

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm
on Monday 7 January 2013**

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

Also present: Mr T Fryatt, Suffolk Coastal District Councillor, Mr P Bellfield, Suffolk County Councillor and Ms G Benjamin, Suffolk ACRE, for all/part of the meeting and three residents for part of the meeting

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

During the period of public participation before the meeting the following matters were discussed:

C12/2414: Leewood House, Sandy Lane

Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the flat roof of a garage within the curtilage of Leewood House

Residents from a neighbouring property said that they were concerned about the development as the panels were to be installed on a flat roof and would need a supporting framework to produce the necessary angle for them to function. There was concern that the pitch would be considerable and the framework would be 'industrial' and visually unattractive from their property. They did not object to the installation of panels per se.

C12/2391: 10 Holly Close

Erection of first floor rear extension (resubmission of planning application C12/1806)

The applicant stated that they had submitted a third application for an extension to their property as the first (approved) application had not been possible to build and the second application had been refused. They were sensitive to the fact that the second application design had not been liked and therefore now proposed an extension which had brickwork, windows and pantile roofing in keeping with the existing house, and weatherboarding which matched the office building in the garden. The extension would extend 900mm over the previous 1990's extension and would create a third bedroom at the property. It would only be seen from the neighbouring property and the footpath in the adjacent field and would have little impact.

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mr P Carr.

Mrs Wilson declared a prejudicial pecuniary interest in item 8: EAOW Cabling Route and Playford Depot, having a beneficial interest in land in the parish affected by the route.

The Chairman welcomed Gillian Benjamin to the meeting to advise on the Village Review.

It was **RESOLVED** that the order of the Agenda be changed to deal with the above planning applications and Highways as the first items.

2 Planning Applications

C12/2391: 10 Holly Close**Erection of first floor rear extension (resubmission of planning application C12/1806)**

Mrs Cornish, neighbour to the property, advised that she considered it a good design which would complement the existing property and be good use of space. It was noted that the property would not be substantially bigger as a result. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To support the development.

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

It was noted that there were solar panels on other local properties but they were not as visually intrusive, not being installed on flat roofs or where they were seen from other properties. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To object to the development due to the visual impact and intrusion of the panels on the neighbouring property, as a result of their proposed location on a flat roof

3 Highways**Flooding in Lodge Road**

As details of this had come from a Gt Bealings resident, Gt Bealings Parish Council was now dealing with this matter.

The Street

Concern about the risk of an accident as a result of a kerb/drain in The Street, which now seemed to be in the carriageway rather than on the edge of the road, had been reported to SCC, but no action had resulted. Mr Bellfield recommended contacting SCC officers direct rather than using the CSD system.

Parking in The Street

A resident had expressed concern at an increase in vehicles parked as a result of a business being run from a property. There was also concern that school parents had caused damage to the verge near the Bowling Club by parking there. There was also an increase in parking by school parents on the white line between the Church and the junction with Holly Lane.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To report the kerb/drain and verge damage to SCC officers direct and to ask the police if they could address the parking issues, including visiting the School if appropriate.

Before leaving the meeting Mr Bellfield advised that SCC had been short-listed as a most improved Council. However, in education, Suffolk had performed 3rd-worst at KS2 tests and steps were being taken to improve this. Bealings School was not a cause for concern. It was not known whether SCC had accepted the proposed EAOW cabling route through Bealings.

4 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12 November 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2012 were amended and then signed as a true record.

5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6 Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements and Village Review

The Playford Village Review report had been circulated to Councillors. Ms Benjamin supplied copies of an information sheet 'What is a Village Review?'. Suffolk ACRE would prepare A0 size boards for the event, on which residents' comments would be invited by 'post-its'. The issues identified would then be discussed in more detail and actions proposed. A turnout of 10-15% of residents could be anticipated. Success was defined by the production of an Action Plan. The Plan then served to advise the Parish Council on its effectiveness and drive future decisions.

There was a need to ensure the Village Review was compatible with the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) where the Parish Council reported on its work and groups reported on their activities over the last year. It was possible the reports could be displayed on the boards, which would make it easier for comments to be made, especially if representatives of the groups involved were present.

The Village Review event would be run by Suffolk ACRE staff, who would also produce the Action Plan. Funding would be provided by the Suffolk Coastal Strategic Partnership, although the costs of hiring the Hall, publicity and providing refreshments had to be met by the Parish Council.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- That the APM would be held before the Village Review event, in Bealings Village Hall on Monday 15 April at 6.30 or 7.00pm and would be a short event
- That publicity of the event would take the form of small adverts in the February and April editions of the Benefice Magazine, with a flier to Lt Bealings residents included in the March edition
- That beer, wine and light refreshments would be served at the Village Review and there was a need for volunteers to serve this to leave Councillors and the Clerk free to speak with residents.
- That the Clerk would liaise with Ms Benjamin and those wanting to give reports and/or at the APM over the arrangements

7 Police

It was noted that PCSO Justin Moss had changed his shifts to be able to attend the meeting, but was now unable to do so due to illness. A local resident had attended a PCEM and found it very helpful. As the Council had not appointed a new 12PT representative, he had offered to be the Council's representative at future meetings, although this seemed to relate to PCEM rather than 12PT meetings. The monthly 12PT reports and minutes had been circulated. It was **RESOLVED**:

- Not to appoint any representative to the 12PT at present but advise that the Council would contact the group should there be any relevant matters to raise

8 Planning

Ipswich Borough Council: Northern Fringe Supplementary Planning Document: Consultation

It was noted that IBC was consulting on the development of land on its northern fringe for urban expansion. Mr Fryatt advised that the examination of SCDC's Core Strategy had identified the need for the two Councils to discuss develop of the 'overlap areas' of the Northern and Eastern Fringes.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To circulate to Councillors details of the IBC consultation events with a view to ensuring the Council was better informed about the proposals. **ALL**

C/12/0006: Finches Hill, The Street

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To ask SCDC for an update on how it was dealing with the unauthorised development

Kesgrave School Multi Use Games Area Lighting

It was noted that the School had responded to the Council's letter stating that it understood that the lighting did comply with the planning permission. A second letter had been sent asking the School to consider whether it would consider changes to reduce the light scatter as a 'good neighbour' notwithstanding whether the lighting complied.

SCDC was now investigating whether the lighting did comply.

EAOW Cabling Route and Playford Depot

Mrs Wilson left the meeting in accordance with her declaration of a prejudicial pecuniary interest in this item.

The meeting held with representatives of Gt Bealings, Playford and Grundisburgh Parish Councils on 12 December, attended by officers from SCDC and SCC, was noted as follows:

- The joint letter had been sent to EAOW and an acknowledgement had been received.
- There was no guarantee that the project would be future proofed, but this was the intention.
- No funding would be made available to the parish. Any such funding had been allocated to the study of the alternative route at Bealings and then to mitigating the impact of the cabling by HDD in Lodge Road.

Replies had been received from two of the three properties in Lodge Road. One owner preferred OCC on the grounds the disruption would be quicker

with less noise, dust and disruption. The second understood that HDD would enable trees to be retained but, if this was not the case, supported OCC.

It was noted that the application had been accepted by the National Infrastructure Planning authority. Formal consultation would take place between 25 January and 6 March. Thereafter the authority would identify issues to be examined and may call a local hearing to consider representations from interested parties.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To register the Council as an Interested Party when this became possible
- That Councillors would consider the application documents available on line
(<http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-offshore-windfarm/?ipcsection=overview>)
- To agree a formal objection to the application at the Council meeting on 4 March, to include:
 - The reasons why the Environmental Impact Assessment of the POCC and AOA routes is open to challenge
 - That the application does not adequately consider the impact on the community
 - That the Council prefers OCC to HDD construction as it is quicker and less disruptive and that HDD is unnecessary if AOA is chosen
 - Setting out of the intangible impacts on the local community (journey time delays etc)

ALL

Mrs Wilson returned to the meeting.

9 Closure of the Admiral's Head Public House

It was noted that SCDC had advised that it would advise by 21 January 2013 if the Council's nomination of the pub as Community Asset was valid. No action had been taken by SCDC as a result of the Council raising concerns about the state of the site.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That, assuming the nomination was successful, invitations to join a Group to consider future ownership of the pub would be appropriate, to ensure that there was time to prepare a 'Community Right to Bid' should the pub be put on the market.
- To pursue the planning aspects again with SCDC, with Mr Fryatt's support.

10 Finance

Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

Income:

£11.68, Gt Bealings Parish Council's contribution to the premium for the insurance of the joint village sign. Notification of the interest for 2012 for the National Investment Savings account was awaited.

Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- SALC for webmaster training for Mrs Shaw and Mrs Wilson and for Councillor Training (1 day) for Mrs Cornish (£60 and £64.80)
- Clerk's salary (net of PAYE) and expenses: £750.69
- PAYE: £186

Bank balance after the above expenditure would be £1,928.16.

Mrs Cornish would attend a second day of Councillor training on 27 January and her training notes would be circulated to all Councillors thereafter. **TC**

The Chairman would like to attend Annual Parish Meeting training, probably during 2014 in view of the Village Review event this year.

Appeals for Funds

It was noted that letters had been received from magpas, the East Anglian Air Ambulance, the Red Cross and the Disability Advisory Service.

Precept Setting for 2013/14

SCDC and SALC had advised that changes to welfare payments had resulted in a reduced taxbase in parishes, meaning that precepts had to be raised from a smaller number of households than in previous years. These households would therefore face an increase in payments. In Little Bealings, if the precept remained at the same level as in 2012/13, this would mean an annual charge of £28.96 for a Band D property.

In order to offset the impact of the changes government funding of £25.22 was available to the parish in 2013/14, enabling it to reduce its precept if it wished, so that residents did not face any increase. However, the grant may not be provided in future years and it may be that future precept increases would be subject to capping and/or a local referendum. Accepting the government grant this year (resulting in total precept income of £6.025.22) would therefore lessen the impact of a cap in future years, although it would mean that residents paying council tax would not benefit from the grant. After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- To accept the government grant of £25.22 in addition to maintaining the precept for 2013/14 at the level for 2012/13, £6,000

11 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To support the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Act and the extension of powers to parish and town councils to enable those councils to submit proposals direct to government.
- That, if and when the need arose, the Council would consider replacing the current wooden sandboxes with plastic ones.

12 Correspondence

Mr Fryatt reported that Flagship Housing Association intended to improve its property maintenance. It was noted that this may affect a part of Holly Close where the private road was partly owned by the Association.

Mr Fryatt reported that the LDF Core Strategy examination had resulted in SCDC being asked to justify the housing supply needs. The delay in having an approved LDF in place was of concern as the saved Local Plan policies would not be in place after March. It was therefore important that the LDF was completed as soon as possible.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
 - SALC mailing
 - Suffolk Coastal Resource Newsletter.

13 Dates for Parish Council Meetings: March 2013 – March 2014

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council would meet on 4 March 2013, 13 May 2013 (Annual Parish Council meeting), 1 July 2013, 2 September 2013, 4 November 2013 and 6 January in Bealings Village Hall Committee Room. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 15 April in the Village Hall (see item 6 above).

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.08pm.