

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm  
on Monday 2 July 2012**

**Present:** Mrs F Rogers, Mr P Carr, Dr C Rowe, Mr B Rufford, Miss D Williams and Mrs M Wilson

**Also present:** Mr P Bellfield, Suffolk County Councillor, and Mr T Fryatt, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor, both for part of the meeting

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

**Councillor  
Actions**

**1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies were received from Mr D Wilson. There were no declarations of interest.

**2 Adoption of Code of Conduct for Members**

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To adopt the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for Members for the purposes of discharging the Council's duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct in its area in accordance with S26 to S37 of the Localism Act 2011.

**3 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 14 May and 28 May 2012**

These were signed as a true record.

**4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5 Police**

A report from PC Richard Wright advised that there had been two crimes recorded in the parish since May, dwelling burglaries in Holly Lane and Martlesham Road. School parking was still being monitored. It was noted that there was no update on parking on the private vehicular track. The bridge work in Boot Street in Great Bealings has caused some extra traffic, but no complaints had been received. Building work at a property in Holly Lane had generated complaints about contractors' parking and the police were seeking reinstatement of the grass verges by the contractors.

It was noted that one parishioner had volunteered to operate Community Speed Watch equipment. PC Brett had advised that, in view of the specific nature of the concern about speeding in Martlesham Road, he did not consider the Scheme appropriate for the parish. It was **RESOLVED:**

- Not to join a Community Speedwatch Scheme at present.

**6 Planning**

**Applications and Enforcement**

### **East Anglian One Offshore Wind Farm Cabling**

It was noted that Part 2 of Phase 2 of the applicant's consultation, on the Onshore Cable Route and Construction, would run until 3 August and that a drop-in event was to be held in Woodbridge Library on 3 July. The applicant had suggested that the Council's concerns about the cable route may be resolved if it attended the event, but if not a written response to the Council's suggestion that AOA should be the favoured route, could be provided.

SCDC had advised that much of AOA also passed through SLA designated countryside, but that it had not yet decided on its response to the applicant.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mrs Wilson would attend the event on 3 July on behalf of the Council **MW**
- That, notwithstanding the event, the Council required a written response and the applicant should provide one.
- That the Part 2 Phase 2 consultation document be circulated to Councillors and the Council's response to it be determined at a meeting to be held during the week commencing either 23 or 30 July.

### **C/12/0006: Finches Hill, The Street – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a swimming pool enclosure**

SCDC had determined that the development was not permitted development and planning permission was therefore required. It was not known whether the applicant would appeal against this decision or if a planning application would be made.

### **C12/0484: 1 and 2 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road, Gt Bealings – Erection of two dwellings and provision of associated drainage and car parking facilities (existing cottages and agricultural barns to be demolished) change of use from agricultural to residential curtilage**

SCDC had advised that it would respond to the Council when it determined the application.

### **C12/0616: 10 Holly Close - Erection of First Floor Rear Extension**

SCDC had approved this application.

### **C12/000063/TPO: The Chestnuts - Application to Carry Out Work to Trees protected by TPO ESCC 22, 1952**

SCDC had approved this application.

### **Ipswich Local Plan**

It was noted that IBC was consulting on a Northern Fringe Development Brief, to guide the urban expansion of Ipswich on land between Westerfield village, Henley Road and Tuddenham Road.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- Not to comment on the development but to request Mr Fryatt to keep the Council advised of the progress of the brief.

### **Review of SCDC Planning Services**

It was noted that SCDC was consulting on any changes, improvements or deficiencies in its Planning Services, following the decision of its Scrutiny Committee in 2010 to recommend 13 areas for improvement.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To advise SCDC that the Council supported the 13 recommendations, and was supportive of their full implementation, which had yet to be achieved.

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

Mr Carr reported on his attendance at SALC Neighbourhood Planning Training in March, but it had not added significantly to the information contained in the CPRE/NALC Guide to Neighbourhood Planning previously circulated to Councillors. He had concluded that while a Village Review would not be effective in controlling development in the parish, the production of a Neighbourhood Plan would be complex and demanding.

Mr Wilson had advised that a group of residents in Gt Bealings were approaching Gt Bealings Parish Council to ask for its support in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for that parish. They had asked if the Council was also considering a Plan, being perhaps more vulnerable to development due to Lt Bealings' designation as a Local Service Centre.

It was noted that there had been no response to an appeal in the Benefice Magazine for residents and owners of land in the parish to join a Working Group considering a Neighbourhood Plan/Village Review/production of Supplementary Planning Guidance. A resident who had previously expressed interest no longer wished to be involved.

It was noted concerns in Gt Bealings included green space and footpaths, which were not known to be concerns in Lt Bealings. Mr Fryatt advised that he supported the production of a Neighbourhood Plan as the contents could control development on matters where LDF policies were silent, absent or out of date.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To circulate to Councillors the papers from the SALC Neighbourhood Planning training attended by Mr Carr
- To advise Gt Bealings Parish Council and the group of residents that the Council was interested in the formation of a Working Group to discuss the production of a Neighbourhood Plan or Supplementary Planning Guidance for both parishes.

### **Wind Turbines**

Mr Fryatt reported that there was concern in some parishes at recent permissions granted for wind turbines and SALC had asked SCDC to issue guidance to explain the grounds for approval.

## **7 Highways**

### **Footpaths**

The two damaged signposts and the displaced footbridge had been repaired by SCC.

The Footpath Warden had reported that the Fynn Valley Walk had been cut by SCC with a tractor and mower and was now a good wide path towards Playford.

### **Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**

The Footpath Warden had reported that the Church footpath was in need of another cut and enquired if extra funding was available from the Council for this. It was unlikely that SCC would have additional funding available.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That, as the second cut funded by P3 was due between 1 July and 31 August anyway, further consideration would be given to this later in the summer if the fast growth continued.

### **Fly Tipping in Holly Lane**

The dumping of about dozen car and lorry tyres in Holly Lane had been reported to SCDC and they had been removed.

### **Potholes and White Lining**

Various potholes in The Street near the Village Hall and the junction with Holly Lane had been reported to SCC. It was considered that the recent white lining at this junction was inadequate and **RESOLVED**:

- To ask SCC to improve the quality of the white lining at the junction of Holly Lane and The Street.

### **Other**

Mr Bellfield reported that SCC had achieved large savings and staff reductions. It would shortly select a provider for improved broadband in Suffolk and was pushing for an improved rail service. Lights at the Martlesham Park and Ride were dimmed at night, but new equipment was needed to be able to reduce night time lighting further. Mr Bellfield's locality budget had funded repairs to the Village Hall roof and was funding improvements to the Village Hall car park surface and speed signs in Gt Bealings.

## **8 Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Tree Planting at Sinks Pit**

It was noted that, in view of the time that was needed to reach agreement with SCC and the deadline for application for trees to the Woodland Trust, the Trust had advised that an application could be made on the basis of provisional agreement. In consequence, on Dr Rowe's advice, the Council had applied for "420 trees (large hedge/copse) – wildlife". The success of the application would be known in September or October, and trees delivered during the week commencing 5 November. Due to the popularity of the scheme there would be no difficulty in cancelling the application if necessary.

It was noted that the draft agreement received from SCC allowed for the Council to plant, maintain and manage woodland on a strip of land adjacent to Hall Road only, to erect an information board and commemorative plaque and install a seating area in the site to be accessed only from Hall Road or the public footpath across the site.

The area allowed was insufficient to accommodate 420 trees. Dr Rowe advised that he considered it appropriate for the planting to be over a much

wider area, so long as it did not obstruct the gas monitoring bore holes. It was noted that the agreement specified that planting was only to be in the natural and unfilled ground between Hall road and the former landfill site, and if any area of landfill is within this ground for planting to avoid it.

It was also noted that in January 2012 SCDC had advised the Council that, following its designation of Sinks Pit as Contaminated Land, it had reached agreement with SCC for the production of a Remediation Statement within three months. SCDC would seek implementation of the works set out in the Statement.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the draft agreement be circulated to Councillors and the Council's response to it be determined at the meeting to be held during the week commencing either 23 or 30 July.
- That Dr Rowe would contact Howard Mottram, SCC's site manager, CR
- That SCDC be asked to provide a copy of the Remediation Statement and details of its implementation in order that the planting could be considered in that context.

It was also noted that the creation of a Jubilee Woodland managed by the Council was now being considered by another landowner and more details were awaited.

## 9 Finance

### Budget for 2012/13

It was noted that the budget for 2012/13 had been amended to include expenditure of £100 for tree planting at Sinks Pit, as agreed at the meeting on 14 May 2012.

### Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

**Income:** Nil

#### Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- Clerk's salary for April – June 2012 (net of PAYE) and expenses: £744.69 and £32.56
- PAYE: first quarterly payment: £186.00

Bank balance after the above expenditure was £1,300.05.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Village Hall for the donations to the Hall and Playing Field.

The external auditor had queried the variance in the Council's expenditure during 2011/12, and an explanation of the payments had been given. The variance was largely due to payment for the Village Hall car park security light.

## 10 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

The Chairman reported that she and Mr Carr had attended the SALC Area Meeting where one of the key speakers had advised on an electricity savings scheme. The minutes would be available in due course.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mrs Wilson would represent the Council at the Suffolk ACRE MW AGM to be held on 18 July 2012.
- That Dr Rowe would provide details of items in the recent edition of The Local Councillor which he wished to bring to Councillors' attention. CR

## 11 Correspondence

It was noted that the Clerk would attend the SCDC/WDC annual joint Town and Parish Clerk Liaison Meeting on 27 July if possible.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That information from the Blue Cross would be displayed on the noticeboard
- That the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
  - Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership Strategy newsletter
  - Suffolk ACRE AGM papers and Update
  - Citizen Advice Bureau Annual Report

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Monday 3 September 2012, but an extra meeting will take place during the week commencing 23 or 30 July (see items 6 and 8 above).

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.10pm.