

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Monday 7 July 2014**

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

Also present: 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 and Mr D Wilson. Mr Bellfield had also sent his apologies that he was unable to attend due to illness. The Clerk was asked to send him the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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.

2 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 12 May and 23 June 2014

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 12 May and 23 June 2014, subject to amendment to item 11 on page 1207 and to item numbering on page 1208.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

District Councillor Locality Budget

Details of projects approved in other wards had been circulated to Councillors. It was **RESOLVED:**

- to ask the PCC if the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall was in need of assistance with refurbishment projects.

4 Adoption of the Local Suffolk Code of Conduct

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to adopt the revised Local Suffolk Code of Conduct, dated June 2014.

5 Planning

Applications

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

Riding Establishment

Mr Fryatt reported that the applicant had not submitted the details required for works within the site to provide the parking required, which would have enabled planning permission to be granted. He apologised that SCDC had not followed this up, especially as the application had been considered at the SCDC Development Management South Sub-Committee on 13 May 2013. He would take up the matter again at SCDC, including whether it was necessary to request a S106 agreement to resolve the situation.

It was noted that, in addition to taking young riders along Holly Lane, where the national speed limit of 60mph applies, a cause for concern regarding road safety, the applicant was also escorting riders down Holly Close, a private road with no public access. The latter was a matter for residents to address if they wished to do so.

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

It was noted that this application would be considered at an SCDC Development Management Sub-Committee meeting, as it was contrary to DM Policy in replacing two houses with four ('back land' development). It was also noted that the SCDC Environmental Health Officer had objected in view of possible contamination of the land and the lack of an appropriate assessment in the application.

EAOW1

It was noted that permission had been granted for the off-shore wind farm and on-shore cabling, and that this included permission for ducting for all four proposed wind farms to be installed. It was noted that no community compensation would be required to be paid for the disruption caused. As the route of the cabling had been determined it was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was therefore no point in objecting to EAOW3

6 Tree Survey

Advice from SCDC on how to provide protection for trees in the parish had been circulated to Councillors. SCDC had advised that the most appropriate way to achieve village wide tree protection would be to pursue Conservation Area status. SCDC did not proactively serve TPOs to protect trees and was not able to undertake a parish tree survey. While the Council could undertake its own survey, subject to resource and access to land, it would need to be established what the purpose of doing so would be. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that, as parishioners were against Conservation Area status, there was no practical means by which tree protection would be achieved and it would therefore not be worthwhile undertaking a parish tree survey.

7 Highways

Footpaths

It was noted that cutting under the P3 scheme was on-going but there had

been a few complaints that routes were not cleared. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that, as SCC would only pay for two cuts during the season, the Parish Council would fund extra cutting if it was necessary to undertake extra work.

SCC had been advised of a broken gate on the permissive path to the Martlesham Park and Ride site.

Speeding Traffic

It was noted that a resident of The Street had raised concern about the speed of traffic by her property, and a resident had advised that the speed enforcement which had been taking place weekly on Martlesham Road had become less frequent.

Mr Fryatt reported that speeding in the rural villages was a regular problem, and that a 'SAVID' (Safer Village Driving) group had been formed as result, comprising representatives from Clopton and the surrounding parishes to try to bring the matter to the attention of the police and County Council. Measures used in other counties, such as Gloucestershire, would be considered. An invitation had been received to join/observe SAVID from the Vice Chairman of Gt Bealings Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mrs Cornish would attend SAVID meetings, initially as an observer **TC**
- SCC be asked to consider a 20mph speed limit for The Street

Fly Tipping

Fly tipping in Hall Road had been reported to SCDC

8 Police

PCSO Justin Moss had advised that no one was available to attend the Council meeting, but he was investigating the frequency of speed enforcement along Martlesham Road

12PT Meeting

Mrs Wilson reported that she had attended the meeting on 11 June, at which theft from cars, some of which were left unsecured overnight, had been raised. Speeding, including in Playford Road, Rushmere, was a priority and attendees had been encouraged to form Speedwatch Teams. The minutes of the previous meeting would be circulated to Councillors.

12 Finance

Income and Expenditure

Income: Nil

Expenditure:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following expenditure be incurred:

- Backdated payment of the Clerk's Annual Allowance for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15, as the allowance had increased from £150

per annum to £18 per month (ie £216 per annum) on 1 April 2012 (£188)

- Clerk's Salary for July and August (£250.75 per month),
- HMRC: PAYE for Clerk's Salary for July and August (£62.60 per month)

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

Bank balance after the above: £500.34

10 Matters Arising from Circulated Items (2014/03 and by email)

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Neighbourhood Plan Survey Questionnaire received from Gt Bealings Parish Council would not be completed, as it was not applicable for the Parish Council
- in the event extra assistance was needed in the future for footpath cutting, the 'Community Payback' scheme would be a source of labour to investigate
- SCC should be asked where they were proposing travellers' sites in the county.

11 Correspondence

Items received were noted, including advice from SCDC that there would be a change to the day on which some waste collections in the parish took place, and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following items would be circulated to Councillors:
 - The Local Councillor
 - Clerks and Councils Direct
 - CAS Membership Pack
 - Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report 2013/14

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 8 September 2014.