

**Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm  
on Monday 25 March 2019**

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

**Also Present:** District Councillor Colin Hedgley and nine 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 B Rufford due to a work commitment. It was **RESOLVED:**

- to accept the apologies for absence.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

County Councillor Robin Vickery had also sent apologies that he was unable to attend.

**2 Public Participation Session**

Two planning matters were raised:

**DC/19/0599/FUL: Erection of a 3 bed detached dwelling with detached garage and store: 1 Holly Lane**

A local resident said he was surprised to see the application given the Inspector's refusal of the appeal regarding the erection of another property nearby last year. The same reasons for refusal largely apply: it is outside the settlement boundary, there is no reason not to apply that boundary and it is not sustainable development but promotes use of the car. In addition Holly Close already has access problems and the entrance to the proposed site is at a narrow point, which he does not consider to be an existing vehicular access.

Proposing that two or three more cars use the junction of Holly Close with Holly Lane is also an issue, there being restricted visibility. In respect of the previous application, SCC required upgrades to the junction if consent was to be given, yet now they were saying Holly Lane was private, and so not of interest to them. He stated that in fact it is a 60mph single track road and their previous view is the relevant one.

**SCC/0019/19SC: Additional 13 gas wells to be installed, to improve existing gas infrastructure: Land adjacent to Sinks Pit, Halls Road**

A local resident said that he had written to SCC to point out that the application was inaccurate: the boundaries were not correctly shown, it was wrong to say the area was mown, and there were errors regarding concrete and the existing well heads. SCC had responded that the area was mown, but the resident maintained that this was limited to strimming around the well heads.

He was also concerned about the use of geo pipes, which were specifically for heat transference, as opposed to gas pipes. He questioned whether the pipes would survive a fire on the field, which was a risk given that the grass was about a metre high last summer.

### 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 January 2019

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meeting as written.

### 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

### 5 Planning

#### 5.1 DC/19/0599/FUL: Erection of a 3 bed detached dwelling with detached garage and store: 1 Holly Lane

Councillors were aware of seven objections and one email of support for the development and the Chairman read a statement from the applicants, in which they stated that they wanted to build a new family home and proposed 'Passive House Standard' off-site construction which would reduce the noise and the construction period. The house was not against the neighbouring boundary and only had obscured glass windows on that side. There would be no loss of daylight. They also proposed to provide garaging, parking and a turning circle via an existing access, and to improve vehicular access along this part of Holly Close.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the application as:
  - it was contrary to SCDC development management policies DM3 and DM4 as the site was outside the settlement area of the village and the development was not sustainable development
  - more traffic would be created at the dangerous Holly Lane/Holly Close junction and as SCC had taken contrary views to those it was now expressing when commenting on application DC/17/4012/FUL, requiring improvements to this junction should permission be granted.

#### 5.2 SCC/0019/19SC: Additional 13 gas wells to be installed, to improve existing gas infrastructure: Land adjacent to Sinks Pit, Halls Road

Additional information had been requested from SCC in respect of the reasons for the need to install more gas wells and the monitoring that was undertaken on the site. After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the application as:
  - it contained insufficient information in respect of the need for the additional wells, including a lack of data regarding why the installation carried out last year had proved insufficient, and what had changed at the site to make additional wells deemed necessary now, and so should be withdrawn until complete and accurate information was available
  - it dismissed the impact on ground nesting birds and proposed work over a two week period on the site during the nesting season

- there had been no consultation with the Environment Agency or the Health and Safety Executive and, while it may be the case that there was no statutory obligation to consult these organisations, the nature of the site and its location near dwellings made it appropriate to seek their views on the site and the proposals.

### 5.3 Sinks Pit: SCC Meeting

It was understood that SCC had cancelled the meeting it had arranged for 8 March, and was now proposing a meeting on 8 April. It was unclear if the Council was invited to this meeting, or what its purpose was; SCC had not responded to enquiries. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that, if the Council was invited to the meeting, the Chairman would attend.

### 5.4 Sizewell C Consultation

The Council had become aware that the proposals included a 'rail led' strategy for delivering materials to the proposed site, and that it was therefore appropriate for the Council to give consideration to the matter. It was noted that the consultation included proposals to close or divert public rights of way, including at Playford on the popular circular Fynn Valley walk from Bealings, and an upgrade of the Bealings level crossing.

Councillors were aware of the views of two residents, one of whom objected to the noise and vibration from proposed additional train movements, given the proximity of the line to private houses, and the other who opposed the footpath closures and the impact of the closures on other traffic movements and access to the countryside. After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- that, while the Council in principle supported a rail strategy to lessen road traffic for the development, it did not do so at the expense of public rights of way closures to facilitate more and faster trains
- to object to the closure of footpath crossings which link Bealings and Playford; this being an important local and recreational route along the Fynn Valley and including a circular walk

### 5.5 Previous Planning Applications Update

SCDC had granted approval for the following developments:

**DC/18/5100/FUL: Erection of Detached Garage including Removal of Four Trees: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road**

**DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road**

**DC/18/4763/FUL: Erection of Decking to Rear Elevation: 11 Richards Drive**

**DC/19/0009/TPO: T2 – 3 sycamore to be felled, heavy shading and restricting garden use. T3 – 5 sycamore to be felled, heavy shading and restricting garden use. T4 – Oak; to be crown reduced by 2-3m to allow building works: Sunfield Cottage, Playford Road**

SCDC had refused permission for the following development:

**DC/19/0309/FUL: Proposed Residential Development: Land east of Beacon Oaks**

It was noted that the reasons given for refusal included the proximity of the site to designated Special Protection Area and RAMSAR sites.

## 6 Highways

### 6.1 SAVID

Ms Head advised that some local residents had attended the SAVID meeting held in Bealings Village Hall on 13 March. The group was now able to purchase a SID and, if the Council wished to propose locations where it could be used in the parish, it needed to provide insurance for the device. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to ask CAS if insurance cover could be provided, and to explore other insurance options if not.

### 6.2 Grit Bin Removal

It was noted that the grit bin and sand had been removed from the Hall Road crossroads.

### 6.3 Martlesham Road

It was noted that the works to the road had not included renewal of white lines and so it had not been possible to ask for the previous hatching to be replaced.

### 6.4 Holly Lane

It was noted that this had been repaired a third time by EAOW at the cable crossing point.

### 6.5 Footpaths

It was noted that the Council's contractor for 2018 did not wish to cut the footpaths for the forthcoming season and so it was **RESOLVED**:

- to advise SCC that the Council would not be participating in the P3 Cutting Scheme for 2019.

## 7 Police

### 7.1 Woodbridge and District Anti-Social Behaviour Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February had been circulated to Councillors and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Ransome would represent the Council at the meeting to be held on 4 April. **IR**

### 7.2 School Parking Update

Mr Hedgley reported that he had not had a reply from SCC or Mr Vickery regarding funding for the installation of flashing lights to draw attention to the 20mph speed limit at School drop off and pick up times.

## 8 Information Audit and Parish Council Records

It was noted that the information audit had been completed, and confidential data had been shredded. The following items were among information retained:

1. the Ipswich Northern Bypass public consultation carried out in 1995
2. Bealings School Travel Plan dated 10 March 2008
3. survey forms for public rights of way reviews undertaken in 1951 and 1979
4. the planning application for the extension of the restaurant and addition of a coffee lounge and patio and carparking at The Admiral's Head in 1984, including copies of the plans
5. information regarding the construction and status of Sandy Lane during the 1940s
6. Photographs and a description of roads in the parish dated October 1978.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that all the items would be scanned and that items 3,5 and 6 would also be copied and then deposited with the Suffolk Records Office.

## **9 Finance**

### **9.1 Authorisation of Expenditure**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a replacement cheque be signed for the Clerk's salary for December
- the following expenditure be incurred:
  - Clerk's Salary for March and expenses
  - PAYE for March
  - Information Commissioner – Annual Data Protection fee: £40
  - Hire of the Village Hall for 2018/19: £78.75

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

### **9.2 Income Received**

£325.58 VAT repayment had been received from HMRC.

£6.45 had been received from NS&I for interest for 2018 on the Council's savings account.

### **9.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to appoint Helen Quantrill to undertake the annual internal audit for 2018/19.

## **10 Matters Arising from Circulated Items**

### **10.1 Any Raised by Councillors**

There were no matters arising from circulated items.

## **11 Correspondence**

### **11.1 SCDC Invitation to Service Celebration Event**

The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had attended this event, which was a look back at SCDC since its creation in 1974. It had been a useful event for networking with other parish council representatives.

### **11.2 Any Other**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to circulate to Councillors
  - Clerks and Councils Direct March 2019
  - Memories of SCDC
  - Details of changes to Development Management as a result of the creation of East Suffolk Council (by email)

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.