

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm
on Monday 30 April 2018**

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

One resident for part of the meeting.

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

District Councillor Colin Hedgley had apologised that he was unable to attend.

Mrs Cornish declared a non-pecuniary interest in consideration of item 4.4 below.

There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

2 Public Participation Session

A local resident said that he wished to comment on the Community Asset Listing of the Admiral's Head and gave details of the history of school parking on the pub car park. He was of the view that the car park was of benefit to the village, but that it would not be available again unless the pub re-opened. As the property had not been brought to the market to see if there was a buyer, he supported the new Listing.

3 Village Review Report Consideration

Councillors had considered the Report and made the following comments:

- there were no suggestions on how to deal with the noise and dust from Sinks Pit
- a 'fair number' of respondents did not want more development in the parish
- there were comments regarding the proposed Grove Farm development

and **RESOLVED:**

- that there would be further consideration of the Report at the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 May.

4 Planning

**4.1 Update on Applications
DC/17/3903/FUL The Bear Cave, Martlesham Road: Proposed two storey extensions**

A resident had expressed concern at the depth of the excavation works being undertaken and asked if the planning permission included a depth for the pool. It was noted that there was no depth included on the approved plans and that the permission did not include any change of use, for example for commercial use of the pool

4.2 DC/18/1268/OUT: The proposal seeks permission for the development of 8 new residential dwellings on land formerly used for agriculture. The proposals cover the demolition of the existing buildings on the site, along with the removal of significant areas of hard standing: Grove Farm Buildings, The Street

It was noted that the development now proposed eight dwellings and the layout had been revised. It was noted that SCC had raised a potential objection regarding highway safety and there were concerns about water drainage.

It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The access to The Street is unsafe for additional vehicle movements.
- The number of families with children which would result would have an adverse impact, with dangerous walking along the road to the School - and as Bealings School is already at capacity.
- The village envelope is there for a reason and there is no remit in the recent Village Review for the Council to support development outside the envelope.
- The local bus service is inadequate, meaning more commuters by car. There is no employment in the village.

4.3 DC/18/1388/FUL: Proposed single storey extensions to bungalow and garage: Four Winds, The Street

No objections had been received from neighbours and it was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the development.

4.4 APP/014/18: Appeal against refusal of planning permission: Erection of detached dwelling and garage. Formation of vehicular access to Holly Close: The Orchard, Holly Lane

Comments from three residents had been received giving details of their submissions to the Planning Inspectorate and maintaining objection to the development.

It was noted that the appeal made two presumptions: that access along Holly Close and into Holly Lane was achievable, and that the NPPF provided for approval of all sustainable development without delay. After consideration it was **RESOLVED** to make representations to the Planning Inspectorate on the grounds that:

The development was not socially, economically or environmentally sustainable:

- The application proposed the removal of a section of hedge along the frontage of the proposed development, which currently forms part of the north western boundary of The Orchard. Permission for the erection of The Orchard was conditional upon the retention of this hedge, to safeguard the visual amenity provided by the trees and hedgerows.
- There would be increased car use as the bus service was inadequate, with no return service for commuters.
- The cases cited were not relevant: this was for one house and all of the houses in the area were isolated – ie there were no retail services or pub.
- The development would not contribute to social cohesion, but would create access problems for existing residents along Holly Close, and

thereby be a major source of contention. In addition SCC's agreement to the development involved the creation of a visibility splay on third party land.

It was also **RESOLVED**:

- to ask SCC why they proposed works outside the development site to provide an access of an acceptable standard, contrary to its usual policy and, for example, its response in respect of DC/18/1268/OUT.

Appeal Against Community Asset Listing by the Admiral's Head

4.5

The Council **RESOLVED**:

- That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the rest of item 3 on the Agenda on the grounds that their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely consideration of the Council's defence of its application for the listing of the Admiral's Head as an Asset of Community Value.

The next part of the minutes of the meeting are exempt from publication in accordance with Standing Order 3(b) and S1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity of the Council's defence of its application for the listing of the Admiral's Head as an Asset of Community Value would be prejudicial to the public interest.

5 Signage at Sinks Pit

SCC had advised that it would cost in the region of £100 for stickers to be added to the 'Kesgrave Closed Landfill Site' signs, amending it to 'Little Bealings'. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to ask SCC to replace the signs.

6 The General Data Protection Regulations 2018

The Chairman and the Clerk has attended training run by the Local Council Public Advisory Service, which specifically set out the obligations for parish councils. There was a parliamentary decision that councils no longer needed to appoint a separate Data Protection Officer, but the same work still had to be undertaken. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to outsource the work to the Local Council Public Advisory Service
- to check whether the Council's insurance provided cover for the new regime.

7 Finance

7.1 Income and Expenditure

Income – it was presumed the first half of the precept had been paid to the Council, but the bank statement was not yet to hand.

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

- Clerk's net salary for April and expenses: £360.34
- PAYE for April: £65.20

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

7.2 Audit for 2017/18

The internal audit was in hand and the Annual Governance statement would be considered at the meeting on 21 May 2018.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be the Annual General Meeting on Monday 21 May 2018.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20pm