

Minutes of Little Bealings Annual Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 23 May 2016

Present: Mrs M Wilson (Chairman), Mrs T Cornish, Ms D Head, Mr D Hunter and Mr B Rufford.

Also Present: Mr C Hudson (Suffolk County Councillor), Mr C Hedgley (Suffolk Coastal District Councillor) and three residents for part of the meeting.

In the absence of the Clerk the minutes were taken by Mrs Cornish.

**Councillor
Actions**

1. Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman

Mrs Wilson (as current Chairman of the Council) asked for nominations. Mrs Wilson was proposed by Mr Hunter and seconded by Ms Head. There were no other nominations. It was **RESOLVED:**

- That Mrs Wilson be elected Chairman on the Parish Council.

Mrs Wilson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office of Chairman.

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mrs Cornish was proposed by Ms Head and seconded by Mr Rufford. There were no other nominations. It was **RESOLVED:**

- That Mrs Cornish be elected Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

2. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mr Hopkins, who was away on business and from Mrs Ramsden (Clerk), who was away on leave. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept these apologies.

3. Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Chairman confirmed SCDC has removed Mrs Shaw from the list of Councillors following her resignation. A vacancy notice is awaited from SCDC to put onto the notice boards. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To display the vacancy notice on the notice boards once received. If no call for election is received, Councillors will discuss approaching and co-opting one of the unsuccessful candidates from the previous election, at the meeting scheduled for 4 July 2016.

4. Appointments

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the following be appointed for the forthcoming year:

VHMC representative: Ms Head

SALC representative: left vacant to consider a collective membership when matters of interest warrant attendance.

Footpath and Tree Warden: Ms Head agreed to approach Ms J Shaw (former Councillor)

Webmaster: Mrs Jenny Shaw with Mrs Wilson's assistance.

Police representative: Mrs Cornish

SAVID: Ms Head agreed to continue until a replacement is found.

5. Adoption of Standing Orders

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the National Association of Local Councils Standing Orders (2010) revised first version, as subsequently amended, be adopted.

6. Public Participation Session

Application SCC/0086/16: Laying of block paved hard standing (retrospective), erection of flood lighting and temporary stockpiling of aggregate material to assist in reorganisation of stockpiling: Kesgrave Quarry

The Chairman provided Councillors and residents present with an overview of a meeting held on 6 May 2016 and attended by her, Mr Hunter, District Councillor Colin Hedgley, and representatives of SCC Enforcement, Planning and Waste functions, the applicant for the planning permission and local residents as follows:

- SCC had explained the different role that the Waste Disposal Authority has; as owners of the landfill site they are consulted on any Planning Application received involving their land.
- Residents were not satisfied with the efforts by SCC to reach a solution to the noise problem which was affecting residential amenity.
- The applicant was not initially aware that the property boundary line had been breached when first piling up material to block what was a collapse in the landfill site, encouraging seagulls and rats to infest the area.
- SCC did not realise the applicant had breached the property boundary line until sound testing was undertaken.
- It was unfortunate that Little Bealings Parish Council had objected to the Planning application as it did not deal with the matter under consideration.
- The current planning application should be allowed to proceed to regularise the existing situation regarding block paving and stockpiles at Sinks Pit and the question of a bund or other noise attenuating measures can be addressed at another time but

mindful that all participants wish to achieve satisfactory outcome as soon as possible. To this end, Little Bealings Parish Council can withdraw its objection at their next meeting.

- The impression at this meeting was that SCC are poor in communicating their intent. Neither the applicant nor Little Bealings Parish Council nor residents were aware that SCC wanted to get on with resolving issues excluding the bund, so that the bund could be tackled as a separate matter requiring expert knowledge and further understanding of acoustics and the stability issue of additional material piled against the landfill (possible ruptures of the gas extraction piping). With this explained, the attitude in the room on all sides had become easier.

During the public participation session residents were concerned about the below points:-

- That there is no current application to raise the bund and should the current application be approved for the retention of the block paving (retrospective) and lighting (8.3m poles), there will be ongoing noise pollution and light spillage; they would be reliant on the intent of the applicant and SCC as Enforcement and Waste Waste Management Authority to resolve matters.
- That during the meeting held on 6 May 2016 no opportunity was given to consider future plans for the raising of the height of the bund.
- That there were no clear conditions on the proposed lighting i.e. hours of operation.
- That there used to be ponds on the site which would always fill up during heavy rain but this has not happened this year.

County Councillor Christopher Hudson acknowledged the complexity of the matter and how distressing the situation has been for residents. He was pleased that the meeting on 6 May had gone ahead, although disappointed that to date it had not resolved the issues. Mr Hudson agreed to contact the Council Leader in respect of mitigation of works at the site and to highlight the need for monitoring of the surface noise on the block paving, a geological survey for the bund and a metric survey for the height of the lighting.

Mr Hudson requested the Parish Council advise him of how they would like him to move this matter forward.

7. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2016

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2016

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Footpath Cutting

Mr Fear had been sent a copy of the County Council's purchase order, including their requirements in respect of insurance and indemnity.

Written confirmation that he had appropriate insurance, health and safety knowledge and capacity to undertake the work had been requested before any work was undertaken.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To await confirmation from Mr Fear that he has his own Indemnity Cover in place.

Memorial Service for Peter Bellfield

Mr Hedgley advised that a memorial service for Mr Bellfield had been held at Grundisburgh on 16 May 2016, but it seemed it had not been widely publicised by SCC.

Anglian Water

It was noted that representatives of the Environment Agency and Anglia Water would visit The Street on 23 June 2016 and meet any residents affected by sewerage problems, as part of the determination of the Council's appeal against Anglian Water's refusal to provide a public sewer.

9. Planning

Application SCC/0086/16: Laying of block paved hard standing (retrospective), erection of flood lighting and temporary stockpiling of aggregate material to assist in reorganisation of stockpiling: Kesgrave Quarry

Councillors considered the matters discussed at the meeting held on 6 May 2016 and the request from SCC that the Council's objection to the application be withdrawn. It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the objection be withdrawn but that consideration be given to
 - Providing more detailed information on the height of the lighting.
 - SCC testing for the stability of the landfill site, the implications of a higher bund and the impact on sound
 - a separate application being submitted to increase the height of the bund following SCC findings
 - that further information is provided

Heritage Training on 14 June 2016

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mrs Cornish and Mr Hopkins would attend this free training provided by the Suffolk Preservation Society, on behalf of the Council.

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EAOW 1 and 3 - Collaboration

It was noted that Bawdsey Parish Council had proposed that parishes along the route of the on shore cabling collaborate, largely by email, as follows:

- (i) share information on single parish or common issues
- (ii) communicate with Scottish Power Renewables on matters of common interest
- (iii) support single parishes or small groups of parishes who have more

specific concerns

- (iv) as such, act as a strong pressure group with a collective voice on all matters regarding the planning, preparation, construction and operation of current and future EAOW projects.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to participate in the collaboration.

EAOW 1 and 3 - Change from HVAC to HVDC Current

It was noted that a resident had raised concerns about the levels of electricity in the cables and that he had contacted Scottish Power to make further investigations.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Chairman would forward a copy of the resident's concerns to Councillors for consideration.

10. Highways

Works on Martlesham Road

It was noted that the resident of The Pines, Martlesham Road, had emailed SCC following the repairs to the embankment outside his property and that he had thanked the Parish Council for its assistance in the matter.

11. Police

Councillors noted the local report from the Police had been circulated and that they had written to Parish/Town Councils requesting their AGM dates as they hope to attend meetings that they have not been able to attend in previous years. It was **RESOLVED**:

- That meeting dates would be forwarded as requested.

12. Finance

Adoption of Financial Regulations

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the National Association of Finance Regulations Model Financial Regulations (updated January 2016) be adopted.

Review of Internal Audit and Adoption of Accounts for 2015/16

The accounts for 2015/16, as approved by the internal auditor, had been circulated to Councillors. The Council reviewed the effectiveness of its financial management in accordance with the requirements of the Annual Governance Statement. After consideration it was **RESOLVED**:

- That the current arrangements for financial management and the internal audit were effective and appropriate
- That the accounts for 2015/16 be approved
- That the return to the external auditor for 2015/16 be approved

Income and Expenditure

Income: The first half of the precept (and grant) had been received from SCDC: £3012.61

Expenditure:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following expenditure be incurred:

- Annual Subscription to SALC: £227
- Donation to CAS (in lieu of membership fee): £30
- Annual Subscription to SPC: £25
- Donation to Bealings Village Hall Trust (BVHT): £250
- Donation to BVHT (for Playing Field): £500
- Donation to PCC – Benefice Magazine: £150
- Donation to Age UK: £25
- Donation to Headway: £25
- Donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance: £25
- Gift for Internal Audit J Fieldsend: £20
- Clerk's Salary for May and June, subject to confirmation of PAYE

A schedule of the above payments was signed by the Chairman and cheques were signed by the Chairman and Ms Head, with the exception of cheques made payable to BVHT which, due to a conflict of interest, were not signed by the Chairman.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That Mr Hopkins be requested to sign the two cheques made payable to BVHT outside of the meeting.

13. Matters Arising from Circulated Items

Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Little Bealings

It was noted that the previous Definitive Map has shown the parish boundary by large hand drawn dots, but that there appeared to be discrepancies on the current Map at Playford Road.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To seek clarification of the location of the parish boundary.

14. Correspondence

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

- That the following item would be circulated to Councillors:
 - Letter from Ipswich Borough Council concerning the Ipswich Local Plan: Notice of Commencement of Examination Hearings (stage 2), Tuesday 28 June 2016, 10am in respect of the Core Strategy and Policies Review and Site Allocations and Policies

15. Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 July 2016.