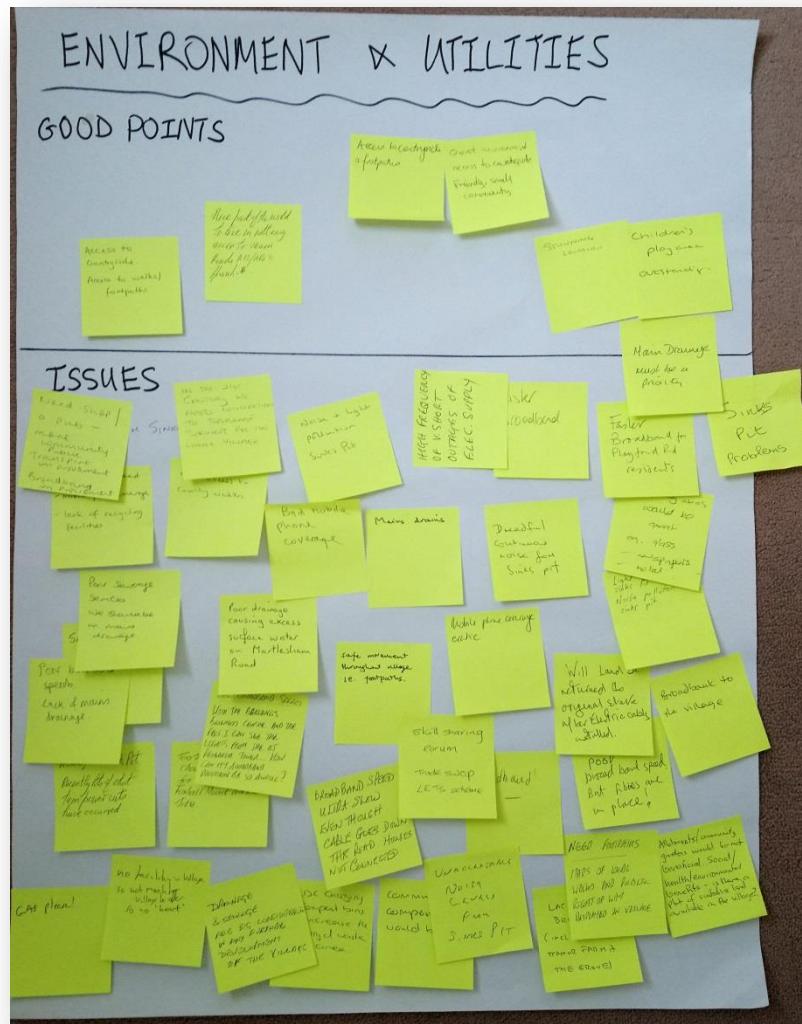


Little Bealings

Parish Review



5th March 2018

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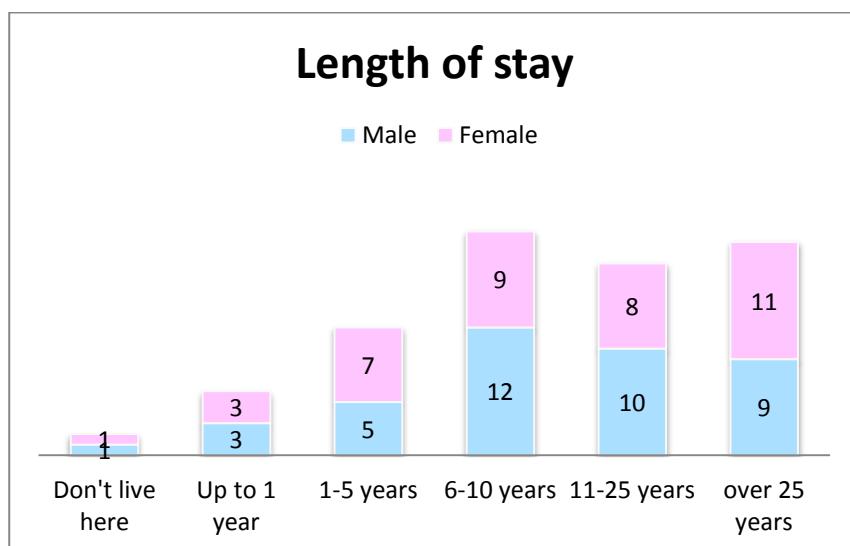
No of people attending: 79 (40 Men & 39 ladies which includes 2 people from Great Bealings)

Percentage of population attending: Population 440 (2016) 17.5% (77 people from Little Bealings)

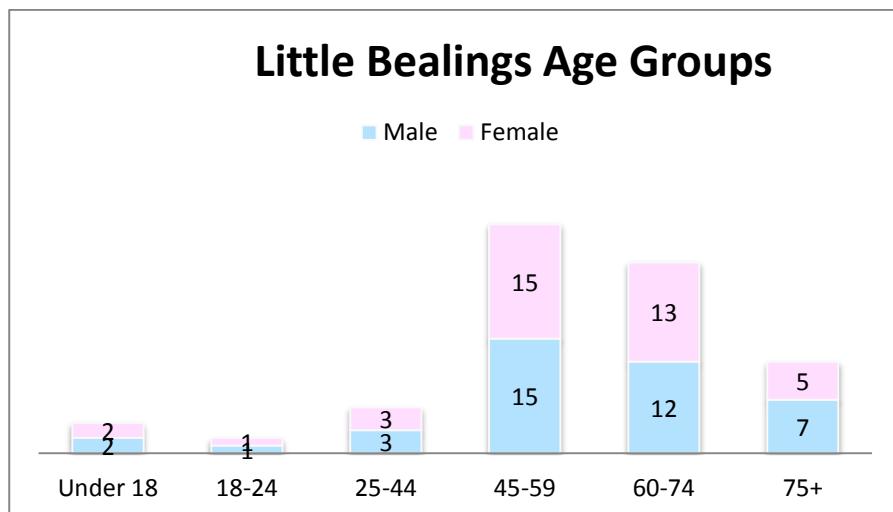
On arrival people were asked for a few basic details about themselves to give general statistics about the participants in the Consultation. This helps with identifying whether groups of people or areas were less well represented and what other methods of consultation might be useful as a follow up to this event.

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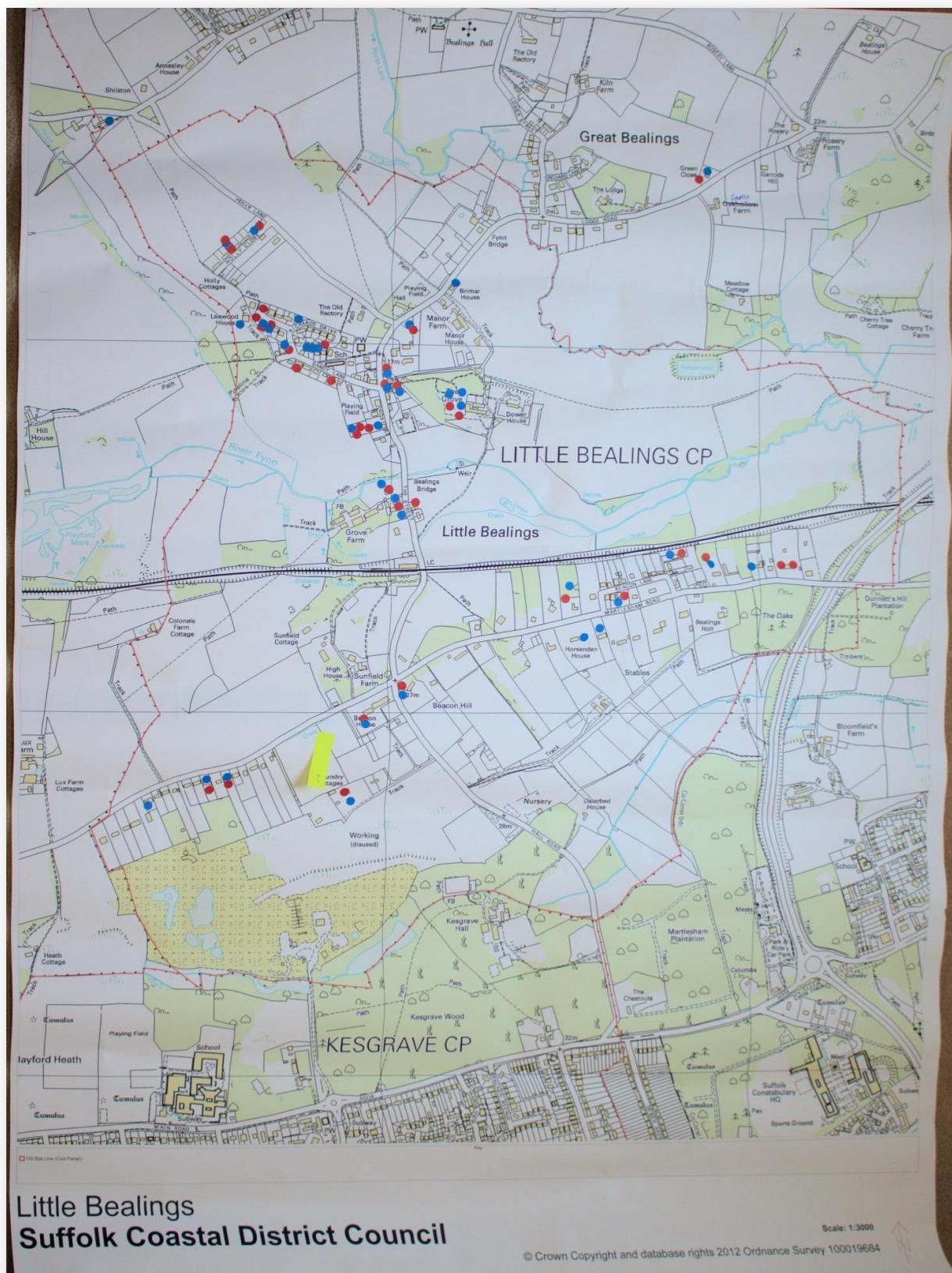
How long have you lived in or around Little Bealings?



Age of Participants



Where do you live?



What do you like or think is good about living in Little Bealings?

Good Points Comments
Countryside/views
Mobile library
Village atmosphere
Village activities
Footpaths
Abundant trees & Green spaces e.g. gardens and woods
Quiet country living
Wildlife/birds
Rural environment with wildlife
Good walking
It is great that young families have been moving in to refresh the demographics of the village
Green space
Outstanding primary school
Playground
Everything except traffic volume/noise & sink pit noise
Angela Cobbold Hall is a community hub
Rural village, do not want to be part of Kesgrave or Martlesham
No street lighting, no light pollution
No street lights
Walks, wildlife, proximity to town
Wildlife & countryside, no streetlights, quiet, not too many houses
Rural life
Excellent rural, mobile library, mature trees, wildlife – variety of birds, peace & quiet, low light pollution
Excellent rural location, a village near the town, public rights of way need to be protected
Church hub, a great idea
Angela Cobbold Hall activities
Rural but easy to access town facilities – Kesgrave, Woodbridge, Martlesham, Ipswich (If I am really, really desperate...)
Good school, nice walks, good community
Country village near the town
Lovely walks, footpaths, views
Friendly neighbours, activities in the Angela Cobbold Hall, good walks
Mobile library
After tonight, sense of community
Village environment
Peaceful, friendly, rural, wonderful wildlife

What is not so good? What would you like to change in Little Bealings?

Not so good comments
Sinks pit
More frequent bus service needed or train stop
Bring back pub
Lack of affordable housing for young people. Re-open pub, lack of care from SCDC step up to the mark and make this a rural village
Public transport (lack of)
Car parking for café hub x2
Kesgrave & Martlesham creepage
More community facilities, support re-ordering of All Saints Church to community space & café
Amount of traffic, size of vehicles, speed of traffic, (20 mph limit mostly ignored)
Re-open the pub with a community buy out
Need a village centre or green, some focal point
The noise from the Sink Pit and the by-pass. Too much traffic in Martlesham Road, Playford Rd and speeding. Make it a 20 mph limit
Use of amenities in park should be promoted, not felt it is an interference with those nearby
No pub, no shop, little public transport
Car park for café hub
Thought it was safe but now worried about vandals
A local meeting place/café
We want our pub back
Need police to watch out for vandals in Sandy Lane
Bring back pub x2
Pavements!
Narrow roads, no street lighting
Pub and tidy up car park outside pub
Thieves/vandals stole my solar lights & smashed them 2 weeks ago. Police informed
Rowdy youngsters congregate at end of Sandy Lane
Out of catchment families using primary school adding to traffic!
Worried about planning permission being given to infill gardens – change character of village
Re-open the railway station!!
Bring back pub
Register the pub car park as a separate Asset of Community Value
Re-open the pub ☺
Keep pub as the centre of the community
Bring back pub!
Road repairs
Pavement provision
Bring back Pub!
More needs to be done for the children in the village. Less expensive, better access to sport facilities i.e. tennis court
Very concerned about possible northern by-pass to Ipswich & effect this could have on the village

Housing

The Parish Council wanted to know more about what housing people felt was needed in the village so we asked the following questions. People could put that they didn't want anymore housing however no specific option was put on the sheets because it is unrealistic to think that nothing will ever get built.

What type and size of housing do you think is needed in Little Bealings?

Type of housing	Number of people preferring the option
Bungalows	17
Terraced houses	5
Cottages	12
Semi-detached houses	11
Detached houses	13
Specially adapted homes	4
Affordable housing through a housing association	11
Self-build	13
1 bedroom	3
2 bedrooms	18
3 bedrooms	20
4 bedrooms and over	11
Other (Please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing suitable for people with disabilities/ mobility problems• We don't want more housing; this is a rural village. I agree! Roads congested enough already!• Keep the village rural! X2• Do not want any new houses

If new houses are built, what sort of development would you prefer?

Type of development	Number of people preferring the option
Infill	24
Single Houses	18
Up to 5 houses	14
Up to 10 houses	8
Conversion of redundant buildings	26
Affordable housing for local people	19
Other (please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None, no new housing developments – already have Adastral Park and Bell Lane BT• Screening with trees where applicable• No boxes, definitely no boxes!• Green areas• No rabbit hutches• We don't want new housing – rural village!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECO – low energy housing • Traffic considerations! + Yes! • Yes, traffic! • Variety of sizes in gaps around existing including outside of “village boundary” where houses are not allowed. + Yes please. • No new houses • None
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What is important to you about any new development?

The look of development	Number of people preferring the option
Adequate off-road parking	30
The style blends in with existing buildings	21
To have a layout that reduces the likelihood of crime	16
Use of renewable energy in homes	21
Green areas to break housing up	19
Sympathetic building materials	20
Gardens	22
Entrances to be accessible (wider doors, no steps)	11
Original designs	13
Other (please specify)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another Kesgrave? No + I agree • Do not want 9 new houses, the plot is outside the village envelope & might set a precedent • Buildings in keeping with the village as it is now • FEW affordable homes • Some affordable homes • Variety of sizes • We don't want development, this is a rural village + I do agree with this • We do not need nor want any development in Little Bealings + agreed

Possible Development Sites (or not suitable)

Where is the site?	Good for development? Why?	Not good for development? Why?
Any gaps between existing houses e.g. by river where some houses exist; between The Grove round to Old Police House etc. Round Laundry Cottages etc, etc.	Good use of space, no real new visual impact	
Larger plots (e.g. on Martlesham Road) should be able to be developed with increased density	Minimal impact as very large plots & good access road	
 Agree with these comments 		
1. Hall Road/Playford Road (see map on page 4 – yellow post-it note)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenty of frontage • Easy access to shops at Martlesham, services etc. 	
None	None	Village is rural & full up!
None	none	Full up
None	none	Keep the village rural friendly place
If 5 units refused on appeal, why apply for 9? Yes, 2 or 3 but we need properties at about £300,000 so young people can buy them and bring vitality to the village. A village is a living organism. We need young people not people in 50/60 whose children are at university. The current proposal is outrageous.		

Other good points and issues

We also conducted a “needs analysis” using 4 large topic sheets on which everyone was encouraged to leave comments about any good points, concerns and aspirations.

After noting down what was good or what they felt needed to be changed they were invited to contribute to a rolling action plan where people could put down the issues and add actions to take them forward. The resulting plan is at the end of the report.

Comments on the 4 Topic Sheets

Traffic, Transport & Highways

Comments
Good points
Bus service to Ipswich!
20 mph zone
The 20 mph has reduced the speed most drive at. Just need speed bumps as that works even more
Good idea 20 mph!
20 mph limit should reduce risk from Grove Farm development

Footpaths & Verges
Link top end of village by a footpath to main part of village. Walking past level crossing can be quite tricky
Erosion of verges on both sides of Martlesham Road
Footpath needed from churchyard to Village Hall car park
Footpath needed as an alternative to walking along the road between Admirals Head and the old railway station + Agreed
More footpaths from Playford Rd to main village PLEASE (+ Agreed)
Erosion of verges
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance of verges• Overhanging branches etc• Erosion of verges• Road maintenance• Enforcement of 20 mph speed limit
Lack of bridle paths for horse & rider safety
Lack of footways & safe walking areas on the highway
Trees on edge of road – particularly Martlesham very dangerous
Footpaths to Kesgrave difficult to use
Poor drainage causing excess surface water on Martlesham Road
Safe movement throughout village i.e. footpaths
School parking – footpath/pavement from Village Hall to school
More bridle paths for horse and rider as we need safer areas to ride

Traffic
Speed & Volume
This 9 house development – very dangerous highway impact. At least 18 more cars in a bottleneck
Enforcement of 20 mph zone
Enforce 20 mph speed limit
Traffic allowed to go too fast in Martlesham Road & volume of traffic too high & likely to get worse with Adastral Park & Bell Lane Kesgrave
More consideration of needs of pedestrians, cyclists (& runners) on roads through and around the village
Speeding in Playford Road
The 20 mph speed limit doesn't seem to have made much difference ☺
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much speeding • Add a 20 mph speed limit to Playford Road & Martlesham Road • Add speed bumps • Add cameras • Speed monitored regularly by police
Deal with dangerous driving on Playford + Martlesham + Hall Roads
Too much traffic on Martlesham/Playford Road. Extremely dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists
Enforce speed limits – (?) the 20 mph sections
Volume of traffic & using Playford Rd, Hall Rd, Martlesham Rd as a rat run
Speed
Not keeping new speed limit
Speeding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit. • Can we ask police do gun • A few motorists perhaps breathalysed • Speeding on Playford Road

Transport
Re-opening of Bealings railway station would be beneficial
Not enough buses
Lack of public transport
Please re-open Bealings train station
Public transport, poor situation; suggest railway station is re-opened
Open railway
Public transport – railway but no station. Please re-open
Public transport – more frequent
Public transport. No reliable bus service
Open railway platform for train travel
Public transport – not frequent enough
Re-open railway
More community/public transport improvement

Highways
Hall Road/Playford Road junction improvement
A development of more than 3-4 houses at Grove Farm would create a big HAZARD at the junction with The Street
Flooding of The Street near the river after heavy rain
Access to old Grove Farm buildings
Visibility at HR/PR/MR X Road
Traffic calming on Martlesham Road
A white line to provide cycle/walking priority on Playford Road
No more white lines we are not a town
The proposed new development needs to buy the land on the other side of the dike so it is one road in and one way out. This would prevent any road hazard as this is already a footpath – prevent bottleneck issues.
Too many road signs – we are a village
Traffic calming on Playford Road PLEASE
Very dangerous development transport wise – Grove Farm
Very poor road surface between Lt Bealings and Grundisburgh Rd
Poor drainage resulting in excess surface water on Martlesham Road
Road condition i.e. potholes are terrible
Roads in poor condition. Will improvements be made after electric works?

Parking
Parking on The Street
Selfless school parents parking on hills and bends “dangerous”
More parking in centre of village. Buy old pub car park?
Irresponsible parking - parents
Make a school drop off drive into the field at the bottom of the school playing field
Parking on The Street especially school pick up & drop off (from the church up to Holly Lane)
School parents, poor parking
Lack of parking for school
Often parents late dropping off & picking up their children
School parking
Parking for café hub
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of parking • Dangerous parking on main street & children on Sandy Lane
School parking
There will be an accident involving school children walking (unsupervised) up the hill to the Village Hall car park
School parking on street
School parking/access
Café Hub parking not good enough, need their own area

In your Parish

Comment
Good Points
Bealings & Playford news online
Key maintained footpaths
Great opportunities for social/cultural activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendly neighbours • Bealings & Playford News
Proactive Parish Council (planning)
Finn Lark News is always a good read
Countryside, long distance path
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good neighbours • Communication – good use of Parish magazine
Lovely rural setting, close to towns and shops
Plenty of activities if you choose to use
Lovely view of countryside from my window
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace and quiet • Great walking routes • Easy to get to nearby towns & facilities • Great community spirit • Wonderful place to live • Caring neighbours
Great place to live – friendly neighbours
The place I chose to live – great place

Facilities
Centre of village is an eyesore
Village Hall sports provision i.e. tennis court too expensive and not easy to access for local children. Needs be cheaper = more use
Turn the Angela Cobbold into a community run shop
The need for young families
No pub/shop. No focal point to have tea & cake
We need the pub back
Pub to re-open under new management
Inconsistent planning permission given for properties in village
No pub, no focal point to meet. Support for café hub in church
No facilities in village so not much for village to offer. So no heart
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skill sharing forum • Trade swap LETS scheme
Need a shop/pub
No “centre” – lack of a pub/shop/po
Admirals Head – very untidy needs weeding & car park tidying up – looks a mess
Centre of village looks a mess – pub needs to tidy up
Lack of pub or shop

Environment & Utilities

Comment
Good points
Stunning location
Children's play area outstanding
Access to countryside & footpaths
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiet environment • Access to countryside • Friendly, small community
Nice part of the world to live in with easy access to main roads A12/A14 & Ipswich
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to countryside • Access to walks/footpaths

Utilities
Lack of broadband (including Dower House, Manor Farm and The Grove)
Gas please!
Drainage & sewage are big considerations in any further development of the village
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband speed ultra slow • Even though cable goes down the road, houses not connected
Broadband!
Poor broadband speed, but fibres are in place!
Will land be returned to original state after electric cables installed?
Broadband to the village
Recently a lot of short term power cuts have occurred
Poor broadband speeds – with the Bealings Business Centre and the fact I can see the lights from the BT Research Tower....how can my broadband provision be so awful?
Broadband improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband speed • Mobile phone coverage • Lack of recycling facilities
Bad mobile phone coverage
In the 21 st century we need connection to sewerage for the whole village
Poor sewerage services. We should be on mains drainage
Poor broadband speeds
Lack of mains drainage
Mains drains
High frequency of very short outages of electricity supply
Faster broadband
Mains drainage must be a priority
Faster broadband for Playford Road residents
Mobile phone coverage erratic

Environment
Allotments/community gardens would be most beneficial. Social/health/environmental benefits – is there a plot of suitable land available in the village?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need footpaths • Maps of local walks and public right of way displayed in village
SCDC charging for compost bins may increase the dumping of waste in our area
Unacceptable noisy (?) from Sinks Pit
Community compost area would be great
Noise from Sinks Pit
Too many additional charges for items for disposal at Foxhall Road Waste Site
Good access to country walks
Noise & light pollution, Sinks Pit
Sinks Pit noise
Sinks Pit problems
Dreadful continuous noise from Sinks Pit
Recycling areas would be great e.g. glass, newspapers, metal
Light & noise pollution from Sinks Pit

Health/Education/Leisure

Comment
Good points
Good playing field and walks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding primary school • Children's playground
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field • Friendly village • Friendly people • Walking/peaceful
Village school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenty of opportunities • Village Hall • Angela Cobbold Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh air • Walking possibilities • Tennis court • Classes etc at Village Hall
Village Hall
Playing field
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field • Tennis court • Footpaths
Excellent walking – (some stretches on Bealings Lane are on the road – so dangerous)

Health
I'm worried about ambulance response times
No medical facility

Education
Too much extra traffic caused by out of catchment children/parents – bad driving and parking ☺
More family homes for our children to use the school!

Leisure
Lack of a pub/caf�
Need pub back in village
Pub – vital for community
More footpaths off roads
More pop-up pubs please
Want the pub to open
Start the pop-up pubs again in village hall – would give much needed funds
Skate park needed for children/boys in park
Bring back the pub ☺
Need things to do/events for adult community in village to create more village spirit
Have a “Social Committee/Group” to organise events for the village
Open pub again
Places to meet up, for groups to socialise (inside & outside?)
Good neighbours scheme
Could you add adult “keep fit” equipment to the playing field?
Booking the tennis court is difficult and getting in even more difficult. Could the committee trust us?

Responses via email:

Response 1

My wife and I live in Beacon Lane, Little Bealings so we are not really in the village. However we would feel more part of it if pedestrian access could be arranged from our lane to the village. This issue was raised at a recent parish council meeting. Pedestrian access would allow children from our lane who attend Little Bealings school to walk there rather than be delivered and collected by car. We used to walk our dog along the Martlesham Road; had we still got a dog we now would be fearful to do so because of the great increase in traffic. A footpath would alleviate this. Church goers could walk to church rather than drive which might encourage numbers in the congregation. The elderly without a car would be able to participate in village activities in the hall. In all, a footpath to the village would improve the quality of our lives and reduce our sense of isolation. We would like to see the feasibility of this looked into.

Finally, as a visitor to the village we find the area around the former Admirals Head to be untidy and unsightly. It detracts from the appearance of the village and is in sore need of restoration.

Response 2

As I am unable to attend the meeting on 5th March,2018 I herewith submit my thoughts as requested regarding Fynn Bridge Development

We first found Lt Bealings by walking from Tuddenham through the valley of the Fynn and immediately loved the place for its peace and tranquility amongst the woods and fields and of course we found the old Admiral pub, then a real ploughmans pub and got to know the locals of the village and where we eventually came to live in 1962.

The further large building sites which are proposed for both Kesgrave and Martlesham will in themselves inevitably effect this village with increased traffic flows taking short cuts around the perimeter of Ipswich with yet more damage to our environment and ecosystems

We have been bombarded with request for our views on development within our village with at least seven or eight requests from either Suffolk Acre or SLDC and all within the space of the last fifteen years and on every occasion the majority view has always maintained the same stance, no large scale development please. I also say again no, that this village is definitely not suited to any further major deveopment simply because of the roads, most of which are lanes with passing places. Some of these lanes do allow two cars to pass but only for short distances and if a lorry or large farm vehilce approaches its a squeeze and dive into a passing place or driveway to give room for passing. Added to this, the village has recently been allowed by the Council after much public campaigning to limit the speed through the village to 20 mph from the level crossing to beyond the Village Hall. Most importantly of all there is no pedestrian pathway through out the village and beyond and this is particularly dangerous early in the morning rush hour to the school children and again in the middle afternoon period when the school closes.

I understand from reading parish council reports that planning has recently been given for the replacement of the old cottages and wheelrights former workshop, with four new dwellings with access onto the village street which together with this new development will increase further pressure on this already restricted area with a total of 12 new homes and all the consequent services and traffic flow increases that this extra proposed development will cause. with yet another entry onto the main village street. Surely purely as a matter of safety and damage to our environment any further development on this site cannot be welcomed. As a further point it is also outside of the village envelope, or doesn't this matter anymore?

This is not nimbyism as is so frequently touted but is what used to be considered as good planning preserving the countryside for all. Even the Ipswich Borough Council which has recently given planning permission for two major housing developments on its north eastern perimeter (which are highly detrimental and to be built on pristine farmland) has quoted the Fynn Valley as a Country Park and nearby green space for their developments.

Response 3

We spotted your letter on our notice board, so thought we would give you some feedback as to what is important to us as a family with young children growing up in the village. Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the meeting tonight but wanted to share our views on your proposal.

1, Safer footpaths within the village. As you know we would like to be able to walk our children to school, our youngest in currently in reception, so will be attending Bealings School for the next six years.

If the pub were to reopen in the future it would be a good idea to be able to walk to it, likewise when we want to access the bus stop we have to drive into the village. The same goes for the other facilities, mobile library, Village Hall, Church and the playground. Currently we have to drive to them all.

It would also be useful to be able to walk along Bealings/Martlesham/Playford Road. I'm not suggesting putting a tarmac footpath along the length of the road but rather trimming back some of the overgrown verges and wooded areas adjacent to the road to create an informal path away from this very busy road.

All three of our children can ride bikes, by it's simply not safe to ride anywhere from our house because of the busy Martlesham Road. A lot of the children at Bealings School will be attending Kesgrave High School in the future and it would be nice if they could walk or cycle to school safely, so a cycle route (e.g. bridal way) through the fields, linking up to Kesgrave would be very welcome and handy, not only for getting them to school, but for recreational cycling in general. There are very good cycle paths linking up the whole of Kesgrave but we cant access any them safely with our children, so we end up having to put their bikes in the car and drive to Kesgrave so they can ride them safely on the cycle paths.

2, Traffic calming along Martlesham Road. This route is used as a rat run for people commuting to and from Ipswich and Martlesham, avoiding the queuing traffic along Kesgrave Main Road. This will only get worse with the new development in Kesgrave and Martlesham.

So exploring the options of:

Traffic calming using chicanes at 3-4 places along the Bealings/Martlesham/Playford Road and

20MPH limit through this village section of Martlesham Road or

Rumble Strips at the start and end of the village.

3, Hedge cutting - The Hedging is never cut along the Martlesham Road, this does make it look a bit scruffy, but can also damage cars. Last winter our cars wing mirror was damaged by a branch protruding from some overgrown hedging. Is it the responsibility of the property owners or the highways department to trim hedging?

Personally if I was a property owner along Martlesham road I would not want to stand in the road and trim my hedges as it would be very dangerous.

4, Parking - Parking within the village is inadequate during school drop off and pick up times, this could be helped by safer footpaths and letting parents use the pub car park during these times.

5, Future Development - Little Bealings is a wonderful village with a unique character, I believe it's very important to keep this protected and keeping the green belt between Kesgrave and Martlesham. I'm not completely opposed to future small scale development as long as it would just be the odd additional well designed house here and there, but not any form of housing estates. We would like to see the rural character of the village kept/protected.

6, Facilities - Not wishing to sound like a scratched record here, but it would be nice to have a pub that's accessible by foot. If the village pub were to re-open we would support it. Our nearest pub is the Red Lion in Martlesham. This is inaccessible by foot as we would have to walk along the Martlesham road.

I think it's great that you have given villagers the chance to have their say in this way. Good luck with the review.

Response 4

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the meeting this evening - I have to be elsewhere for this one evening of the week.

I don't know if you are able to accept comments via email - you will no doubt tell me.

Transport: The 20 mph speed limit is welcome and although the speed of some vehicles is more than that I do feel that the overall effect has been to reduce the average speed of vehicles through the village making walking much safer. Parking at the village hall site is adequate except at school drop off and pick up times. There is no solution to that until the pub re-opens and allows the use of its car park.

I can't comment on the bus services - it's a great pity the railway station is not available.

Infrastructure: Facilities are good for a small village (Village Hall, Church, Church Hall, Bowls club, tennis court, playing field) - there are not enough people to support a shop and with the increase in on-line shopping the demand is unlikely to return. When the Church coffee shop is open that will be a welcome addition.

Future of the pub. I feel sorry for the present owner who stands to lose heavily having bought a thriving business but then oversaw the collapse of that business. It can once more be a thriving business under the correct management. The sooner it re-opens the better. The village centre looks sad as a consequence of the present situation.

If the pub was lost altogether it would be a sad day for the village.

Development at Kesgrave & Martlesham: The present plans to develop Kesgrave and Martlesham will not, in my view affect the village other than creating more traffic on the main routes between Ipswich and Woodbridge and put more pressure on schools, hospitals, doctors etc.

Would I like to see Little Bealings develop?

The answer is yes but only on a small scale. The planned houses for Grove Farm is relatively small but likely to be for as many houses as possible crammed into the space provided. Although that may make financial sense for the developer it would be better for the village to have a better mix of houses with at least 30% being affordable housing allowing for more space between houses.

There is very little scope for development within the village "physical limits" but small scale development should be encouraged to prevent the village dying. What we don't want is any large estate bolted onto the village and effectively overwhelming it. So a few more houses here and there can add to the village.

Additional notes:

Looking at what people have said here are a few notes on things that need to be considered when looking to take projects and aspirations forward.

Re-open the railway station?

A number of residents would like the railway station to be re-opened however this would be expensive and you would need to prove that the number of journeys per year was going to justify the millions of pounds that would need to be spent. Here are some notes

New stations are generally sponsored locally, rather than by central government.

Potential sponsors include:

- Combined Transport Authorities/ PTEs
- Local authority (generally county council or unitary authority, which has the strategic responsibility for transport)
- Train operator
- Network Rail

Potential sources of funding include:

- Combined transport authorities
- Developer
- Local authority
- Local Economic Partnership
- Train operator if a franchise commitment

In the majority of cases, new stations are funded by a partnership, such as local authority, train operator and developer. Government support may be available for such an approach through specific funds such as the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, or the New Stations Fund.

New stations are expensive, and recent examples range from £2.2m for a single platform unstaffed station, to £12m for a full length two platform station with overbridge and lifts. This means that they generally require significant numbers of daily journeys if they are to be justified.

Criteria

1. New station projects need a business case, a sponsor and funding

2. A new station will normally only be considered if:

- it helps to deal with a transport problem (such as traffic congestion)
- or fulfils a new opportunity (such as a housing development or business park)

3. Location:

- Accessibility, space for car parking if required and the physical constraints of the site.
- Proximity to bus routes.
- How would pedestrians and cyclists access the station?

4. Operational:

- What trains would serve the new station? Is there a local service that could stop there, for example, or does the line only carry fast trains?
- Do the existing trains have capacity for the new passengers, or would more rolling stock be required?
- Can the timetable be modified to include the additional stop? What effect would this have on turnaround times and the rolling stock requirement?
- Would the signalling be affected? For example, would the new station be close to a level crossing?
- Is it on a gradient, or a curve?

5. Planning and consultation:

- Is a station within the local strategic transport plan?
- How will it affect the local community?
- What stakeholder engagement has taken place?

6. Commercial:

- What is the likely level of demand? Have surveys been undertaken?
- Will the new station also abstract passengers from nearby stations?
- What is the nature of the demand (commuting, educational, leisure?)
- Could the demand be met more cheaply in other ways?

7. Value for Money:

- Station projects are tested against the Department's normal appraisal criteria – WebTAG which compares benefits and costs discounted over the life of the project, the benefit cost ratio (BCR).

Footpaths

A number of people would like pavements and/or cycle paths and I have found some costings (2017) for these which may help give them some ideas of the costs.

It should also be noted that a number of people also wanted the village to remain rural so the addition of pavements might not work for them and if you add this sort of infrastructure it may encourage more development, which again may not be what they are hoping for.

- To construct a new footway using standard bituminous materials typically costs approximately £160 per metre with kerbing/edgings costing approximately £75 per meter.
- A shared use cycleway/footway will be similar to a standard footway. However it will be of greater width and will require additional signing and street lighting.
- To construct a pavement along The Street connecting Playford Rd/Martlesham Road to the village centre would also require widening of the road and the bridge over the River Fynn.
- A pavement up past the church to the Village Hall would also require a large amount of excavation

Highways

A number of people didn't want people using the village as a "cut through" the problem is that the national road network is there to connect communities together and to allow people and goods to get to where they need to go. If you restrict who comes into the village you also restrict people in the village getting to where they need to go and for goods and services to access you. Also a number of people put down that they liked the village because it gave them easy access to nearby towns which means they are going through other places to reach their destinations.

If other communities were to say you can't use their roads because they don't want you coming through and using them as a cut through and the towns don't want you to come in to access "their" services you can see that this would not work in reality.

Housing and development

Some people didn't like that fact that there was not a specific option to say they did not want any development at all. A living community changes over time, things will always get built or change, you only have to look at the variety of designs and styles in the current village to see that process. The questions were to help you as a community look at what sort of housing would help the needs of people. There are likely to be people who would like to downsize, young people who would like to stay in the village and perhaps a

shortage of a particular sort of property so this was to try and see where the gaps are. Also it helps the parish council if they know what sorts of development people think is appropriate so we asked that as well.

People as a general rule don't like change so it is understandable that if you think you have found the perfect place you may not want it to change, however everyone's needs change over time and we were trying to look at a longer time frame. Wherever all of us live we will at some stage move on, one way or another and this was thinking about further into the future.

Mains sewerage/gas

The problems concerning mains sewerage in the village centre are being addressed however to get connected to mains sewerage is not cheap unless you can prove it is environmentally damaging. You can find out more about getting a connection here:

<http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/developers/sewer-connect.aspx>

If you contact them hopefully they would be able to give you an idea of likely costs however usually there are issues surrounding capacity of the public sewer which is why houses haven't been connected so just check it would be possible.

Getting a connection to the gas network:

You need to find out firstly who delivers it and according to the website the majority of the UK's gas is delivered by Cadent Gas, Northern Gas Networks, SGN or Wales & West Utilities. So try calling the Meter Point Administration Service on 0870 608 1524 or on the website you can put in your postcode and it will tell you who it is.

Depending on how far they need to lay pipes to your property the cost could be prohibitive so you could also look at calor gas as an alternative and there are perhaps other solutions that I'm not aware of.

<http://www.energynetworks.org/info/faqs/who-is-my-network-operator.html>

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What is the issue?	Action that could be taken	Who can help with this	Resources Needed
Speeding			
Speeding traffic on Playford/Martlesham Road	Speak to head teacher about parents' late dropping off children!		
Speeding traffic Martlesham Road, traffic calming measures urgently required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper policing of speed limit • Traffic calming measures 	Police & SCC Highways	
Traffic speed on Martlesham/Playford Road	Traffic calming to reduce appeal as short cut		
Monitoring speed through village	Remove 20 mph speed limit; will never work		
Monitoring speed in Martlesham Road etc.			
Cut speed limit in Martlesham Road, Playford Road & Beacon Hill to 20mph (+Holly Lane)			
Footpaths			
Road dangerous if walking			
Not enough safe footpaths			
Improve footpath to Kesgrave	Provide route without horses in fields		
Lack of bridle paths			
Lack of horse riding bridle paths	Create more bridle paths		

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Highways			
Heavy traffic constantly eroding the verges in Martlesham Road (+agree)	Regular drain cleaning. Traffic calming measures	SCC Highways	
Floods on roads	Keep ditches clear & free flowing		
Transport			
More buses			
Limited public transport			
No station/public transport			
No train	Re-open Bealings Station (Comment: this would encourage more cars parking from outside our village)		
Train doesn't stop but station facilities still there			
Community facilities			
No shop/post office/pub	Re-open pub/combine with shop		
The pub was one of the big plusses when we decided to move. It would be nice to have a pub again and a daytime centre for walkers & cyclists to eat & have a break			

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Lack of community facilities – permission must be granted for works to the church to create a community hub	SCDC + Suffolk Highways should support this proposal with grants & allow creation of extra parking in lay-by at the church		
Communication			
Poor broadband speeds/broadband improvement	Openreach to be told to make improvements		