

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 17 January 2011

Present: Mrs F Evans Rogers, Mr K Beaumont, Mr P Carr, Mrs F Hopkins, Dr C Rowe , Miss D Williams and Mrs M Wilson

Also present for part of the meeting: Mr P Bellfield, SCC Councillor and Mrs J Shaw, Chairman of the Bealings Village Hall Trust

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

None. It was noted that PCSO Justin Moss was unable to attend.

2 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 15 November and 14 December 2010

These were signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Tree Planting at Village Hall and Playing Field

It was noted that SCDC had approved the application and the trees had been collected by Mrs Cook. They were yet to be planted.

Playford Road

Dr Rowe pointed out that there was an example of a ramp to deter speeding which did not have street lighting at Eyke. Councillor Bellfield advised that such examples were exceptions and SCC was very loathe to install unlit ramps as, although there were cheaper, accident rates were higher. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To ask SCC if an officer would attend an open meeting held in the village to discuss traffic calming measures in Playford Road

4 Police

It was noted that the reports of the 12PT meetings for November and December and the PCEM for 9 December had been circulated to Councillors. There had been six reported crimes in December, including four of theft from a motor vehicle.

5 Highways

Maintenance

It was noted that the Village Hall was awaiting a further meeting with SCC to address safety at the entrance of the footpath to the Playing Field.

The potholes at the junction of Holly Lane and The Street had been reported for repair.

Proposed Changes to Public Footpaths

Correspondence between Great Bealings Parish Council and Lord Cranworth concerning footpaths on his land was noted. The Parish Plan had highlighted a need for a safer pedestrian link from Boot Street to the School, Village Hall and Playing Field and a field edge route south of Boot Street had been requested. Lord Cranworth had responded by saying a route would only be possible if Footpath No 5 Little Bealings (which crossed a field diagonally from Holly Lane to join to a footpath leading to Gt Bealings and the footpath at the Playing Field) was closed. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To advise Great Bealings Parish Council that:
 - Footpath No 5 was very popular and well used by local walkers
 - If Great Bealings Parish Council wished to pursue the matter further the next step should be to publicise the proposed closure of Footpath No 5 to all residents and obtain their views

Road Closures

It was noted that The Street would be closed between 1 and 28 March for UK Power Networks to install new supplies.

6 Bealings Village Hall Signs and Lighting

Signs

The outcome of the audit of the current school/child warning signs in The Street by SCC was considered. The costings for a new scheme of signs and road markings (£1,186.01), and the comments of Mrs Shaw to SCC on it, were noted. Mr Bellfield advised that he was able to provide funding for the scheme from his Locality Budget to a maximum of £1,243.76p. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To agree to the scheme as proposed by SCC subject to:
 - Removal of the proposed signs at Hillside, but retention of the proposed 'SLOW' road marking close to this location
 - Relocation of the existing signpost hidden by vegetation near Holly Rise to the bank on the opposite side of the road and for it to be 'doubled' to display signs:
 - ❖ Facing north east: 30 roundel, Playground triangle, Road junction triangle (referring to the junction with Holly Lane)
 - ❖ Facing south west: 30 roundel, School triangle, Road junction triangle (referring to Sandy Lane)
 - Relocation of the proposed Playground triangle from the bank at the Village Hall car park to the junction of The Street with Holly Lane, combining it with the existing Give Way sign
 - Revised costings being within the available budget

Mr Bellfield was thanked for providing funding for the scheme.

Lighting

It was noted that Parish Plan funds had been received for this by the Council and by Great Bealings Parish Council. A reply was awaited from SCDC as to whether planning and building control permissions were needed for the Council to install the light. It was noted that the VHMC was considering alternative designs.

7 Planning

SCDC LDF Reviewed Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Consultation

Mr Beaumont reported on his consideration of the document and his attendance at an SCDC event on 7 January. SCDC had revised its Core Strategy in the context of the revocation of the regional strategy (the East of England Plan). Regional requirements were to be replaced with national and local requirements. It was noted that the parish is now included in the Eastern Ipswich Plan Area, where there is a focus for growth. The regional target of 510 new homes a year in the district had been revised to propose 446. Consultation was being carried out on this and 'How many new homes should we have?' questionnaires had been displayed on the parish noticeboards for residents to complete.

Other policies in the document included:

- Providing new employment land in the Haven Gateway area
- Maintaining rural communities and expanding farming and (green) tourism
- Expansion of Sizewell
- A14/12 corridor
- Rail link to Felixstowe
- Coastal erosion
- SP3: This policy required affordable housing to be included in developments of over five houses

Mr Beaumont reported that the parish's designation in the LDF as a Local Service Centre (LSC) was partly as a result of its local bus service. Mr Bellfield had advised that, while the 70 and 70a bus services would be cut as SCC introduced budget cuts, they would not be terminated. SCDC had advised that it was for the parish to decide if it wished to continue to be an LSC or, with less bus provision, be designated an Other Village. The latter would hamper any development proposals, while continuing as an LSC would enable development within and adjacent to the village physical limits boundary.

The contents of the consultation were noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- not to respond to the consultation

It was also **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Beaumont would attend a SALC Planning Workshop on 9 February, at a cost of £25 plus VAT, if he advised the Clerk that he was available to attend.

Localism and Planning

Mrs Hopkins reported on her consideration of the Localism Bill, as relevant to planning matters. It was noted that a new power to produce a Neighbourhood Plan was included, which could lead to a parish council

making Neighbourhood Development Orders, permitting development. Other proposals included the duty of applicants for major developments to consult locally before submitting applications and for local referendums (if a minimum of 5% of the electorate signed a petition).

Network Rail Mast

A full reply had been received from Network Rail and had been circulated to Councillors. It was noted that Network Rail's local consultations prior to installation of the mast had included the local MP, County and District Councillors and nearby residents. It had not consulted with the Parish Council, but had now changed its procedures and would be including local councils in future.

Network Rail had advised that for safety reasons it did not make its masts available to commercial operators and it could not therefore be used by mobile phone companies. There were no plans to repaint the mast which had been considered by SCDC planners to be an appropriate colour before installation.

Further information was awaited about local community funding.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To ask District Councillor Ivan Jowers:
 - if he had received the consultation from Network Rail
 - if so, whether he had replied to it
 - for his comments on why he had not brought it to the attention of the parish council

Applications

C10/2781: Leawood House, Sandy Lane

Insertion of roof lanterns and solar panels on flat roof and raised terrace

C10/2977: 7 Michaels Mount

Construction of pitched roof in lieu of flat roof to front elevation

It was noted that SCDC had granted permission for both these developments.

C10/00143/TPO: Wychwood, Martlesham Road

It was noted that SCDC had approved an application to fell one Scots pine close to the rear of the dwelling.

8 Finance

Income

The Chairman reported receipt of £333 Parish Plan funding for the installation of lighting at the Village Hall.

Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following expenditure

- Clerk's salary and expenses for October, November and December 2010: £874.12

The current account balance was £2,653.16.

9 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

SCC's proposed budget cuts and service information was noted, including proposed cuts in services for verge cutting and Sinks Pit Country Park.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- if places were still available, Mrs Hopkins would attend SALC Collaboration Training on 27 January at a cost of £20 plus VAT
- Mrs Wilson and Mr Beaumont would attend onesuffolk website training, if suitable dates were proposed

10 Correspondence

It was noted that:

- the Register of Electors for the parish as at 1 December 2010 had been received
- 'Be a Councillor' posters would be displayed on parish noticeboards
- the Clerk would attend an SCDC/WDC Town & Parish Clerk Meeting on 7 March.
- the 70 bus service timetable would be revised with effect from 31 January and details would be displayed on the parish noticeboards
- a mobile grocer was now visiting the village on Tuesdays, parking at the Admiral's Head

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
 - The Suffolk Foundation Annual Review
 - SPS Suffolk View
 - Clerks and Councils Direct
 - Optua Services information
 - The Local Councillor
 - Age Concern Annual Review

11 Parish Council Meeting Dates: May 2011 – March 2012

It was noted that there were parish council elections on 5 May 2011. It was **RESOLVED** that meetings would be held as follows:

16 May 2011: Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting
 4 July 2011
 5 September 2011
 7 November 2011
 9 January 2012
 5 March 2012: Annual Parish Meeting

As previously agreed the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May 2011 would be preceded by a PCEM, and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to invite the District and County Councillor to present reports at the Annual Parish Meeting, and that any other community group which wished to could also give a report

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.15pm.