

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at  
7.30pm on Monday 5 September 2011**

**Present:** Mrs F Evans Rogers, Mrs F Hopkins, Dr C Rowe, Miss D Williams, and Mrs M Wilson

**In attendance:** Mr P Bellfield, County Councillor, PC Richard Wright (both for part of the meeting) Mr T Fryatt, District Councillor, and Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Also present:** Mrs J Shaw, webmaster and Chairman of the Bealings Village Hall Management Committee

During the period of public participation before the meeting Mrs Shaw showed Councillors the new parish website.

**Councillor  
Actions**

**1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

Apologies were received from Mr P Carr, who was attending an Area meeting of SALC on the Council's behalf, and Mr D Wilson.

There were no declarations of interest.

**2 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 4 July 2011**

These were signed as a true record.

**3 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**Security Light for Bealings Village Hall Car Park**

It was noted that the Tri-Village Challenge profits of £385.06 had been allocated to fund the light. An updated quotation for the work of £1,225.71 plus VAT had been obtained by Mrs Shaw. Bearing in mind existing Parish Plan funding of £666, the shortfall was now £174.65, requiring a contribution of £87.32 from both Great and Little Bealings Parish Councils. Great Bealings Parish Council had not yet considered whether to contribute.

However, this sum assumed that the Council retained ownership of the light and therefore reclaimed the VAT. Enquiries into adding the light to the Council's insurance policy had suggested that it may be more appropriate for ownership of the light to be transferred to the Village Hall and the light added to the Hall's insurance policy. This would result in a shortfall of £419.78, requiring a contribution of £209.89 from each Parish Council.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To ask Bealings Village Hall to investigate whether it was possible for the light to be added to the Hall's insurance if the Parish Council retained ownership of it
- To ask Great Bealings Parish Council if it would contribute 50% of the shortfall, once the final figure was established

**Parish Plan**

Playford Parish Council had confirmed that it was happy to hold the outstanding funding for a future Parish Plan.

### **Buses**

No other resident had contacted the Council in respect of a bus service of Woodbridge. It was noted that Great Bealings Parish Council had passed details of the demand for the service to Mr Bellfield. Mr Bellfield advised that he understood that an extra bus had been provided as a result but he would confirm this to the Council.

### **Reduction of Night Time Lighting at the Park and Ride at Martlesham**

Mr Bellfield reported that this was under consideration by SCC and he would advise on the outcome shortly.

### **Village Hall Notice Board**

It was noted that the VHMC had provided a notice board for the door to the Committee Room to enable visitors to be welcomed to Council meetings.

## **4 Planning**

### **Applications**

**C/11/1312: The Orchard, Holly Lane – Erection of detached dwelling. Alteration/extension to existing outbuilding and formation of new vehicular access from Holly Lane (existing dwelling to be demolished) (revised scheme)**

It was noted that SCDC had approved this application.

**C/11/0525: Horsenden House, Martlesham Road – Erection of Solar Photo Voltaic ground mounted system generating 3.920kw**

It was noted that SCDC had approved this application.

**C11/0545: Wychwood, Martlesham Road – Erection of two storey rear extension and garage and (existing garage and lean-to extension to be demolished) and repositioning of vehicular access**

It was noted that SCDC had approved this application.

**C/11/0662: Blewbury, Playford Road – Erection of building to enclose swimming pool**

It was noted that the applicant had appealed against SCDC's refusal of this application and the appeal had been refused.

**C10/0554 (withdrawn) Finches Hill, The Street – Enclosure of Swimming Pool**

It was noted that SCDC was still in discussion with the applicant over whether the enclosure required planning permission (as an extension to the property) or was an outbuilding and therefore considered to be permitted development.

**C11/: Kesgrave Quarry, Kesgrave Road, Kesgrave, Suffolk - A variation of conditions 14 (vehicle movement times) and 15 (hours of operation) of planning permission ref no.: C97/1501 (granted for the extraction of sand and gravel; consolidation and reorganisation of the stockpiles and recycling arrangements; retention of the aggregate processing facilities and formation of bunding) to extend the operating hours for 24 hours Monday to Fridays and Saturdays until 23.59pm**

It was noted that this application, to which Kesgrave Town Council and SCDC had also objected, been withdrawn. Dr Rowe reported that the Sinks Pit site formed about one sixth of the area of the parish and, as there was

some concern that an application may be resubmitted, a group of residents were forming a contact group to enable information about the site to be exchanged. Dr Rowe advised that the site had been regularly monitored by SCC in respect of dust and noise since the granting of the previous planning permission. Concerns about operations at the site could be raised via SCDC's environmental health team and referred to SCC.

It was noted that the applicant had offered to arrange a visit to the site for up to 15 residents at a time. Mr Fryatt advised that he would also be interested in attending.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- subject to the receipt of satisfactory information about the contact group there was no objection to it being included on the Parish website
- Dr Rowe would investigate who wished to visit the site and advise the Clerk accordingly in order that a visit could be arranged

**CR**

#### **C/11/1780 – Firecrest Nursery, Hall Road – Erection of Packing and Plant Preparation Shed**

It was noted that the development had already taken place and **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the development.

#### **Policy**

##### **Ipswich and Suffolk Coastal LDF Core Strategies**

Following a request from Mr Fryatt SCDC had written to clarify the impact of the Ipswich Borough and SCDC Core Strategies on the parish. It was noted that land on the northern fringe of Ipswich (ie land north of Valley Road/ Colchester Road and between Henley Road in the west and Tuddenham Road in the east) had originally been identified by IBC as part of its 15 year housing land supply and that recent discussion had considered revisions to provide land sooner than this as follows:

**Policy CS10:** 1000 homes to be built by 2021, with an overall total of 1500 in the northern fringe area by 2026. A development brief needed to be adopted by the Council first.

**Policy CS16:** In accordance with this policy the development brief would need to include provision of a country park.

There was no change to the area of land identified and no change to current proposals for Little Bealings. The change in timing had been considered by SCDC and the Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment documents in its Core Strategy in respect of SP20 (Eastern Ipswich Plan Area) updated.

The current re-consultation on the SCDC Core Strategy which had been circulated to Councillors was noted.

##### **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

It was noted that there was government consultation on a draft National Planning Policy Framework which considered replacing current Planning

Policy Statements and Guidance Notes with one document. A 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' was a major change. The consultation deadline was 17 October.

Mr Fryatt advised that the presumption would permit development unless there were specific policies in place which precluded it. It was therefore important that the LDF was finalised and that local communities put together their own community plan, in line with proposals in the Localism Bill.

A letter from a resident, expressing concern at the impact of the LDF and the NPPF on the parish was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- That an additional Council meeting would be held on 10, 11 or 12 October to consider a response to the consultation, subject to the availability of the Village Hall
- That the Clerk would send the links to the on-line consultation documents to Councillors

#### **Other**

It was noted that noise from motor bikes racing at Sunfield Farm was of concern to some residents. SCDC had advised that permission existed for racing for up to 14 days a year. As regards the noise generated SCDC had recommended that a log was kept of disturbance to enable an assessment of the problem and monitoring. It was noted that a resident was keeping details of the activities, which could be heard in The Street and Sandy Lane and had taken place on Sundays and weekday evenings.

It was **RESOLVED** that the order of the Agenda be changed to consider Police matters as the next item.

### **5 Police**

PC Wright reported that there had been nine reported crimes since the last Council meeting, including incidents of harassment and damage to a motor vehicle.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To obtain a supply of 'no cold calling' stickers from PC Wright and to draw attention to crime prevention equipment that could be purchased from the SNT by a note in the Benefice Magazine

### **6 Community Wind Turbines**

It was noted that Great Bealings Parish Council was investigating the provision of two community wind turbines, one in Great Bealings and one in Holly Lane, Little Bealings. The latter was as a result of an approach by Great Bealings Parish Councillor Robin Sadler to the VHMC, suggesting that a wind turbine could provide free electricity for the Village Hall.

Mrs Shaw advised the Council that the VHMC had agreed to Mr Sadler researching the matter, but had not expected there to be any contact made with landowners about a site. The VHMC would be considering the matter

further at its meeting on 6 September, but was unlikely to proceed with any project unless it was acceptable to local residents and brought them benefits too.

The notes of a briefing meeting for Councillors held by the Chairman of Great Bealings Parish Council and Mr Sadler on 1 August were noted. There was concern that the Council had been asked to keep the matter confidential. It was noted that there were two separate schemes, one promoted by Great Bealings Parish Council for a turbine in that parish and the other the remit of the Village Hall Management Committee. A public meeting was planned for November.

Mr Fryatt advised that the majority of wind turbine schemes did not bring any community benefit, but that, if benefit could be established, there was government support for giving permission.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the wind turbine scheme for Great Bealings was not a matter for Little Bealings Parish Council, subject to confirmation that the chosen site had no visual impact on the parish
- to express concern to Great Bealings Parish Council at its involvement in a matter which was the responsibility of the Bealings Village Hall Management committee and Little Bealings Parish Council as the proposed site was on land in Little Bealings
- to advise Great Bealings Parish Council that, in the event Bealings Village Hall Management Committee resolved to proceed with a community wind turbine in the parish of Little Bealings, Little Bealings Parish Council expected to work with the Committee on the scheme.

## 7 Highways

### **Restructuring of SCC Highways and Transport Services**

It was noted that restructuring had taken place, but that the Area office in Saxmundham would continue to deal with most highways issues in the parish.

#### **Playford Road**

SCC had advised that it was satisfied with the resurfacing work and that use of any larger stone size would have increased tyre noise for residents.

The traffic calming works would be completed on 16 September by the installation of the areas of high friction surfacing.

#### **Martlesham Road**

It was noted that the order to remove the section of 40mph limit along this road had taken effect, meaning that a speed limit of 30mph applied along its entire length.

A resident's proposals for flexible bollards along the road were noted. A reply was awaited from SCC in respect of creating a chicane and installing speed cameras.

In respect of concerns about side growth SCC had visited and advised that

the growth from adjoining properties was not so bad as to substantiate its ability to give notice to residents to cut hedges back. It had pointed out that the highway boundary was very close to the road edge and this was not the fault of the neighbours of the road. SCC considered that, bearing in mind the narrow width of the road, drivers need to adjust their driving behaviour accordingly. It considered two cars could pass without incident provided both vehicles slowed down.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- subject to receipt of any further view from SCC, further speed calming measures along Martlesham Road were not justified at present.

### **Maintenance**

It was noted that Norman Finch had again agreed to spread sand on The Street near Mallard House during the winter.

It was noted that Holly Lane was to be closed for BT cabling works.

## **8 Communications**

Mrs Shaw, as webmaster, advised that she had updated the website in line with the new facilities available via onesuffolk. It was important that the website was kept up to date and that it contained relevant information for the parish. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mrs Shaw was thanked for her work in creating the new website
- Mrs Wilson would assist Mrs Shaw in maintaining the site
- the Clerk would pass the following information to Mrs Shaw for inclusion on the site:
  - Parish Council policies and statements (eg in respect of planning and donation criteria)
  - Notes of Council meetings as published in the Benefice Magazine
- Mrs Shaw would draft an article to publicise the new website
- Additional information to be added would include an archive of the e-news group emails and, in due course, information about the new Sinks Pit Contact Group

**MW**

## **7 Finance**

### **Income and Expenditure**

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

#### **Income:**

- Nil. The second half of the precept would be received from SCDC at the end of September. SCC had been invoiced for the cost of the P3 cutting

#### **Expenditure:**

Cheques were signed as follows:

- Mr G Ball: P3 cutting: Salary and Expenses: £131.80
- PAYE due to HMRC in October: £202.60
- Suffolk ACRE: insurance premium: £215.51
- SCDC: Charge for a non contested election in May: £100

It was noted that the bank balance was £1,054.51.

It was noted that the insurance premium no longer identified the charge for insuring the wooden village sign shared with Great Bealings. It was **RESOLVED:**

- to ask Suffolk ACRE if this amount could be identified to enable 50% to be reimbursed by Great Bealings Parish Council as in previous years.

It was noted that the Budget for 2012/13 would be presented to the Council at the next meeting and the Clerk should therefore be advised of any projects for which Councillors wished funding to be considered.

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

Circulation 2011/05 had been returned to the Clerk. There were no matters arising from this or from items circulated by email.

## **9 Correspondence**

Brochures concerning play equipment and office equipment were passed to the Village Hall and Creative Arts East, Aldeburgh Food and Drink Festival and Fit Villages posters had been displayed.

It was noted that:

- SCDC was carrying out a review of Polling Stations and that the recent change to use the Village Hall was proposed to be continued
- Contributions to the SCDC Outdoor Playing Space were currently £469.74 (Little Bealings - Play) and (Little Bealings, Great Bealings and Playford – Sport) £832.53.
- A local resident had contacted the Clerk concerning difficulty with access along a private road, but to date had not asked the Council to arrange a residents' meeting to discuss the matter
- An invitation had been received to the Home-Start AGM
- Dr Dan Poulter MP had invited the Council to join [www.intouchwithdan.com](http://www.intouchwithdan.com), which he saw as a key means of communication between him and his constituents

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to publicise SCC's consultation on changes to the Mobile Library service, about which Mr Bellfield had supplied information concerning use by local residents
- that, as a result of the Aldeburgh Food and Drink Festival underpaying postage on its promotional material, it should be asked to reimburse the Parish Council the charge of £1.22 which had been incurred
- to circulate to Councillors the following correspondence:
  - Clerks and Councils Direct
  - 2011 Rural Arts Directory
  - Suffolk ACRE Update
  - SPS: Suffolk View
  - Age UK Pride of Place information

**10 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be on 7 November 2011.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.50pm.