

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held with members in remote attendance (via Zoom) at 7.45pm on Monday 1 March 2021

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:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley, the Rev'd Gary Jones (Priest in Charge at All Saints Church) the Council's Webmaster, and various residents/members of the public (for all/part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present and asked if anyone was recording the meeting; no one said that they were.

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Declarations of a personal interest in item 9 on the Agenda, The Admiral's Head, were made by Mr Garnham, Ms Head, Dr Hopkins, Mr Hunter, Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi and Mrs Wilson, as they had all pledged to buy community shares in the pub.

Declarations of a personal interest in item 9 on the Agenda, The Admiral's Head, were also made by Mr Hunter and Mr Ransome as members of the joint Parish Council/FoTAH Admiral's Head Working Group (AHWG).

Declarations of a personal interest in item 9 on the Agenda, The Admiral's Head, were also made Ms Saagi as a member of FoTAH and of AHWG.

Declarations of a personal interest in item 9 on the Agenda, The Admiral's Head, were also made Ms Head as a member of FoTAH and Chairman of AHWG.

A declaration of a personal interest in item 7.1 on the Agenda was made by Mr Hunter.

2. Public Participation Session

No one wished to speak.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2021

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of this meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Date of September Meeting

It was noted that Report 2021.05/Jan 21 and the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2021 referred to the date of the September 2021 meeting as 7 September. This was an error and should state Monday 6 September.

4.2 Public Sewer for The Street

It was noted that the Environment Agency had advised that it was on target to determine the Council's appeal by the end of March, subject to the receipt of one further piece of information from Anglian Water. The Council had received a copy of a letter a Trustee of ROPETH had written to the Environment Agency on the matter. It was noted that Anglian Water was due to carry out investigations in the area during March.

4.3 Asset Register Update

The Chairman reported that he had inspected the post at the Hall Road crossroads and it was in a safe condition.

4.4 Little Bealings War Memorial

The application to the War Memorial Trust for grant funding had passed the preliminary assessment, but a second quote was needed and the Trust had advised that it would not fund the cherry picker. District Councillor Hedgley was thanked for offering to provide funding from his locality budget to help meet the shortfall.

4.5 Website 'Sense' Review

The Chairman thanked the webmaster who had carried out the review with Mr Hunter and Ms Saagi. The review was nearly complete. It was noted that the minutes of the Council's meetings before April 2010 were not on-line and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To establish the cost of having previous minute books scanned, with a view to making an application for District Councillor locality funding for the project.

4.6 Any Other Matters Raised by Councillors

No other matters were raised.

5. Reports from Local District and County Councillors

These reports had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

6. Meetings With Dr Dan Poulter, MP

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mr Garnham would represent the Council at the zoom meeting with Dr Poulter arranged for Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford residents on 18 March
- The Chairman of The Friends of the Admiral's Head (Fotah) and one other representative would also attend
- The Chairman, Councillors, and resident representatives would attend a zoom meeting with Dr Poulter on 25 March to discuss matters specific to the parish, including Sinks Pit, the sewer for The Street, traffic and School parking.

7. Planning

7.1 DC/21/0054/FUL: Replacement of Portacabin Adjacent Existing Weighbridge, Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to this application.

7.2 Update on Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority, Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters

DC/21/0505/TPO: T1 - Oak x 2 - Crown raise by 3m for access T2 - Oak trees crown raised off garage of Kenilworth garden along whole row as highlighted by 3m T3 - Oak to be removed as has no amenity value or crown. It has just grown over the garden with a major lean and impeding other trees in Kenilworths garden T4 - Hawthorn to be removed as dead/dying – Kenilworth, Playford Road
No comments had been submitted in respect of this application.

DC/20/4746/FUL: Siting of 3 no. Holiday Lodges - Little Meadow, The Street

This application had been withdrawn.

DC/20/4969/CLE: Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) C3 Dwelling house – see submissions as to why there is no material change of use of the land edged blue (with the parking area edged red within the blue land) – The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

This application had been refused.

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

The second response of East Suffolk Council (ESC) to the Council's formal complaint had been received and it was **RESOLVED**:

- To take no more action in the matter, but to ask ESC when enforcement action would be carried out in view of the refusal of application DC/20/4969/CLE.

DC/21/0275/FUL: Ground floor rear extension, new dormer window to west elevation, and internal alterations – Fernlea, Martlesham Road

A response of 'no objection' had been submitted to this application.

8. Highways

8.1 Suffolk County Council (SCC) A12 Proposals: A14 Seven Hills to A1152 Woods Lane Melton

The Chairman reported on his attendance at an SCC Teams presentation on the proposals, and it was **RESOLVED**:

- not to respond to the consultation.

8.2 Installation of Poles and Brackets for Safer Village Driving (SAVID) Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Funding had been received from District Councillor Hedgley for the brackets. It was noted that the Council would need to purchase padlocks to secure the SID in due course.

8.3 Footpath Wardens' Report

Report reference 2020.06/March 21 had been circulated to Councillors and the Wardens were thanked for their work. It was noted that two 'A' frame 'Caution Works in Progress' boards had been purchased to support their work.

9. The Admiral's Head

It was noted from the report given by the Chairman of FoTAH to the Annual Parish Meeting which had preceded the Council meeting, that legal advice was still awaited.

10. Woodbridge and District Anti-Social Behaviour Meetings on 14 January and 25 February 2021

The minutes had been circulated to Councillors. Mr Hopkins had attended and reported that it was quiet, although there were some issues elsewhere, including speeding in Tuddenham. He would attend the next meeting and request the data from the police safety team camera for Playford Road.

11. Finance

11.1 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Income of £4.39 interest had been received for the NS&I account for 2020. Income of £138 had been received from ESC for the SID bracket funding. Application had been made for a refund of VAT paid during 2020 for £80.03. It was **RESOLVED** that the following expenditure be incurred:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary and expenses for March 2021: £462.85
- Pay As You Earn (PAYE) for March: £82.20

S43 Highways Act 1980:

- Westcotec Ltd: £129.00

S111 LGA 1972:

- The Information Commissioner: £40.00

Arrangements were in place for the signing of the schedule of the above payments by the Chairman and the cheques.

11.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2020.21

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to appoint the same internal auditor as for last year
- that, in view of the internal audit, there was no need for an Internal Control Report and bank statement/cheque book reconciliation exercise for the fourth quarter.

12. Any Matters Arising from Circulated Items

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Ms Saagi would represent the Council at the ESC Town and Parish Planning Forum to be held on 25 March

- that the Chairman would represent the Council at the SALC Suffolk Coastal (South) Area meeting to be held on 25 March if it was compatible with the meeting being held that evening with Dr Poulter.

13. Review of Date of Next Meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting Arranged for 10 May 2021

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that in view of the possible cessation of the regulations enabling Councils to meet remotely, the Annual Parish Council meeting be re-arranged for 7.15pm on Tuesday 4 May 2021 and be held by zoom.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20pm. The Chairman thanked those who had attended the meeting.