenses (£37.10)
- Net Payment of Clerk's Salary for February 2014 (£250.75)
- PAYE due to HMRC for January 2014 (£62.60)
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Bank balance after the above: £1,700.27p.

## **10 Dates for Parish Council Meetings for 2014/15**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that meetings would be held on 12 May 2014 (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 7 July 2014, 8 September 2014, 3 November 2014, 5 January 2015 and 2 March 2015 (Annual Parish Meeting)

### **Annual Parish Meeting 3 March 2014**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Annual Parish Meeting would be held in Bealings Village Hall
- SCDC would be asked to give a presentation on the benefits which may result from the parish becoming a Conservation Area and how such an application could be pursued
- as the leather bound book in which the minutes of Annual Parish Meetings had been recorded by hand since 1895 was nearly full, a new book would be purchased, at a maximum of cost of around £235 plus VAT, and the current minute book be deposited at Suffolk Records Office after 3 March 2014.

## **11 Matters Arising from Circulated Items (2013/06 and by email)**

There were no matters arising from circulated items.

## **10 Correspondence**

Items received were noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following item would be circulated to Councillors:
  - The Local Councillor

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting will be immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 3 March 2014.