

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held with members in remote attendance (via Zoom) at 7.15pm on Thursday 26 November 2020

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley

Four residents/members of the public (for all/part of the meeting)

No one advised that they were recording the meeting.

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Apologies were received from Ms Head who had a family commitment. It was **RESOLVED:**

- To accept the apologies for absence.

Dr Hopkins declared a pecuniary interest in item 4.1.i on the Agenda: DC/20/4457/FUL: Construction of one two-storey dwelling - Homeleigh Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LT as he also owned property near to the settlement boundary of the parish.

2. Public Participation Session

No one wished to speak.

3. Reports from Local District and County Councillors

District Councillor apologised for missing the previous meeting due to attending another parish council's meeting. An updated report and East Suffolk Council's (ESC) recently approved Environmental Guidance had been circulated to Councillors.

4. Planning

4.1 Applications and Enforcement

- i. **DC/20/4457/FUL: Construction of one two-storey dwelling - Homeleigh Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LT**

No comments had been received from neighbours and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to this application.

ii. Sizewell C Further Consultation

Revisions to the transport strategy were noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the proposed increase in the number of train movements so long as these did not take place at night and there was mitigation against any increase in noise.

iii. ENF/2019/0303/USE: Enforcement Action at The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

It was noted that it was over a year since the matter had first been raised with ESC by the Council and that some local residents said that they had also submitted complaints. However, ESC had not taken enforcement action. Councillor Hedgley advised that he had no explanation for the delay, but understood that planning officers had been in contact with the owners and a planning application was expected shortly. He would seek a further explanation.

The meeting was adjourned to enable a resident to speak.

The resident said he had only received a Planning Control Notice from ESC on 8 October 2020 and the matter was with his solicitor. It was a small business and there was no trading due to Covid restrictions. An application would be submitted shortly. He had spoken to neighbours and, if there were complaints, he would be pleased to put the matter right. In response to his question he was advised that the complaint was business trading from a residential property.

The meeting re-commenced.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To make formal complaint to ESC about the delay in taking enforcement action and request that enforcement be carried out until such time as any planning application may be determined.

iv. Any Other Updates on Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters

There were no updates.

4.2 ESC Planning Policy Documents Consultation: Statement of Community Involvement, Recreational Disturbance Avoidance, Cycling and Walking Strategy and Affordable Housing

The consultation documents were noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To respond to the Cycling and Walking Strategy consultation by pointing out that Playford and Martlesham Road were used regularly by cyclists, including cycling clubs at weekends, and by walkers passing between public footpaths. Calming to reduce the speed and volume of vehicular traffic, such as a width restriction or the

installation of a barrier across a part of the road, would make the road safer for cyclists and walkers.

5. Adoption of Policy for the Co-Option of Councillors

A draft policy was considered and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that a policy for the Co-option of Councillors be adopted.

6. Production of a Bealings History

It was noted that a draft flyer advertising a Bealings history book had been prepared for circulation in the next edition of the Fynn Lark News. It stated that the Parish Council supported the project. It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Council would support the project in principle but that it would have been appropriate to seek the Council's support before preparing the flyer.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be on 11 January 2021 by zoom.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.53pm.