

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at
7.15pm on Monday 18 November 2019**

Present: Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr M Garnham, Ms D Head, Mr D Hunter, Dr C Hopkins, Ms H Saagi and Mrs M Wilson

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present: One local resident (for part of the meeting)

1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

There were no declarations of interest.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley had sent apologies that he was unable to attend due to another meeting.

2 Public Participation Session

SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated re-contouring along northern boundary bund - Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

The local resident present said that he had two concerns about the proposal:

- it would make it more difficult to assess activity at the site and whether it complied with the various planning permissions. Sections of glass or acrylic fencing would overcome this. He was also concerned that erecting the fence would mean that any future noise problems could not be pursued.
- it would not be effective in reducing noise

3 Planning

3.1 SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated re-contouring along northern boundary bund - Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

It was noted that the application proposed the removal of some of the bunding height from the western end of the site and its re-location to the eastern end before the fence was built. The noise assessment submitted with the application showed that this would result in a 50% reduction in noise for properties at the eastern end, but that this diminished to nil at the western end. It had been understood from previous discussions that the application would be made on the basis of erecting the fence above the current bunding height.

It was also noted that there was no ability to assess the site at present, other than from the public footpath, which would continue to be the case. The erection of the fence did not prevent complaints being made if noise levels were exceeded in future.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that the Council supported the erection of the noise attenuation fence in view of the decrease in noise it would bring for some properties, but recommended that none of the height of the bund was lowered before the fence was erected in order to achieve a noise reduction for all properties currently affected by the site
- that Mr Hunter would enquire of the County Council about a resident's letter regarding the height of the bund at the western end, which did not appear on the Council's planning application website.

3.2 Update on Applications

There were no updates.

4 Finance

4.1 Barclays Bank Mandate

It was noted that the bank had rejected one of the Council's cheques, on the grounds it was not signed in accordance with the mandate. In fact the cheque had been signed by two of the three authorised signatories, as had many other cheques previously cleared by the Bank. Enquiries of the Bank had been unrewarding. It was **RESOLVED:**

- that the expedient solution was for the two signatories to sign a replacement cheque in anticipation that the rejection was an error by the Bank which would not be repeated.

5 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be on 6 January 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.35pm.