

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 5 September 2022**

### **Present:**

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr C Cheeseman, Mr M Garnham, Ms D Head, Mr D Hunter, Ms H Saagi and Mrs M Wilson

### **In attendance:**

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Also present:** District Councillor Colin Hedgley, the Rev Gary Jones and six residents for all/part of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed those present. No one stated that they were recording the meeting.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Elaine Bryce.

### **2. Declarations of Interest, Dispensation Requests and Dispensation Request Delegation**

Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations until 4 May 2023 were received as follows:

Ian Ransome - Other registrable interest in matters regarding All Saints Church  
 Chris Cheeseman - Other registerable interest in matters regarding All Saints Church  
 Chris Cheeseman - Other registerable interest in matters regarding the Angela Cobbold Hall  
 Mike Garnham – Non registerable interest in matters regarding Sinks Pit  
 Douglas Hunter – Non registerable interest in matters regarding Sinks Pit  
 Helen Saagi – Other registerable interest in matters regarding Bealings Village Hall  
 Margaret Wilson – Other registerable interest in matters regarding Bealings Village Hall

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept these requests for dispensations
- to delegate responsibility for consideration of future requests for dispensations to the Clerk

### **3. Public Participation Session**

#### **Sinks Pit**

Four residents gave an update on their experience of ongoing problems with activities at the site.

**DC/22/2984/FUL: Construction of one detached single storey dwelling: Woodside, Martlesham Road**

A resident of Beacon Lane expressed concern about the impact of recent development in the area.

### **4. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 4 and 25 July 2022**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of these meetings.

## 5. Clerk's and Councillors' Updates

### 5.1. ESC Community Partnership and Workshop

The Chairman reported on his attendance at events in June and July. Meetings were ongoing and may have potential to involve the new 'Ease the Squeeze' ESC initiative. A Road Safety meeting had been held on 5 September. Funding may be available from the Community Partnership to support speedwatch work being undertaken during the national Road Safety Week in November.

### 5.2. Woodbridge ASB Partnership Meeting

It was noted that a burglary had occurred in Martlesham Road, but the Council had not been notified.

### 5.3. Village Hall Management Committee

Ms Saagi reported that various repair and improvement works at the Hall were on going.

### 5.4. Sewer for The Street

Anglian Water had confirmed that the project was still in early stages and may start in 2024. They would update the Council in due course.

### 5.5. Noticeboard for Playford Road

This had been installed and referenced in an article in the Fynn Lark News on 'Communication'.

### 5.6. Parish Council Laptop

The laptop had been wiped and a new hard drive installed. It had been passed to the PCC secretary.

## 6. Reports from District and County Councillors

The report from Mr Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. He drew attention to the 'Ease the Squeeze' initiative to provide support for residents. Ms Bryce had advised the Chairman that a report would be sent shortly.

## 7. Highways

### 7.1. SAVID and SID

The minutes of the SAVID meeting held on 28 July had been circulated. Playford Parish Council had signed the letter of agreement regarding shared use of the SAVID SID and paid a contribution to the insurance cost. The SID was currently displayed by the Village Hall in view of the new School year. ANPR was being trialled, including in Grundisburgh. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mr Garnham would attend the SAVID meeting on 13 October
- the SID would be displayed in Playford Road during Road Safety Week in November if the posts were suitable, including use of a 30 mph roundel post if appropriate consent was in place.

### 7.2. Reports to SCC

Photographs of various problems which had been reported to SCC but not acted upon were considered and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that a list of issues would be raised with SCC and copied to County Councillor Elaine Bryce.

### 7.3. Sand Spreading in The Street

Norman Finch had confirmed that he would undertake this each side of the level crossing when required on behalf of the Council and he had completed an initial Risk Assessment.

#### **7.4. Footpaths**

The Footpath Wardens' report had been circulated to Councillors and had included the installation of QR code plaques on footpath signposts. It was noted that SCC had not cut Footpaths 11 and 14 during the season but was arranging to do so now. The Wardens had not claimed any expenses for their work, and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to thank the Wardens for their work in the parish.

### **8. Planning**

#### **8.1. DC/22/2984/FUL: Construction of one detached single storey dwelling: Woodside, Martlesham Road**

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the application on the grounds that:
  - the development was not sustainable
  - the site was not a clearly identifiable gap in the Martlesham Road highway, but involved the creation of a new access on to private land, contrary to SCLP 5.4
  - there would be an adverse impact on the streetscene and the character of the area, contrary to SCLP 5.7.

#### **8.2. Update on Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters**

**DC/21/5327/FUL: We are seeking retrospective permission for the installation of a new cesspit tank at Angela Cobbold Hall: Angela Cobbold Hall, The Street**

**DC/22/2182/FUL: Upgrade existing tennis court with fencing: Leawood House, Sandy Lane**

**DC/22/1162/FUL Retrospective Application – Construction of a 4 bay cartlodge with studio above: Woodside, Martlesham Road**

These applications had been approved by ESC.

#### **8.3. Sinks Pit**

It was noted that applications DC/21/1010/VOC, DC21/1079/VOC and DC/21/1471/VOC had not been determined by ESC, although their consideration had been deferred for a site visit at a Committee meeting held on 27 April 2021, which had yet to be arranged. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to make formal complaint to ESC regarding the non-determination of the applications.

#### **8.4. Sizewell C**

Following the grant of permission, the developers had advised that there would be local consultation with residents regarding the installation of noise attenuation fencing, on a site by site basis.

### **9. Communication**

#### **9.1. Parish Christmas Card**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- not to incur the cost of sending a card to residents.

#### **9.2. Welcome Leaflet**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to prepare a leaflet for new residents to the parish for hand delivery, and to include links to other parish resources.

### **9.3. Website**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that various updates would take place, including that Ms Saagi would provide photographs of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

## **10. Finance – Income and Expenditure**

### **10.1. Bank Debit Card**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- not to apply for a debit card for the current account in view of the difficulty of retaining appropriate control of expenditure.

### **10.2. Insurance Renewal**

It was noted that the quote for cover for the next year from CAS was around £500 and **RESOLVED** that:

- the War Memorial would not be insured by the Council
- an alternative quote be obtained before renewal on 1 October, including for consideration by Mrs Wilson.

### **10.3. Income and Expenditure**

Income had been received from Ms Saagi for the repayment of the support for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and from Playford Parish Council as a contribution to the insurance for the new SID. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for August, September and October 2022: £348.59 per month
- PAYE for July, August and September 2022: £261.00
- Clerk's back pay for April - June and expenses: £155.71

S111 LGA 1972:

- Suffolk County Council – digitising of minutes: £757.50
- CAS – additional insurance premium for increased Asset cover July – September £23.95

### **10.4. Bank and NS&I Account Signatories**

NS&I had supplied a further form for signature by Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi, Mrs Wilson and Ms Head as the new signatories, which would be completed and returned as required.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council would be at 7.15pm on Monday 7 November 2022, in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting would be held on Monday 3 October 2022 if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm.