

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 5 July 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:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Colin Hedgley, the Reverend Gary Jones, and some residents (for part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present and drew attention to the arrangements in place for the meeting to be 'Covid-secure'. One resident confirmed that they were recording the meeting and the Chairman explained the provisions for this.

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Declarations of a personal interest in item 12 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 12 on the Agenda, The Admiral's Head, were also made by Ms Head and Ms Saagi as a member of FoTAH.

2. Public Participation Session

DC/21/2790/FUL: New cart lodge - 5 Michaels Mount

Some neighbouring residents explained their reasons for objecting to this application.

Donation: The Angela Cobbold Hall

A resident explained their reasons for objecting to a donation being made.

SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund - Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

Two neighbouring residents explained their reasons for objection to this application.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 May 2021

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of this meeting, after amendment to the power under which the Council had made a donation to Bealings Village Hall and the John Belstead Playing Field.

4. Clerk and Councillors' Updates

The Clerk reported as follows:

4.1 War Memorial Works

The War Memorial Trust had held the application in abeyance while more specific quotes were provided, but the application should be determined by 31 July. A Faculty would need to be obtained by the PCC before any works could be carried out.

4.2 Minute Book and Scanning

The Minute Book borrowed from Suffolk Records Office had been returned and it may be possible that scanning of the Council's Minute Books could be arranged from September.

4.3 Accounts for 2020/21

The period for the exercise of public rights in respect of the accounts would end on 15 July. The exemption certificate had been returned to the external auditors on 6 June 2021.

4.4 Footpath Work

Work had been carried out on Footpath 3 with the agreement of the landowner. Two further volunteers had been added to the list of the Council's footpath workers: Carl Cornish and Toni Cornish.

5. Planning

5.1 Policy: Neighbourhood Planning

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- details of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils/Suffolk Preservation Society training attended by the Chairman and Ms Head be circulated to Councillors for consideration
- the Council's meeting in September consider the appointment of the lead Councillor(s) to take forward the establishment of a Steering Group to pursue the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan

5.2 Applications

DC/21/2524/FUL: Construction of a self-build three bedroom detached dwelling and detached garage and store within garden amenity land - 1 Holly Lane

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the development on the following grounds:
 - the speed at which construction will be carried out is not a relevant consideration
 - legal access to the site has not been resolved
 - the location, design and size of the proposed dwelling is out of character with the existing properties in Holly Close and is harmful to the character of the existing properties
 - more traffic will be created at the Holly Lane/Holly Close junction; this is a dangerous junction and SCC recommends that visibility is improved.

DC/21/2790/FUL: New cart lodge - 5 Michaels Mount

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the development on the following grounds:
 - the proposed building is too close to the site boundary and private road, and is over development of the site
 - it is not in keeping with the character of the surrounding dwellings and goes beyond the established building line

SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund - Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to object to the development on the following grounds:
 - the proposed bunding was not fit for purpose and would not bring satisfactory resolution of the on-going noise problems for residents
 - the bunding and fencing would be an unattractive feature in the countryside, and visible from the public footpath

AP/21/0026/REFUSE: Appeal against decision of ESC to refuse planning permission for change of use of a vacant public house to residential use - The Admiral's Head, Sandy Lane

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to sustain the Council's objection to the granting of planning permission on the grounds that:
 - the Asset of Community Value listing lasted until 2022
 - the owners had refused offers to purchase the pub from the community and private buyers, including at a Red Book Valuation figure, and had not shown that the pub was not viable.

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

DC/21/2223/FUL: Construction of a one and a half storey rear extension - Four Winds The Street

DC/21/2402/FUL: Construction of a three bay cartlodge - Pipits Hill Martlesham Road

DC/21/2505/FUL: Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access - Former High Rigg Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (renewal of DC/18/2610/FUL)

The Council had considered these applications under delegated authority and had had no objection to the applications.

DC/21/1010/VOC Variation of Condition No(s) 3 on application DC/15/5055/FUL - Change of use in Kesgrave Quarry from mineral use to associated parking and access routes for adjacent Trucks R Us Headquarters

DC/21/1079/VOC Variation of Conditions 6, 7, 8 & 10 of DC/19/2666/FUL - Construction of 2 No. 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. - Variation to operating hours. Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Kesgrave

DC/21/1471/VOC Variation of Conditions 4 and 22 of DC/15/4908/FUL- Erection of new headquarters building for vehicle hire operator comprising workshop, offices, associated parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage, workshop and sales of vehicles and machinery (revised scheme to DC/15/2107/FUL and DC/14/4251/FUL) - Variation to operating hours. Sinks Gravel Pit Main Road Kesgrave

A site visit would be carried out before ESC determined these applications.

6. Reports from Local District and County Councillors

These reports had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting.

7. Highways

7.1 SAVID: Speed Data for Playford Road

Advice was awaited on how to obtain this from Suffolk Police. As Mr Garnham was unavailable it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Chairman would represent the Council at the SAVID meeting on 9 July.

7.2 SID Poles for The Street

These had now been installed by SCC and Mr Garnham had added the brackets. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Council would ask to join the rota for use of the SAVID SID
- Mr Garnham and Mr Hunter would be responsible for the installation and removal of the SAVID SID and carrying out risk assessments as appropriate.

7.3 Deer Caution Signage for Martlesham Road

This had been raised by a resident and Ms Bryce agreed to discuss the installation of signs with SCC officers.

8. East Suffolk Community Partnership

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Dr Hopkins become the Council's representative at Partnership meetings and attend the meeting on Monday 12 July.

9. Finance

9.1 Review of Banking Arrangements

This had been carried out and it was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Council continue to bank with Barclays, and open a new Savings Account to replace the Council's National Savings & Investment Account
- a direct debit be set up for PAYE payments and a standing order for payment of the Clerk's salary.

9.2 Internal Control Report for the First Quarter

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that this would be carried out by Mr Hunter, once the June bank statement was received.

9.3 Donation: The Angela Cobbold Hall

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- that a decision be deferred until quotes for the installation of the new kitchen had been received and the amount required to meet any shortfall in funding could be confirmed to the Council.

9.4 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

There was no income. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred, leaving a current account credit balance of £4565.72:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for June 2021: £338.99
- Clerk's expenses May – June: £28.30
- Pay As You Earn (PAYE) for June: £84.60
- Clerk's net salary for July 2021: £338.99
- PAYE for July: £84.60

10. Press and Media Policy

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the published draft policy be adopted.

11. Boundary Commission Review of Suffolk County Council Wards

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council confirm its support for the revised proposals, which included the parish in a rural ward.

A resolution was passed to exclude the public from the meeting for consideration of the next item, in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Order 3d and S1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity of the Council's consideration of a community purchase of the Admiral's Head would be prejudicial to the public interest

12. The Admiral's Head

13. Any Matters Arising from Circulated Items

13.1 Attendance at NALC 'Future Communities' Conference on 2 December

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to defer a decision on any attendance, until Councillor(s) were appointed to lead on the Neighbourhood Plan

13.2 Any Raised by Councillors for Future Consideration

No matters were raised but It was **RESOLVED**:

- to circulate details of a plastic bottle deposit scheme on enews.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be at 7.15pm on Monday 6 September 2021 in Bealings Village Hall and would need to comply with any 'Covid secure' requirements for attendance in place at that time.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.32pm. The Chairman thanked those who had attended the meeting.