

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 9.25pm  
on Tuesday 4 April 2017**

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

**Also present:** Mr C Hedgley (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and sixteen 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 B Rufford and Dr C Hopkins, both of whom were away. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the apologies for absence.

Ms Head declared a non pecuniary interest in one of the planning applications.

There were no requests for dispensations.

**2 Public Participation Session**

The applicants for planning application DC/17/0991/ARM: Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages at Valcot and Acacia Cottages, The Street, said that they were available to answer any questions.

The applicants for planning application DC/17/1094/FUL: Proposed Alterations and Extensions to existing bungalow together with formation of new frontage vehicular access and parking area at Langdale, Beacon Lane said that they had come to present the application and listen to the discussion. They had moved into the property a week ago and the application was to extend the living room.

The applicants for planning application DC/17/0911/FUL: Remove Conservatory. New single storey and 1½ storey rear extension, replace existing flat roof with pitched roof at Pine Lodge, Playford Road said that the application was for more living space.

**3 Planning**

**DC/17/0991/ARM: Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages at Valcot and Acacia Cottages, The Street**

It was noted that the development would result in two extra dwellings, and that SCDC had approved this principle. Discussion therefore related to concerns about:

- the density of the development of the site, given that two four

- bedroom houses and two three bedroom houses were proposed
- the height of the dwellings given that the existing properties were low and positioned at a dip in The Street
- that the design was imposing in a rural village setting and, while there was no overriding architectural style in the parish, the proposal was not a 'like for like' with the existing dwellings in that part of The Street
- the number of extra cars that would result from the development
- the positioning of the dwellings further forward on the site than the existing dwellings
- the overlooking of neighbouring properties and the impact on their view and light

It was noted that SCDC's advice in respect of the previous application (DC/14/1125/OUT Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages (outline with all matters reserved)) had not been taken into account in the scale and design of the dwellings. The application also did not seek to address all of the reserved matters, such as the contamination of the land and sewerage disposal.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the application on the grounds that the proposed development was over development of the site given the scale and design of the proposed dwellings and contrary to SCDC Development Management Policy 7: Infilling and Backland Development within Physical Limits Boundaries
- would overlook neighbouring properties
- would generate too much extra traffic

**DC/17/0911/FUL: Remove Conservatory. New single storey and 1½ storey rear extension, replace existing flat roof with pitched roof at Pine Lodge, Playford Road**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to this application.

**DC/17/1094/FUL: Proposed Alterations and Extensions to existing bungalow together with formation of new frontage vehicular access and parking area at Langdale, Beacon Lane**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to this application.

**DC/17/1202/TPO: T1 – Beech tree in front lawn – 10% crown reduction, 5-10% thin and selective target pruning to tidy the tree up.**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to this application.

**EAOW1 Enabling Works**

It was noted that work had started on the construction site at Playford and that traffic taking aggregate from Kesgrave Quarry was passing through Playford and Little Bealings and not using the agreed Traffic Management Plan route. The developer had apologised and advised the contractors of the correct route.

Permission had been given by the Village Hall Secretary for parking for vehicles undertaking metal detecting as part of the archaeological survey.

#### **Sinks Pit**

It was noted that noise testing had taken place and had shown excessive noise in one area. A resident had asked SCC to suspend the operating licence as a result. Further noise testing was to be carried out, at different locations in the site.

SCC had advised that it awaited a report from the owner on the attenuation which raising the bund height would bring, to be followed by a planning application.

## **4 Highways**

### **20mph Speed Limit for The Street**

It was noted that SCC had agreed to proceed with the extended limit suggested by the Council, but expressed concern that the length meant that the limit would lose impact and effectiveness. It may also mean that the proposal would need to be considered by a Highways Panel and that formal objection was more likely to be received. This would increase costs for the Council and there was the risk the scheme would be lost. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To advise SCC that, if it considered it more appropriate, the Council was content for the 20mph limit to start at the bridge over the River Fynn rather than at the level crossing.

## **5 Finance**

### **Expenditure:**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following expenditure be incurred, once confirmation of PAYE due was available:

- Clerk's Salary for April and PAYE

## **6 Correspondence**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To circulate to Councillors SALC's The Local Councillor and details of the Annual Training Programme

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.45pm.