

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Monday 4 November 2013**

Present: Mrs F Rogers (Chairman), Mrs T Cornish, Mr D Hunter, Dr C Rowe, Mr B Rufford, Mr D Wilson and Mrs M Wilson

Also present for part of the meeting: PC Sally Thomas, Mr T Fryatt (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and Mr P Bellfield (Suffolk County Councillor)

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 and 30 September 2013

The minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 30 September 2013 were signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising from the Minute

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 Police

Crime

PC Sally Thomas reported that, contrary to the report of a shed burglary in the 12PT report, the parish had not experienced any crimes during October. She drew attention to the need to secure oil tanks against theft. The current SNT priorities are:

- Tackling anti-social use of mopeds
- Dealing with speeding vehicles
- Dealing with anti-social behaviour in Rushmere

The mobile police station will visit on 12 November.

School Parking and Road Safety

She was unable to advise if PCSO Moss had been able to visit the school yet, or if an updated Newsletter was in hand.

Speeding

SID had been used for speed checks in Playford Road and in Martlesham Road at Dan's Meadow. She was aware that a resident wanted speed enforcement elsewhere in Martlesham Road, but the location was not considered safe in view of the road layout. The data showed an increase in the average speed since the last survey in 2012.

It was noted that speeding traffic was a concern in many parishes and had been for many years. SCC would not consider installing 'chicanes' as a means of slowing traffic as they were thought to cause more accidents. Mr Fryatt suggested that an initiative by SALC may be an effective way for parishes to work together to approach the SNTs for action on speeding traffic.

Casual Callers

PC Thomas advised that if there were concerns at 'cold callers' (eg offering to fix potholes) and licensed hawkers in the parish it was best to call 101 at the time of the incident.

12PT AGM

Mrs Rogers reported that she had attended this and found it very worthwhile, giving an overview of the SNT's role and local issues. The minutes had been circulated. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mrs Rogers and Mrs Cornish be appointed joint-12 PT representative for the Parish Council, with a view to one of them attending future 12PT meetings as appropriate. **FR, TC**

It was agreed to amend the order of the Agenda to consider Highways as the next item.

5 Highways

Community Speed Watch

Mr Bellfield said that he was disappointed that the parish had not joined the Community Speed Watch and that he had been able to fund the initiative. It was **RESOLVED**:

- That a further appeal would be made via the Benefice Magazine for residents willing to operate the speedwatch equipment and the matter considered again at the next meeting.

Mr Bellfield also advised that the Customer Services Direct contract with BT would not be renewed, and of the need for future SCC budget cuts. Education standards in Suffolk showed some improvement.

Exposed Kerb in The Street

It was noted that SCC had agreed to remove the kerbstone, but there was no budget for works in the current year. It may be more cost effective for the work to await the resurfacing of The Street in 2015.

Storm on 28 October 2013

It was noted that various trees had come down during or after the storm, including on Martlesham Road and Station Road. The work of a local resident, a member of a Rapid Response Team was noted, including the Team's willingness to assist with other community issues. The Team had contacted UK Power network to ensure it dealt with a tree resting on a live cable in Beacon Lane – which may have damaged one of the Council's notice boards. It was noted that SCC had not responded to the Council's concern about ivy on trees in Station Road and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To ask the PCC/SCC and/or a neighbouring landowner who was responsible for a leaning tree at the Angela Cobbold Hall
- To consider whether to respond to applications for works to trees which were covered by the 'blanket' Tree Preservation Order along Martlesham Road
- To ask residents to consider the need to remove ivy from trees which were adjacent to the highway via the Benefice Magazine.

Damaged Sandbox at the Level Crossing

Mr Wilson reported that he had not yet received a quote for a new sandbox and would pursue the matter again. **DW**

6 Planning

Applications and Enforcement

DC/13/2799/FUL 6 Holly Close: Proposed Single-Storey Side Extension DC/13/2976/FUL Finn Toft Martlesham Road: Erection of Single Storey Side Extensions and Alterations

It was **RESOLVED** :

- that there was no objection to these applications

It was noted that SCDC had approved:

DC/13/2384/FUL: Marchwood, Martlesham Road – Insertion of dormer windows and rooflights to facilitate provision of first-floor accommodation

C12/2414: Leawood House, Sandy Lane
Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the flat roof of a garage within the curtilage of Leawood House

DC/13/2558/FUL: Woodside, Martlesham Road: Erection of a single storey side extension to form self-contained one bedroom annexe

DC/13/2448: Grove Farm Cottage, Sandy Lane
Erection of two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension, detached outbuilding and alterations to drive/parking area

It was noted that, despite the objection of the Parish Council and local residents the application in respect of Grove Farm Cottage had not been considered by SCDC Development Control Committee. Advice from Mr Fryatt had been circulated to Councillors and set out that consideration of a 'householder' application by SCDC Committee members was not a requirement of the SCDC Scheme of Delegation as a result of an objection from the Parish Council, unless the application included a change of use. It was only possible for such an application to be put to SCDC members if the ward member secured the agreement of the Committee Chairman to do so.

C12/2483: Finches Hill, The Street: Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development (CLEUD): For a swimming pool enclosure built under permitted development law previously attached to dwelling but since 02/12/12 not attached

It was noted that the matter had not been considered by SCDC at a meeting in October as intended, due to lack of time. However, there was great concern that the SCDC committee report contained significant inaccuracies and proposed taking no action, on the grounds that permission would be granted if an application for planning permission was made. It was noted that SCDC had been advised of the inaccuracies in the report, but the same report had been published for the meeting on 6 November. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Parish Council considered that the failure of SCDC to take enforcement action would be wrong as a matter of principle and would seriously undermine the development control system

Mr Fryatt was requested to make the Parish Council's views clear at the committee meeting.

East Anglian Offshore Windfarm 1

It was noted that the Examining Authority had just published a draft Development Consent Order, which presumably meant that it was intended to grant permission for the route of the cable to run through Lt Bealings as proposed by the applicant.

East Anglian Offshore Windfarm 3 and 4

It was noted that it seemed unlikely that ducting would be installed for these windfarms at the same time as the EAOW1 ducting. This would therefore mean a repeat of the disruption for each development.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Parish Council objected to the further applications for more cabling to be installed along the route of the EAOW1 cable on the same grounds as for EAOW1.

Foxhall Stadium

SCDC had advised that to date there was no draft licence available for consultation with the Parish Councils.

Mr Hunter circulated information about the grounds for complaint about the noise nuisance from the Stadium. It was noted that it would be for individuals to pursue the matter via the local authorities, or through the Courts.

The Admiral's Head

It was noted that the community group had set up a website and was conducting a survey. Neither the Council nor the publicans were involved in the matter, and the website had been amended to make it clear it was not a Council initiative.

It was noted that the blue tarpaulin attached to the side of the building had been removed, although SCDC had not contacted the Council on the matter.

SCDC Planning Services

Mr Fryatt reported that SCDC proposed an extra £400,000 funding over the next four years, to improve planning services, including IT.

Policy

Mr Fryatt reported that a legal challenge to the Core Strategy, in respect of housing allocation at Adastral Park, meant that the district did not have enough land allocated for housing. In consequence the district was vulnerable to the presumption that permission should be granted for applications for sustainable development.

It was noted that the Clerk had arranged a meeting of residents from six properties who had responded to the information in the Benefice Magazine and who had inadequate private sewerage systems. Others had also contacted the Clerk, although not all had a current problem. SCDC had suggested that it would be a good idea to invite Anglian Water to a meeting before submitting an application and that SCDC would also attend. However, it was important that the properties concerned produced information about the problems they were experiencing first, and to date only one property had done so. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to contact the residents about the need to provide evidence before an application could proceed and repeat the request via the Benefice Magazine.

8 Finance

Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

Income:

SCDC: second half of the precept: £3012.61

Gt Bealings Parish Council: for half of the insurance premium of the shared village sign: £9

SCC: P3 payment: £162.78

Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- Net Payment of Clerk's Salary for November (£250.95) and December (£250.75), the difference being a discrepancy in previous PAYE payments.
- PAYE due to HMRC for November (£62.40) and December (£62.60)

Bank balance after the above: £2801.07

Insurance

It was noted that Mrs Wilson had reviewed the Council's insurance policy and confirmed that it provided the appropriate cover. The premium had been reduced to £172.09 as a result of taking a five year commitment to the current insurer.

Budget for 2014/15

A draft budget for 2014/15 was considered and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the budget for 2014/15 with no increase in the precept

SCDC Town/Parish Budget Review Meeting

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mrs Rogers would attend this meeting on 18 November on behalf of the Council **FR**

9 Matters Arising from Circulated Items (2013/05 and by email)

Equality Act 2010

Dr Rowe drew the Council's attention to its duties under the Act.

10 Correspondence

Items received were noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following items would be circulated to Councillors:
 - 'Unlock Democracy'
 - Clerks and Councils Direct Issue 90
 - SPS Suffolk View
- that Mrs Wilson, as Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee would consider the suitability of the Hall before any decision was made on supporting a production of 'The Keeper's Daughter'
- that Mr Wilson, as PCC Treasurer, would consider information from the War Memorials Trust
- that Mrs Wilson would attend the ESP Forum on 22 November on behalf of the Council.

MW

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.14pm. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 6 January 2014.