

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Tuesday 23 April March 2019

Present: Mrs M Wilson (Chairman), Ms D Head, Dr C Hopkins (for part of the meeting), Mr D Hunter and Mr B Rufford (for part of the meeting)

Also Present: Twelve residents for all/part of the meeting

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Apologies were received from Mr I Ransome due to a family commitment. It was **RESOLVED:**

- to accept the apology for absence.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley had also sent apologies that he was unable to attend.

Mr Hunter declared a personal interest in application DC/19/1289/SCO Sinks Pit.

There were no requests for dispensations.

2 Public Participation Session

Two planning matters were raised:

DC/19/1289/SCO: Sinks Pit: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion - the erection of 2 new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment

A local resident said that Kesgrave Town Council had considered the application and concluded that there was not enough information provided, for example about traffic movements. The site was continuing to grow and there were outstanding planning issues which needed to be resolved first.

Another resident said that the Environmental Health Officer had responded to the consultation requesting air and noise quality assessments to be included, and there was also a comment on archaeology at the site.

DC/19/1336/TPO: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road: T1 - 3 oaks on east boundary – reduce crowns by 2-3 metres to reduce neighbour overhang; T4 – Sweet Chestnut – crown lift by 5m over parking area; T6 – Sweet Chestnut – fallen tree with former lateral limb now as main stem; fell because tree is structurally unstable; T8 - Birch – fell because of advanced basal decay; T9 – Birch – fell, tree in decline and poor condition; T11-12 – Poplars, windblown and a risk to railway, fell. Formal consent is not required for removal of dead trees, deadwood or strom (sic) damaged limbs

A local resident said that he had lived next door for some 30 years and knew that the property was near trees from the outset. However, he was of the view that the previous owner had not managed them and many self seeded trees had grown,

meaning less light, and some had fallen. He considered that the proposed works were overdue and if the trees fell they would do untold damage to the neighbouring properties.

Another resident said that he also supported the application.

3 Planning

3.1 DC/19/1289/SCO: Sinks Pit: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion - the erection of 2 new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment

Mr Hunter advised that he had declared a personal interest in the matter as his property had a right of way nearby. He had been unable to access the pre-application advice referred to by the applicants on the East Suffolk Council (ESC) website. The Environmental Health Officer had recommended that a noise assessment be required and he was concerned that this be carried out in accordance with BS4142 2014. This took into account the impact of whining, hiss and sudden impact noises, all of which were currently experienced by nearby residents, adjusting the permitted decibel levels by 5 – 10%.

It was unclear how many large vehicles and how much heavy equipment was proposed; only car parking spaces were given. There was also a lack of information about proposed hours of working. There was concern about the impact on archaeology and wildlife, light pollution, dust, any proposed screening and construction noise. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To respond to the consultation requesting that the following surveys be required of the applicant: archaeology, impact on wildlife, noise in accordance with BS4142 2014, light pollution, dust pollution, and the impact of the construction works.

3.2

Sinks Pit - Representation at Liaison Meetings

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That the Parish Council would accept the invitation from SCC to represent residents at Liaison Meetings regarding Sinks Pit, and that a Councillor would be appointed at the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on 13 May, after the local elections.

3.3

DC/19/1384/FUL: Erection of Single Storey Extension - 68 Martlesham Road

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That there was no objection to this application.

3.4

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Comments received from two residents, including photographs, had been circulated to Councillors. It was considered that the ESC conservation officer was better placed to consider whether the works needed to be done and **RESOLVED:**

- That there was no objection to the application.

3.5 Update on Applications

There were no updates.

4 Finance

Authorisation of Expenditure

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that the Clerk's salary be increased in line with the NALC/NJC agreed national scale, as effective from 1 April 2019
- that the following expenditure be incurred:

Clerk's Salary for April
PAYE for April

A schedule of the above payments was signed by the Chairman and cheques were signed by the Chairman and Ms Head.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.