

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at The Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall at 8.30pm on Monday 5 March 2012

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

Also present: One resident

In attendance: Mr T Fryatt (District Councillor) and 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 Meeting held on 9 January 2012

These were signed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 Police

It was noted that PC Wright had intended to prepare a report for the Annual Parish Meeting but none had been received.

There was no information in respect of the further assessment by the police of Martlesham Road for its suitability as a site where the Community Speedwatch equipment could be used.

There was also no information concerning the criteria for the establishment of a 'No Cold Calling Zone'. No resident had contacted the Clerk following publication of details of the scheme in the Benefice Magazine.

Miss Williams reported on her attendance at SNT meetings, and that there was frustration that there were many thefts from cars left unlocked in the Kesgrave area.

5 Highways

Footpath No1A

It was noted that signs had been added to the footpath signpost by the church warning of the offence of dog fouling. The School had advised that it had not had any recent incidents and considered the matter resolved.

Verge Footpath to the Playing Field

Damage to this path and the reflector posts by sugarbeet lorries had been reported to SCC, as in previous years.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- SCC should be asked to repair the path and whether any action was possible to prevent annual damage.

6 Planning

Policy - Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Carr reported on his attendance at Gt Bealings Parish Council meeting on 10 January, as which it had been expected a SCDC planner would advise about the relevance of Neighbourhood Plans to the two parishes. However, although the planner attended, they did not speak.

Policy - LDF: Pre-Submission Soundness Consultation on the Pre-Submission Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document December 2011

This document had previously been circulated to Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- there were no representations to be made in respect of the soundness and legal compliance of the document.

Planning - Applications and Enforcement

East Anglian Offshore Windfarm Cabling Route

Following advice and discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting it was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was very strong objection to the proposal to route the cable between Great and Little Bealings and along the Fynn and Lark Valley because:
 - the route is in the heart of two communities and affects a great many people who live in close proximity
 - there would be significant disruption in the central area between the two villages during installation, with traffic congestion and noise creating major disturbance to both communities
 - the need for underground cable joint pits at regular intervals for maintenance of the cable would mean that the disturbance would be ongoing and significant for residents of both communities
 - the cabling proposal does not address the anticipated need for the installation of more infrastructure in the future, resulting in more disruption
 - the cable corridor is designated a Special Landscape Area. The high environmental and amenity value of the area would be significantly diminished after installation by the existence of a tree-less swathe of land across it and the presence of the inspection/jointing pits at regular intervals
 - the potential impact on land drainage and water supplies for agriculture, private domestic use and recreational use (fishing and walking) is unacceptable
 - there is concern at the safety of the cable corridor close to many properties, including its proximity to the high pressure gas main in Holly Lane

- to combine with Great Bealings Parish Council in objecting to the cabling and, with the agreement of that Parish Council, ensure that residents of both parishes are aware of the proposals and of the consultation process, including by publicising it as appropriate
- to advise SCDC of the Council's strong objection to the proposed route and seek its support in opposing it

C11/2768 Land Adjacent to Wychwood, Martlesham Road – Erection of one dwelling and garage together with construction of new vehicular access

It was noted that SCDC had refused this application.

Motorbikes at Sunfield Farm

SCDC Planning Enforcement had advised that it had visited the site and was unclear if use of the track was private or competitive motor sport. While 28 days use a year was allowed for private use, competitive use was restricted to 14 days a year. It would advise further in due course.

It was noted that the owner of the site had contacted the Clerk to express concern at the investigation and advise about his use of the track. He had been asked to write to the Council with details but no information had been received.

It was also noted that the site had been used for a competitive event on 8 January 2012 and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that SCDC be advised of the use of the track for a competitive event on 8 January 2012

7 Village Review

It was noted that, subject to co-operation by SCDC as planning authority, a Parish Plan and Village Design Statement could be adopted as supplementary planning policy guidance (SPG) to the LDF. For this to be achievable a Village Review would need to provide clear planning statements, which established the parish's preferences in respect of such matters as the design of any development, use of space etc.

The Review would have to be carried out in line with SCDC requirements in order to make it likely that it would adopt it as an SPG, but would be easier to undertake than a Neighbourhood Plan. Planning decisions made by SCDC would thereafter have to pay due regard to its contents.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- further consideration be given to a Village Review in consequence
- that Mr Carr would attend a SALC Neighbourhood Planning Training event on 14 March

PC

**8 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
Tree Planting**

It was noted that Suffolk County Council had responded positively to the suggestion of tree planting at Sinks Pit and considered that a belt or small

pockets of trees, which would not hinder access for maintaining the gas and water systems, would be possible in principle. This was subject to agreement on the location (with the northern and eastern boundary being most visible for the local community), the type of tree, depth of planting and the need for some top soil. The manager had suggested a site meeting to identify potential areas and consider the current condition of the land.

The Tree Warden was aware of the project and SCDC's advice on planting and funding was awaited.

Dr Rowe reported that he had also contacted the County Council and had agreed to meet with the manager if the Council wished to proceed. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Dr Rowe attend the meeting and report back to the Council

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Joint Jubilee Celebration

It was noted that Great Bealings Parish Council and Friends of Great Bealings Church were arranging to celebrate the Jubilee with an event at the Village Hall and Playing Field on 4 June and had asked if the Council was interested in promoting a joint event. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to join with Great Bealings in arranging a Jubilee Celebration and that the Council's representatives for the arrangements would be Mrs Rogers and Mrs Wilson.

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Finance

Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

Income: National Savings Investment Account Interest for 2011: £2.11

Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- Angela Cobbold Hall: hire for APM: £18
- Suffolk Preservation Society: joining fee: £25
- Clerk's salary for January – March 2012 (net of PAYE) and expenses: £698.43 and £10.33, £708.76
- PAYE: fourth quarterly payment: £174.00
- The Information Commissioner: Data Protection Act annual registration fee: £35

Bank balance after the above expenditure was £391.93.

VAT

The Council had submitted a claim for a refund of £284.20 for 2011/12, including £245.14 for the Village Hall light. Advice had been sought from HMRC as to whether the light VAT was reclaimable.

The Benefice Magazine had thanked the Council for the increase in its annual donation to £150 for 2013/14.

10 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

There were no matters arising from items circulated by paper or email.

However, there was some concern that emails sent shortly before Council meetings were not received by Councillors in time for consideration. It was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- that, unless a matter was urgent, items sent to Councillors by email less than one week before the date of a Council meeting would not normally be considered by the Council at that meeting.

11 Correspondence

It was **RESOLVED** to circulate to Councillors:

- BDO: Audit Briefing
- Suffolk ACRE: Update
- Greenways Countryside Project Update and Magazine
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- CPRE Guidance on Neighbourhood Planning
- SALC Training Information

It was **RESOLVED**:

- Not to participate in SCDC's Spring Litter Pick
- To request an update from Mr Bellfield about a reduction of lighting at Martlesham Park and Ride in view of information from SCC about a Part-Night Lighting Project.

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14 May 2012.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.04pm.