

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 5 September 2016

Present: Mrs M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs T Cornish, Ms D Head, Mr D Hunter, Mr I Ransome and Mr B Rufford.

Also Present:

Mr C Hedgley (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) Mr R Vickery (Suffolk County Councillor and two residents

In Attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Apologies were received from Mr Hopkins, who was on leave. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept these apologies.

Mrs Wilson declared a pecuniary interest in the EAOW1 and 3 projects, in the event they were discussed.

There were no requests for dispensations.

2. Public Participation Session

Development at Sinks Pit

A resident referred to the installation of new plant at the site, which, if it was the new soil washing equipment, was much bigger than the previous equipment. There were also new stock piles and extra lorry movements. He was concerned that the owner was not operating as he had agreed to do.

Mr Hunter reported that he had viewed the site where it was possible to do so, to consider the visual impact. The new plant was only directly visible from the back garden of one property. The existing Cemex plant was taller than the new plant. He was aware that there was a new crusher and grader machine on the west side of the site and additional vehicles parked, contrary to what had been agreed.

Mr Vickery was asked for his views, but was not yet familiar with the issues. It was considered that SCC should be asked if the new equipment needed planning permission.

Mr Hunter also drew attention to an email received from a resident, seeking advice on how to deal with increased noise from the site, which had risen to an intolerable level at times, and concern about the health implications of the concrete dust.

The residents left the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 4 July and 10 August 2016

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 4 July and 10 August 2016.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Public Sewer for The Street

The Chairman advised that a decision was still awaited from the Environment Agency. They had recently been researching whether pollution into the River Fynn was an issue and their attention had been drawn to previous problems with the Admiral's Head sewer.

5. Planning

Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan Area Application

Copies of objections to the inclusion of a part of the parish of Little Bealings in the NP Area application submitted to SCDC by residents had been circulated to Councillors, as had the submission made by Playford Parish Council.

Mr Hunter reported on his, Mr Ransome's and Mr Hopkin's attendance at the Playford Parish Council meeting held on 22 August 2016. A vote of all those present had rejected the inclusion of part of Playford in the Area Application, as had the Parish Council. It was not possible to hear discussion during the Council meeting, but Mr Hedgley confirmed that the Council had considered, but rejected, the idea of a form letter being produced for residents to use. A Neighbourhood Plan for Playford was being considered, although SCDC had advised that it was not necessary.

A draft letter of complaint to SCDC about its acceptance of the NP Area application and the inadequacy of its consultation in the parish had been circulated. An email received from SCDC dated 5 September 2016 responding to the Council's requests for information concerning why the application had been accepted and how it would be determined was also considered. It was **RESOLVED**:

- That formal complaint be made to SCDC about its acceptance of the application, the inadequacy of its contact with the Council and its consultation on the application, including stating that determination of the application would lead to a legal challenge
- That consideration be given to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for Little Bealings at the next meeting.

EAOW1 and 3

A letter advising of revisions to cable laying for the project had been received. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To circulate the letter to Councillors by email.

Development at Sinks Pit

An update from SCC on an Action Plan to control noise had been circulated to Councillors. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To ask if the recently installed equipment required another planning application in view of its height and location
- To advise the resident who had contacted Mr Hunter about noise and dust to contact SCDC Environmental Health officers.

6. Highways

20mph Speed Limit for The Street

Mr Vickery reported that he had met with SCC officers to discuss the allocation of his local highways budget and, despite overspends on other projects, he was pleased to confirm that £5,000 would be allocated from his budget for 2016/17, to add to the previous allocation by Mr Bellfield. It was noted that this would enable the Council to advise SCC that it had sufficient funding to enable the design stage of the project to proceed.

Sand Spreading in The Street

A reply was awaited from Mr Finch as to whether he was able to do this again this winter, each side of the level crossing, if the weather required it.

P3 Footpath Cutting

It was noted that Mr Fear had completed the cutting for the year and submitted an invoice. An invoice for the same amount had been sent to SCC. Mr Fear had found that the cutting took longer than he had anticipated and he had had to deal with one complaint about growth near the stile at the railway line. However, he was willing to undertake the work again next year, and had been advised to keep a record of the time taken in future.

SAVID

Ms Head reported that the format of SAVID meetings was changing and it was now intended that the group would visit member villages in rotation for its meetings. She would continue as the Council's SAVID representative, but hoped that another Councillor would be able to take on the role. Mr Hedgley was the new Chairman and a visit to Little Bealings would be due in 2018. It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Ms Head would circulate to Councillors details of the next SAVID meeting, to be held on 12 October at Tuddenham Village Hall, as she was unable to attend.

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7. District and County Councillor Reports

County Councillor Robin Vickery reported that repairs to the damaged bridge in Boot Street, Great Bealings, would be delayed until the spring, due to the need to manufacture special bricks and as the works could not be carried out during cold weather.

He commented on proposals to devolve power to Suffolk and Norfolk,

Raising the Bar Community grant funding, and an 'Adopt a Post Office' scheme involving Trading Standards and Police officers.

He had 26 parishes in his ward, but was keen to meet local residents and be invited to functions. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To send him details of the enewsgroup and the Fynn-Lark Magazine.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported on new Health and Wellbeing funding, that the building of the new SCDC headquarters was progressing on time and that his locality budget had been increased to £6,000 for 2016/17. He also advised of a drive to encourage Council Tax to be paid by direct debit, including a prize draw.

8. Police

The Chairman reported on her attendance at the First Tier SNT meeting held on 1 September. She had raised the issue of School parking in view of the limited facility at the Village Hall and as approximately 80 of the 100 pupils lived outside the village. A project to appoint Junior PCSOs via schools was under consideration on a County-wide basis, with parking an issue which could be included. The police also intended to visit and promote safe parking.

Ms Head advised that she may be able to attend the next meeting on 13 October.

DH

It was noted that the public meeting to be attended by the Police Commissioner clashed with the date of the next Council meeting, 7 November.

9. Finance

Income and Expenditure

Income:

Nil, but it was noted that the second half of the precept would be received from SCDC at the end of September.

Expenditure:

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

- Mr T Fear for P3 Cutting: £166
- Clerk's Salary for August and expenses: £264.84
- Clerk's Salary for September: £258.84
- HMRC PAYE for August: £64.60
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A schedule of the above payments was signed by the Chairman and cheques were signed by the Chairman and Ms Head.

External Audit 2015/16

The auditors had returned the annual return and asked for amendment to be

made to the 'carried forward' figures in view of the date upon which a VAT refund would be received. It was noted that the information had been presented in a way approved by the internal auditor for both 2014/15 and 2015/16 and that the issue had not been raised by the external auditor last year. The requested amendment had been made and the external auditor had agreed not to charge a £30 audit fee in the circumstances.

Pension Provision

It was noted that the Council had completed the required declaration of compliance, but had no employee reaching the salary threshold which required it to provide a pension.

10. Matters Arising from Circulated Items.

There were no matters arising.

11. Correspondence

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the following item would be circulated to Councillors:
 - Clerks and Councils Direct (No 107)

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 November 2016.