

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm
on Wednesday 16 March 2016**

Present: Mrs M Wilson (Chairman), Ms D Head, Mr C Hopkins, Mr D Hunter, Mr B Rufford and Ms J Shaw

Also present: Mr C Hedgley (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor)

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Apologies were received from Mrs T Cornish due to a previous commitment. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

2 Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present.

3 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 4 January and 11 February 2016

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of these meetings.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Celebration of HM The Queen's 90th Birthday in June 2016

A Great Bealings representative had asked if the Council wished to suggest anyone to join a group with a view to holding a joint event. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that a resident who had expressed interest in arranging a celebration be put in touch with the Great Bealings group.

5 Planning

Applications

DC/16/0499/FUL: Proposed garage, polytunnel, pond, swimming pool, gates, walls and fences at Fynn Bridge Barn, The Street

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the application.

DC/15/5055/FUL: Change of use in Kesgrave Quarry from mineral use to associated parking and access routes for adjacent Trucks R Us headquarters

It was noted that this application had been approved by SCDC.

SCDC Response to Complaint regarding Enforcement Action at Sinks Pit

It was noted that SCDC had replied to the Council acknowledging that it had known of the complaint from a resident since July 2015. SCDC had

apologised for the error, but stated that it now considered the matter had been resolved. It was understood that no apology had been received by the resident concerned.

EAOW3

The application for up to 172 offshore wind turbine generators and associated infrastructure had been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To repeat the Council's previous objections to the development as follows:
 - On the grounds of disruption to the community, including requesting community compensation
 - To express concern that the change from HVDC to HVAC current made the project less safe for residents

DC/16/0054/TPO: To fell 7 Lawson Cypress: trees leaning, touching house roof at Woodview, 1 Beacon Lane, unstable; 3 Lawson Cypress to be topped and reduced; 1 Oak: broken and split limbs to be removed; 1 Sweet Chestnut: cutting back of limbs to boundary to prevent structural damage at Woodview, 1 Beacon Lane – at The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

It was noted that SCDC had given approval for these works, but that this did not provide authority for access or any works affecting property not in the applicant's control.

Policy

Ipswich Local Plan: Supplementary Planning Document Consultation and Development Plan Document Examination

It was noted that the examination hearings would commence on 22 March.

6 Highways

20mph Speed Limit for The Street

It was noted that the current funding position was as follows:

The £1,000 funding allocated by each of the three SCDC local District Councillors from Locality Budgets had been withdrawn, as it would not be needed during the current financial year. However, subject to confirmation by an SCDC officer, two of the Councillors would instead provide £1,500 funding during 2016/17 and Mr Hedgley intended to provide £2,000.

SCC had advised that the £5,000 allocated from Councillor Bellfield's Local Highways Budget could be carried forward to 2016/17, and a further application could be made for extra funding for the project in 2016/17.

Ms Head reported that she had raised the funding shortfall with the head of Bealings School, but that there was no progress concerning any grant application. In addition a recent meeting of the Friends Of Bealings School had been cancelled.

It was noted that, if the above funding was confirmed, and further funding allocated from Councillor Bellfield's Local Highways Budget in 2016/17, the project would be able to proceed.

Footpaths

SCC had advised that it had dealt with a fallen tree on Footpath No 11.

Parish Paths Partnership Footpath Cutting

Mr Tony Fear was willing to undertake the footpath cutting as a contractor and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Fear be contracted to undertake the work.

Footpath and Tree Warden

Mrs Cook had advised that, after many years in the role, she wished to step down. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The appointment of a new Warden be considered at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May
- A letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Cook for her many years of work as Warden

Kerbstone in The Street

It was noted that the exposed kerbstone in The Street had recently been relocated into the verge by SCC while surfacing work was undertaken.

7 District Councillors' Reports

The report had previously been circulated to Councillors. Mr Hedgley drew attention to the new headquarters for SCDC at Melton and the sale of the existing site, discussions on devolution of powers from central government to a Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire partnership and improvements to facilities at Woodbridge Library to provide Customer Services for SCDC.

8 Police

Information about the changes to services at the Woodbridge SNT had been circulated to Councillors. Mr Hedgley advised that while there were fewer officers available, there was an intention to attend Parish Council meetings if possible.

9 Finance

Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

It was noted that the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 had been repealed by the Public Contracts Regulations 2012 and the threshold for the award of contracts amended to £25,000. It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- to adopt NALC Model Financial Regulations as updated in January 2016 to reflect the change
- to amend Standing Orders 18a(v), 18c and 18f to reflect the change

Income and Expenditure

Income:

£34.50 from Great Bealings Parish Council, its share of the cost of Councillor Training

£9.00 from Great Bealings Parish Council, its share of the insurance for the shared wooden village sign

£8.09 from NSI, interest for 2015 on the Council's Savings Account

Expenditure:

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

- The Information Commissioner (Data Protection Act Annual Registration Fee: £35
- Clerk's Salary for March and expenses: £308.45
- PAYE cheque for Clerk's Salary for March: £64.00
- Bealings Village Hall Trust for hire of the Hall/Committee Room for 2015/16: £90

A schedule of the above payments was signed by the Chairman, and cheques were signed by Mr Hopkins and Ms Head.

After the above the bank account balance would be £575.37.

Benefice Magazine

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged to discuss the future of the Magazine, as it had made a significant loss last year. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Ms Shaw and the Clerk would represent the Council at the meeting, to be held on 31 March at 7pm at the Angela Cobbold Hall **JS**

Internal Audit

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to appoint Jonathan Fieldsend as the Council's internal auditor

10 Matters Arising from Circulated Items (2016/01 and by email)

Circulation 2016/01 had not reached all Councillors, but there were no matters arising.

11 Correspondence

It was noted that:

- Appeals for funds had been received from Helimedi, East Anglia's Children's Hospices and Coastal Accessible Transport Services (CATS). It was **RESOLVED**:
 - To consider these further at the Annual Parish Council Meeting and to enquire if CATS was offering a service in the village
 - To circulate Clerks and Councils Direct Issue No 104 to Councillors

13 Date of Next Meeting and Annual Parish Meetings

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Council would meet on 26 April 2016
- the Annual Parish Council Meeting would be held on 23 May 2016 as previously arranged.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.00pm.