

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Monday 2 March 2015**

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

Also present: Mr P Bellfield (Suffolk County Councillor), Mr T Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and 8 residents (all for part of the meeting)

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mr D Wilson. Mrs Cornish was welcomed back to the Council.

2 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 5 January and 23 January 2015

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to amend and then approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2015
- to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2015.

3 Period of Public Participation

Residents raised and spoke about two matters:

The Admiral's Head: A resident wished to explore whether there was support in the parish for a scheme which could lead to the re-opening of the Admiral's Head and provide school parking. This involved the building of two new dwellings in Gt Bealings, to raise funds to meet the sale price of the pub. Points made were:

- A community car park would result, helping with school parking and current road safety concerns
- The proposed location would be in the countryside, on the edge of a flood plain and was not likely to be popular with nearby residents
- If both Lt and Gt Bealings Parish Councils supported the project it would be more likely to obtain SCDC approval
- The pub sewers need replacing as a part of the project
- The pub would be run by the current community pub group
- The long term viability of running the pub and the car park needs consideration

There was general support for the project from those present.

Planning Application DC/14/4251/FUL: Erection of a new headquarters building for vehicle hire operator comprising of workshop, offices, associated parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage, workshop and sales of vehicles and machinery: Residents were aware that the above application would be considered by SCDC's Development Management Sub-Committee meeting on 5 March, and they had arranged to speak at the Committee meeting. District Councillor Tony Fryatt would also speak; he advised that the application would be approved, but the conditions were to be established. Existing BaggAgg activities were not a part of the

application and did not have planning permission. Enforcement action was therefore possible.

The main concerns of residents were:

- noise, including from the currently unauthorised BaggAgg development
- further development of the site in the future in a piecemeal fashion, creating more noise
- increased use of Playford Road by traffic seeking to avoid extra traffic along the A1214 generated by the development.

The period of public speaking ended.

4 Planning

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After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- The Council would make representations to the SCDC Development Management Sub-Committee on 5 March, as appended to these minutes with an opening paragraph added to make it clear that the representations were made for and on behalf of the Council
- Dr Rowe would deliver the representations

CR

EAOW1

Mrs Cornish declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a nearby resident.

It was noted that notice of pre-construction site surveys had been given, including the posting of a site notice at a location in Holly Lane not at an existing vehicular access to the land concerned. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- as a previous survey had accessed the land at this location, damaging the verge, and it was adjacent to the junction with Holly Close, the developers and the landowners be requested to use the established vehicular access point further along Holly Lane.

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

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

Mr Fryatt advised that he had asked SCDC officers for a determination of these applications but no decisions were forthcoming. It was noted that the Stables were currently not in use.

Ipswich Borough Council

It was noted that an Urban Character Supplementary Planning Document

had been adopted, to direct the design of developments.

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

6 Highways

Flooding on Martlesham Road

Mr Bellfield reported that one of his officers was shortly to visit the affected property.

20mph Limit for The Street

Mr Bellfield understood that this was unlikely to be approved. A '20s plenty' initiative was possible, but this was not legally enforceable. The action points of the residents' '20s plenty' meeting on 23 January 2105 were noted and it was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mrs Wilson would attend the residents' '20's plenty' meeting to be held on 13 March 2015. **MW**

(Mr Bellfield also reported that:

- SCC's share of the Council Tax was not rising. Further savings were being made for the forthcoming year and would be needed again thereafter
- There had been discussions on securing a 'four villages' bypass as a part of the Sizewell C development and on railway infrastructure and rolling stock.
- Some children's centres were closing, but they were close to others and underused.
- A decision not to invest pension funds in tobacco companies had been shown not to be valid.)

SAVID

It was noted that this 'safer village driving' group would launch officially in June. The group had enquired if the parish would be joining the group but it was **RESOLVED**:

- That, as no one was available to attend meetings, a representative from the Parish Council would not be appointed at present

Footpaths

The Footpath Warden had advised that SCC had cleared an obstruction on Footpath No 2.

Details of the P3 Footpath Cutting Scheme for 2015 had been received from SCC. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To participate in the scheme again, with Mr Ball undertaking the cutting if he was available, and to ask if anyone else wished to carry out the work if he was not.

7 Police

No officer was available to attend, but a report advised that PCSO Sally Thomas had visited Bealings School to advise on parking and road safety.

She would visit again in March and ideas being explored included high-vis vests for the children. Parking had improved.

Her report also warned of a scam call incident, but it had not affected anyone in the parish.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to appoint Mrs Cornish as the Council's representative on the 12PT. **TC**

8 **Public Sewer in The Street**

It was noted that Anglian Water had rejected the residents' application, on the grounds that the provision of new private sewers was cheaper. It was noted that it would be up to residents if they wished to appeal the decision to the Environment Agency.

9 **Community Emergency Plan**

Details of local emergency planning had been circulated and Gt Bealings Parish Council had asked if a joint plan was appropriate. It was noted that a member of the Rapid Response Team was based in the village and that the Village Hall was designated an emergency shelter by SCDC.

SCDC was currently establishing the extent of any local plans and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to explore the production of a plan further with Gt Bealings Parish Council; issues may relate to snow, flooding and loss of electric power
- that Dr Rowe would pursue the matter and report back to the Council at its meeting in May. **CR**

10 **Finance**

Income and Expenditure

Mr Hunter had undertaken the quarterly bank statement reconciliation.

Income of £9 had been received from Gt Bealings Parish Council, 50% of the insurance premium for the shared wooden village sign.

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

- Clerk's Salary for March 2015 and expenses (£292.22)
- HMRC: PAYE for Clerk's salary (March) (£64.00)
- Hire of the Hall for meetings 2014/15 (£83.75)
- Data Protection Act Annual Registration Fee: (£35.00)

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

Appeals for Donations

Two charities, Headway and Age UK, had confirmed that they were active in the parish. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to make donations of £25 to each charity at the Council meeting to be held in May.

11 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

Electronic Summons to Meetings

A recent legislative change had confirmed the practice of giving notice of meetings to Councillors by email, unless they opted out of such service. It was noted that all Councillors were content to continue to receive notice by email, Mr Wilson having confirmed this prior to the meeting.

Public Participation in Meetings

Recent advice from SALC had now established that public participation at Council meetings should be included as an Agenda item, form a part of the meeting, be managed by the Chairman and be minuted in summary. The period should be separate from Councillor consideration of matters and decision making.

Advice on managing public and press reporting of meetings was noted.

The Transparency Code

The Council would be subject to the provisions of the Code which would require:

April 2015: publication on line of draft minutes of Council meetings not later than one month after the meeting and of agendas and meeting papers not less than three clear days before a meeting. The former was new and would be an added burden on the webmasters. The latter was already being undertaken, but the new obligation was noted.

July 2015 (and in July thereafter): publication on line of data including:

- All expenditure over £100 for that year
- End of year accounts
- Annual governance statement
- List of Councillor responsibilities
- Details of land and building assets

From July 2017 there would be no external audit requirement.

12 Correspondence

An item received were noted, regarding SCDC Spring Litter Pick details

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following item be circulated to Councillors:
 - The Ipswich Society Newsletter

13 Date of Next Meeting and APM Arrangements

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Publicity for the APM would be given in the same way as in previous years and would be held on 11 May, before the Annual Parish Council Meeting (APM).

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 May 2015.