

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 20 January 2020

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

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Apologies were received from Mr Hunter, who had a pre-existing obligation, and Ms Head who was working. It was **RESOLVED:**

- to accept the apologies for absence.

Declarations of a personal interest in item 4 on the Agenda, The Admiral's Head, were made by Mr Garnham, Dr Hopkins, Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi and Mrs Wilson, as they had all pledged to buy community shares in the pub.

County Councillor Colin Hedgley had sent apologies that he was attending an ESC Committee meeting.

2 Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present.

3 Planning

3.1 Update on Applications/Enforcement

ENF/2019/0303/USE – The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

District Councillor Colin Hedgley had advised ESC that he supported the Council's view on the use of this property. ESC had said it would investigate use of the premises for car sales further.

4 The Sale of The Admiral's Head: Consideration of Public Works Board Loan Consultation

It was noted that FoTAH had advised that it agreed it would not be appropriate for the Council to purchase the Admiral's Head car park, it not being its Business Plan or Community Share launch concept.

Fotah had also suggested that, as the community bid had been rejected by the owners of the pub, it was premature to carry out a public consultation on a PWBL, for the following reasons:

- it would be a more meaningful consultation with a bid accepted by the owners
- if a bid was accepted by the owners, pledges may rise, altering the amount needed for a PWBL
- proposing to raise the precept in April 2020, with no accepted bid would not be attractive to residents and may be rejected
- in the event the owners accepted the bid and wished to proceed during the 2020/2021 financial year, the PC could carry out the PWBL consultation while contracts were being prepared, and, if both the consultation and an application for a PWBL were successful, it may be possible for the Council

to 'bridge' the loan repayments for a few months until the precept was raised in April 2021 to meet repayments

- SCC was due to publish its intentions regarding the Ipswich Northern Bypass within a month. This may influence the views of residents on a financial commitment to the village.

Fotah was also advising the selling agents that, as the bid had been rejected, it would require more time to raise the funding for a purchase, should the owners decide they do want to proceed.

FoTAH had supplied details of the cost of refurbishing the pub as requested and these were noted. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council would not proceed with a Public Works Board Loan consultation at present, and would not do so without further information from FoTAH regarding positive progress on the community bid for the pub

5 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting on 2 March 2020

It was noted that the theme would be "The Climate Emergency: What Can You Do in Little Bealings?" There would be a presentation by a resident of Great Bealings looking at the opportunities for personal actions, such as Solar PV/hot water, insulation and transport. The Greenprint Forum would provide information on recycling and energy advice.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to invite Stop! to deliver a report at the Annual Parish Meeting
- that in view of the amount of business to be transacted at the Annual Parish Meeting and the Climate Emergency presentation, the date of the next scheduled Parish Council meeting would be moved from 2 March to 24 February 2020.

6 Date of Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that, in view of the need to consider a planning application, the next meeting of the Council would be on Monday 3 February.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.25pm.