

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 3 July 2017**

**Present:** Mrs M Wilson (Chairman), Dr C Hopkins, Ms D Head, Mr I Ransome and Mr B Rufford

**Also present:** Mr C Hedgley (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and three residents/members of the public

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

**Councillor  
Actions**

**1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

Apologies were received from Mr D Hunter for a medical reason and Mrs T Cornish for family reasons. There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the apologies for absence.

**2 Public Participation Session**

**Planning Application DC/17/2605/FUL at Beacon Ridge, 24 Beacon Lane**

The applicant said that he had come to answer any questions the Council may have. There were none and the application was considered straight forward.

**Traffic Speed in Playford Road**

A new resident in Playford Road asked why the white lining in Playford Road stopped before it reached his property, as he had found that cars speeded up there, perhaps thinking they had left the restricted area.

He was advised that some white lines had been replaced in the area, after re-surfacing work, but some remained to be done. He was also advised of the Council's application for inclusion in SID/TVAS monitoring and that a location near his property had been proposed. It was noted that there were also concerns about two low drain covers following the re-surfacing, which Mr Ransome had reported to SCC. In addition, a 30 mph roundel sign needed repair and there was graffiti on the village sign; both of these would be reported to SCC.

**Planning Application for Pine Lodge, Playford Road**

The resident said that he would be seeking planning permission for a 1.5 storey extension at the property and would like to have the Council's support for it. He would be having plans drawn up. He was advised to discuss this further with planning officers, but there was no objection in principle.

The residents/members of the public left the meeting.

**3 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2017**

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To approve the minutes of this meeting as written.

## **4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **4.1 Suffolk Preservation Society Training**

Dr Hopkins reported that the archaeology training on 9 May had been very worthwhile and there were a lot of sources of information should the Council need them. Many of the examples at the training had featured the Lavenham and Mildenhall area.

### **4.2 Formal Opening of SCDC New Offices on 15 June**

The Chairman had attended this event and her notes of the visit had been circulated to Councillors.

## **5 Planning**

### **5.1 IBC Call for Sites**

Ipswich Borough Council had advised that it was starting work on a joint/aligned local plan with neighbouring local authorities to address development needs in the Borough boundary. A Planning Inspector had requested a coordinated approach to meeting housing needs in Babergh, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Coastal and achieving economic growth. It was therefore consulting to identify potential development sites.

### **5.2 E-Consultation by SCDC**

SCDC was developing an e-consultation platform for parish councils for planning applications, and had invited the Council to apply for e-consultation notifications. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council would make application for e-consultation notifications by SCDC on the condition there was firm assurance that there was no likelihood it would no longer receive paper copies of applications, including plans, for consideration at Council meetings and for the benefit of local residents.

### **5.3 DC/17/2605/FUL: Single storey extension to create new study and ensuite at Beacon Ridge, 24 Beacon Lane**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to this application.

### **5.4 EAOW Construction Update**

The Chairman reported on her attendance at the public consultation event held on 21 June, but there had not been any new information presented. The developer had advised that problems with cars parking in passing places in Holly Lane had been the result of archaeology investigations by SCC and not construction traffic. The developer had asked for vehicles to be parked on the archaeology site. The developer had been asked to supply a copy of the tree replanting management plan and this was awaited. It would be possible for the Council to propose locations for replanting, but the agreement of the landowner would be needed.

### **5.5 Sinks Pit**

The owner had responded to the Council's enquiry advising that the noise survey work was ongoing. SCC Waste had advised that the new gas flare was undergoing commissioning tests and was expected to be fully operational in a month. The old flare would then be dismantled and the area

could be included in a new embankment and planting scheme. SCC was working with the site owner, and the acoustic survey and noise attenuation work was ongoing. SCC intended to hold a meeting of all interested parties to facilitate a planning application for the attenuation embankment, but it was not known if this would include local residents.

#### **5.6 Noise from Foxhall Stadium on 18 June 2017**

It was noted that there had been an extraordinary level of noise from Foxhall Stadium on the evening of 18 June, as a result of a stock car event. SCDC had investigated complaints and advised that this was due to exceptional atmospheric weather conditions and the presence of V8 vehicles at the event. SCDC would continue to monitor events upon complaint.

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

No decision had yet been received from the Environment Agency.

#### **7 Highways**

##### **7.1 20mph for The Street**

SCC had advised that it would be raising an invoice for payment by the Council of the £5,500 funding held by the Council for the project, but this had not been received to date.

SCC had advised that the works for the scheme would be carried out within 16 weeks of 1 June.

##### **7.2 White Lines**

It was noted that some white lines remained to be replaced still, and SCC had not yet responded to the Council's request to renew these by the Church and at the junction of Holly Lane and The Street.

##### **7.3 Application to SCC for SID/TVAS Poles**

SCC had apologised that it had not yet dealt with the Council's application and advised that it would respond shortly.

##### **7.4 SAVID/SID**

The Council's insurer had advised that it recommended that one organisation take responsibility for insuring the SID to avoid dual insurance and the need for parishes to take out temporary cover. It had confirmed that the Council had public liability cover for erecting/dismantling/moving the item when it was in its possession. Mr Hedgley advised that SAVID had decided that in fact the SID would have to be insured by each parish, and a likely cost seemed £28 per parish. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to establish the cost of adding SID cover to the Council's own policy.

##### **7.5 Footpath Cutting**

The first cut had been completed. The Council's brushcutter was not used by the contractor and had been returned to the Clerk. It was currently being serviced at a likely cost of £67.

#### **8 Reports from Local District and County Councillors**

Mr Hedgley's report had been circulated to Councillors. He referred to the completion of the merger of SCDC and Waveney District Councils by 2019 and that there would be a need to reduce the total number of councillors.

An electrical recycling facility was proving popular. Events were planned for 'Women on Wheels' and Landguard Fort.

It was noted that there had been no report or contact from the local County Councillor, Mr Vickery, for several months.

## **9 Police**

### **9.1 First Tier Meetings held on 22 May and 22 June**

Mrs Cornish had attended these meetings, and would attend the next meeting on 20 July. She had advised that a 'green cone' scheme for 'respectful parking' near schools was being piloted, with six cones being available for the Council to purchase at £200. Updated parking leaflets were also being sent to schools.

It was noted that Bealings School parent parking had deteriorated again, perhaps because current parents had not been made aware of the arrangements in place. It was not known if the School had a current Travel Plan and **RESOLVED**:

- To advise Bealings School of the Council's success in achieving a 20 mph speed limit for The Street, and to request a copy of the School's Travel Plan.

## **10 Finance**

### **10.1 Bank Reconciliation for First Quarter**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that this would be undertaken by Mr Hunter, once the bank account statement for June was to hand. **DMH**

### **10.2 Authorisation of Expenditure**

'Thank you's' had been received for the Council's donations from Age UK, the Fynn-Lark News, the Village Hall Trust and the Council's webmaster, Mrs Shaw.

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

- Annual Subscription to Suffolk Preservation Society: £30
- Clerk's net salary for June: £261.46
- PAYE for June: £65.20
- Clerk's net salary for July: £261.46
- PAYE for July: £65.20

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

### **10.3 Income Received**

SALC Transparency Code Funding: £50

### **10.4 External Audit – Update**

The Annual Return had been submitted to the external auditors and the period of public inspection of the accounts had started on 20 June.

**11 Matters Arising from Circulated Items**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mr Ransome would attend Councillor training run by SALC in October or November.

**12 Correspondence**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following correspondence be circulated to Councillors:
  - Clerks and Councils Direct
  - CAB Annual Report

**14 Date of Next Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that, in view of receipt of planning application reference DC/17/2772/ARM: Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/14/1125/OUT – Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages at Acacot, The Street, the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 12 July 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.05pm.