

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13 September 2010**

**Present:** Mrs F Evans Rogers, Mr K Beaumont, Mr P Carr, Mrs F Hopkins and Miss D Williams

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

**Councillor  
Actions**

**1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies were received from Dr C Rowe and Mrs M Wilson. It was noted that Mr Bellfield and Mr Jowers were unable to attend.

**2 Minutes of the Meetings held on 12 July and 3 August 2010**

These were signed as a true record.

**3 Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Open Weekend in Suffolk**

It was noted that the grant of £100 made to the Council by SCC towards the Bealings Challenge Cup had still not been received. SCC would be chased again for the payment.

**Tree Planting at Village Hall and Playing Field**

SCDC had requested a plan of the planting which Mrs Shaw had supplied.

**Funding for Parish Plan Actions 7 and 11**

No confirmation had been received from the Action Monitoring Group about the release of funds from the Parish Plan for Village Hall lighting and/or glass recycling bins, as the views of Playford Parish Council and Suffolk ACRE were awaited. However, the total amount available to Little Bealings parish was £333.

Mrs Shaw had thanked the Parish Council for supporting the Village Halls use of the Parish Plan funding for Actions 7 and 11. She advised that the VHMC had considered the provision of another security light in the car park further and now wished to install a lamp post with infra red light. The cost was likely to be £600 - £800 plus VAT, and the VHMC recognised that it would need to contribute to the cost. The views of the resident nearest to the proposed site were awaited.

It was noted that the Parish Council had powers to install lighting in public places and that this may obviate the need for planning permission and save VAT.

Mrs Shaw had also advised that the VHMC was now less inclined to install recycling facilities as the income from SCDC for recycled glass had recently been reduced, meaning it would take 10 years to recoup the cost. In addition there was concern that the lorries collecting the bins would add to surface damage in the car park. The cost of the project could be reduced if fencing was not provided, but it was likely that some special fund raising would still be necessary.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To ask the Action Monitoring Group whether the Parish Plan survey data showed any residents' preference for glass recycling or security lighting.
- To research the Parish Council's powers to erect lighting and the implications for planning permission, VAT and future ownership and responsibility for a light.

#### 4 Planning

##### **Physical Limits Boundary**

Mr Beaumont reported on his attendance at SCDC's information evening about possible changes to parish Physical Limits Boundaries (PLB). It was noted that if an area was outside of the PLB there was a presumption against development. However, attention had been drawn to LDF Development Management Policy DM4, which permitted 'cluster development' for areas outside the LDF where there were five or more dwellings, subject to other restrictions. SCDC's suggested revisions to the Little Bealings PLB was only intended to rationalise the boundary, largely to exclude from it an area currently designated as an Area to be Protected from Development (APD).

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To advise SCDC that the Parish Council agreed with its proposed revisions to the PLB, as marked by a blue line on the plan contained in its letter of 7 July 2010.

##### **Applications**

###### **Finches Hill, The Street**

It was noted that although this application had been withdrawn development was being carried out. SCDC had been asked to advise whether this was permitted development and whether there was any risk to any trees from the swimming pool. SCDC's views on the development were awaited, but they had advised that there did not appear to be any impact on the trees.

###### **C10/1732: Hawkridge, Playford Road, Little Bealings**

###### **Erection of new detached open fronted garage and new glazed porch, formation of gable end and vertical boarded finish to bungalow**

It was noted that SCDC had granted permission for this development.

#### 5 Police

It was noted that no police representative was able to attend. The 12PT monthly report that been circulated and there had been one crime in the parish, a case of fraud which related to cold call telephoning. Reports from PCSO Justin Moss and PC Richard Wright confirmed no other matters of concern.

It was noted that a PCEM had been held in Bealings Village Hall on 7 September, but no resident had attended.

The 12PT meeting on 29 October would consider a paper circulated to Councillors which proposed a future direction for the 12PT and linkage to SNT priority setting and process.

## 6 Highways

### Bealings School Parking

A copy of the School Travel Plan had been received and had been circulated to Councillors. However, no comments had been received from the School on funding for VH car park works as requested. The Plan was also out of date and beyond its stated review date of March 2009.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to ask the School to update the Plan, including acknowledging that parking was now provided for parents by Bealings Village Hall.

It was noted that Suffolk ACRE was assisting the VHMC in identifying other possible sources of funding for car park works.

### Maintenance

The sign for the Fynn Valley footpath had been reported for repair, as had potholes in Holly Lane by The Old Rectory and at the junction with The Street.

The agreed works to the Church and Playing Field footpaths were still to be carried out by SCC.

It was noted that some of the resurfacing works for Playford Road appeared to be of poor quality and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To ask SCC if further works would be carried out to remedy what appeared to be dangerous sections.

### P3 Cutting

It was noted that Mr Ball had now completed the annual cutting and submitted his invoice. This was within the limit agreed with SCC. SCC had commented that the paths were in good order.

## 7 Finance

### Audit for 2009/10

It was noted that the auditors had completed the audit and had not raised any matters which required an 'issues arising' report. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The annual return be approved and accepted by the Council and the notice of conclusion of the audit advertised as required.

### Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

#### Income:

- Nil

#### Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- Suffolk ACRE: Parish Council Insurance Policy Premium: £223.36
- Mr G Ball: P3 Cutting: £152.25

It was noted that the current account balance was £303.64.

It was noted that the budget for 2011/12 would be considered at the next meeting and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To include in the draft budget funding for Parish Plan Actions for further consideration
- Not to renew the subscription to Local Councils Update.

## **8 Matters Arising from Circulated Items**

Circulation 2010/05 had been returned to the Clerk. There were no matters arising from this or items circulated by email.

## **9 Correspondence**

It was noted that:

- One resident had replied to SCDC's refuse and recycling collection consultation, suggesting that bigger brown bins should be provided.
- There were no properties in the parish of which to advise SCDC in connection with its review of its Suffolk Buildings At Risk Register.
- Information from SCC on Trusted Traders had been added to the website

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to respond to a SALC Survey of service provision and engagement by other public service providers only in respect of those services of the Council had experience
- that the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
  - SCC: Guide to Accessible and Community Transport from April 2010
  - SALC report to Area Meetings held in August/September 2010
  - SPS: Suffolk View for Summer 2010
  - No Need for Nuclear campaign newsletter
  - Local Councils Updates Issues 130 and 131
  - Clerks and Councils Direct issue 71
  - Inspire East REPortage Summer 2010
  - Suffolk ACRE Annual Review

## **10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council would be on 15 November 2010.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.05pm.