

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at
7.15pm on Monday 1 July 2019**

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

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present: County Councillor Robin Vickery, District Councillor Colin Hedgley (for part of the meeting) Mrs M Davis (Leader, Save The Admiral's Head Group (STAHG), and three residents (for all/part of the meeting)

1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

There were no apologies, declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

2 Public Participation Session

Footpath at Holly Close

A resident raised the need for the footpath which ran from Holly Close to Michael's Mount and provided access to Bealings School to be cut. He also wanted to know who was responsible for cutting the hedge next to the footpath where it ran next to Holly Cottages.

He was advised that the Council was no longer responsible for cutting the footpaths and to use the County Council's on line reporting tool to ask for it to be cut. It was not known who owned the hedge; it may be the farmer who owned the field at the bottom of the bank on the far side of the path. It may not be possible to establish who owned or was responsible for cutting it.

3 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 13 May and 3 June 2019

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of these meetings.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5 Planning

5.1 SCC/0048/16SC/VOC: Removal of condition 3 of permission SCC\0235\17C to allow for completion and final removal of remaining stockpiled material from temporary aggregate stockpile area at: Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave

It was noted that the applicant had been served with a breach of condition notice by SCC in respect of SCC\0235\17C. It was considered that the need to complete the work was preparatory to the submission of a planning application for further development at the site. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the removal of the condition subject to the following conditions in the interest of the amenity of nearby residents:
 - no movements by tracked vehicles
 - no working before 8am or after 5pm

- no Saturday morning working
- material being moved is damped down to avoid dust rising
- no use of reversing beepers

5.2 DC/19/2349/FUL: Extensions and Alterations: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road
It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the development.

5.3 Update on Applications/Enforcement

ESC had approved the following two applications:

DC/19/1896/FUL: Proposed Erection of a Single Storey Outbuilding (Pool House) – Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

DC/19/1604/TPO: The Bear Cave Martlesham: Prune back spruce trees by 2-3m over building and garden to let more light into property

1 Holly Lane

ESC had advised that it had allocated case reference number ENF/2019/0255/DEV and would be visiting the site to consider the works.

Sinks Pit Liaison Meeting

Mr Hunter reported that he and Ms Saagi had attended a meeting that afternoon arranged by SCC and attended by Mr Vickery, officers from SCC and representatives from Cemex and the site owners. ESC had declined an invitation to attend. The meeting had been good natured, though the owners had been served with notice of a breach on condition by SCC, as set out in 5.1 above. The owner confirmed that application would be made for the building of an acoustic wall in a few weeks' time and it seemed likely that SCC, as the adjoining landowners, would agree to the works. A further meeting would be held in first week of September.

Mr Vickery added that the meeting had been amicable and positive and that he understood an application for two new buildings at the site for the hire of vehicles would be made soon.

6 Reports from Local County and District Councillors

Mr Hedgley's report had been circulated to Councillors. He also commented:

Ipswich Northern Route

This consultation had been published on 1 July and he felt the Council probably had more information than he did. He was meeting Dr Poulter MP to discuss the impact; two of the routes affected the parish and were likely to make 'rat runs' worse rather than relieving congestion. He urged residents to go to the consultation events and respond to the consultation. He thought the consultation process would take many years.

ESC Committee Memberships

These had now been decided. He was not in favour of the new referral system for planning applications. He advised that if the Council resolved to object to an application he would also vote against it. This should secure referral to a Sub-Committee and the opportunity for consideration by the full Committee where public speaking was included.

Mr Vickery reported as follows:

Ipswich Northern Route

The consultation was the start of a long process, and there was no certainty regarding funding for the route. He also felt he had not been given enough information about routes and urged attendance at the consultation events. Dr Poulter was the only Suffolk MP who did not support the route. He was in favour; it would also assist the Ipswich Garden Suburb, where infrastructure was needed.

It would require more houses to be built to justify it; the housing already identified (eg at Adastral, Ipswich Garden Suburb, Tooks Bakery in Ipswich) would not count to this total.

Mr Hedgley questioned whether the purpose was actually to release housing land, although Mr Vickery considered there was a business case for the impact on Felixstowe if the road was not built. The bridge option had not proceeded; Dr Poulter favoured a tunnel.

Councillors commented that there may be justification for a link to the A14 west of Ipswich, but not to the A12 at Martlesham and that the proposal identified 'key feeder routes' which included The Street for traffic to cut across to the new road. This would make the village road more dangerous and make the 20mph pointless.

7 Highways

7.1 SAVID

No representative from the Council had attended the last meeting and Mr Hedgley reported:

- It was important to report all traffic accidents, as police often do not attend
- Road signs in need of cleaning can be reported using SCC's online tool and he will pursue a response as necessary
- Grundisburgh Parish Council had acquired the SID equipment but needed to address a shortfall of £300 funding
- Insurance for the SID may be resolved by Grundisburgh owning and insuring the SID for loan to other parishes, with the premium being shared
- The next SAVID meeting was planned for October

7.2 Fly Tipping in The Street

A large pile of rubble had been reported and recently removed by ESC.

7.3 Seckford Hall Road Passing Bays: EAOW Consultation

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the passing bays and it may be beneficial to retain them.

7.4 Footpaths

It was noted that there had been two complaints about the lack of surface cutting, which had been referred to SCC.

8 Police/ESC Liaison Meeting

The Chairman had attended and notes had been circulated to Councillors. Speeding was more likely to be dealt with if regularly reported. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Chairman would attend the next meeting on 22 August in Dr Hopkins' absence.

It was RESOLVED:

- That the agenda be re-ordered to consider the Sale of the Admiral's Head as the next item and that it was not appropriate for the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the item.

9 Sale of The Admiral's Head

It was noted that ESC had acknowledged the Council's notification of the community's intention to bid. Anglia Water had also been informed, in respect of the timing of the installation of the new public sewer.

Mrs Davis reported on the public meeting held on 28 June and that there was good interest, including for a new Steering Group to be formed to take the bid forward. A Steering Group meeting was planned for 16 July.

10 Finance**10.1 Accounts for 2018/19**

The external auditors had acknowledged receipt of the exempt status certificate. The accounts had been published on the Council's website in line with Transparency Code requirements. The period for public inspection of the accounts would run from 1 July to 9 August.

10.2 Pension Re-Enrolment

This had been completed as required and no pension was payable.

10.3 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

There was nil income. It was **RESOLVED** that the following expenditure be incurred:

- SALC Councillor Training: £55.20
- Clerk's net salary for July: £273.70
- PAYE for July: £68.20
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A schedule of the above payments was signed by the Chairman and cheques were signed by Ms Head and Dr Hopkins.

Bealings Village Hall Trust, the Citizens Advice Bureau and Community Action Suffolk had thanked the Council for donations.

11 Councillor Training and SALC Area Meeting Feedback

Ms Saagi and Mr Garnahm reported that the training had been useful. It was noted that the Area Meeting had clashed with the date of the Council meeting on 3 June. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Chairman would attend the next SALC Area Meeting on 2 September.

12 Circulated Items and Correspondence**12.1 Matters Arising: Ipswich Northern Route Consultation**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that a response to the consultation would be agreed at the Council meeting on 9 September
- that information for residents, which had been circulated by the enewsgroup, would be included in the Fynn Lark News
- that the Council would register for updates on the consultation
- that Councillors would attend the Consultation Events as follows:
 - the Chairman and Mr Garnham: Kesgrave: 16 July
 - Dr Hopkins: Grundisburgh: 9 July
 - Mrs Wilson: Martlesham: 26 July
 - Ms Head, Ms Saagi and Mr Hunter: Woodbridge: 13 July

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that all items circulated to Councillors by email would be considered at the next meeting of the Council
- that the following items be circulated to Councillors:
 - Clerks and Councils Direct
 - Citizens Advice Bureau Annual Report

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be on 9 September 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.43pm.