

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 11 April 2022**

### **Present:**

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

Also present: Three residents

### **1 Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests**

Apologies were received from Mr C Cheeseman who was unwell and Ms D Head for a family reason. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence

Declarations of a personal interest in item 11 on the Agenda, Purchase of The Admiral's Head Car Park, were made by Mr Garnham, Mr Hunter, Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi and Mrs Wilson, as they had all pledged to buy community shares in the pub.

Apologies were also received from District Councillor Colin Hedgley.

### **2 Public Participation Session**

**DC/22/0566/OUT: Outline planning application (with all matters reserved) proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard, Holly Lane**

A resident explained their ongoing concerns about the development and the definition of a 'cluster' in the ESC Local Plan.

### **3 Clerk and Councillors' Updates**

#### **3.1 ESC Community Partnership Road Safety Forum**

Mr Garnham had attended the meeting on 31 March and would attend the next meeting on 9 May. There was some concern that the police would not enforce a 20mph speed limit but it was not necessarily the case that prosecution could not happen. The shared SID was currently in The Street and would be moved back to the Village Hall before being passed to the next parish.

#### **3.2 SAVID**

The Clerk reported that £3,900 had been received from SAVID for the purchase of the new SID to be shared with Playford, and it had been ordered.

#### **3.3 Village Hall Management Committee**

Notes had been circulated. It was noted that there would soon be the facility for visitors to pay for parking via a QR code display if they wished to contribute to costs.

#### **3.4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Ms Saagi reported that no meeting had taken place, but it was known that more volunteers were needed to organise events.

The Clerk updated Councillors as follows:

#### **3.5 War Memorial Works**

The Faculty was still awaited and the War Memorial Trust had enquired if the grant was still required. The Clerk had explained the delay in being able to return the signed contract.

### **3.6 Pension Enrolment Declaration**

The Clerk reported that the Council had completed the required re-enrolment, confirming that no employees were eligible for a pension from the Council

### **3.7 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that SALC had advised that there was no reason for the Council to waiver from its previous decision not to enter into further correspondence with a resident over a matter they had raised previously.

## **4 Planning**

### **4.1 ESC Housing in Clusters and Small-Scale Residential Development in the Countryside Workshop and Presentation**

This had been attended by Mr Cheeseman but in view of his absence it was

**RESOLVED:**

- that a presentation to Councillors by Mr Cheeseman be arranged over Zoom

### **4.2 Update on Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters**

Councillors were updated on outstanding applications including:

#### **APP/X3540/X/21/3270081: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road**

ESC had advised that details of a lease of alternative premises in Ipswich were awaited.

### **4.3 Sinks Pit**

The next Joint Advisory Liaison Group meeting would be on 13 April and the Chairman would update Councillors thereafter, including about the noise management plan and consent for the concrete regrading plant.

#### **SCC/0071/19/SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund**

This application had been approved by SCC, but there was concern that the required pre-commencement notice had not been given to the Waste Planning Authority and other pre-commencement conditions had not been met before the bund recontouring had started.

#### **SCC/0097/21C: Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 2PE. Part retrospective erection of a wooden close boarded fence along part of southern site boundary**

This application had been approved by SCC, but there was concern that the installation did not match the approved plans.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to pursue the concerns regarding both applications with SCC

#### **4.4 DC/22/0896/FUL: Construction of a summer house in front garden and additional driveway access to create an in/out driveway: Camelot 9 Beacon Lane**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- There was no objection to the development.

## **5 Highways**

### **5.1 Footpath Wardens Report**

The report had been circulated to Councillors.

### **5.2 Footpath 18**

It was noted that the Clerk and one of the Footpath Wardens had met with the landowner and SCC Rights of Way Officer. It had become apparent that the footpath actually ran to the north of the track used by the landowner, where some clearance work was required. SCC had also agreed that a permissive route could be made available where the footpath cut the corner of the field and SCC would be arranging to move the signpost and provide permissive signs accordingly. SCC's view on the safety of the bridge was awaited.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- That the Footpath Wardens would liaise with the landowner and arrange for volunteers to clear Footpath 18 as agreed at the site meeting
- Carl Cornish be added to the Council's list of volunteer footpath workers

### **5.3 Replacement of Dog Fouling Signs on Footpath No 3**

It was noted that the sign installed on the signpost at the southern end of the Footpath had been vandalised and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to purchase several more signs and replace them as often as was required.

### **5.4 Deer Warning Sign for Martlesham Road**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to defer consideration of this item in view of County Councillor Elaine Bryce's absence from the meeting.

## **6 Noticeboard in Playford Road**

The noticeboard had been inspected by the Plymouth Brethren representative who had advised that they would be pleased to provide funding for a replacement they had sourced, which cost £400 plus vat, and to install the board. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the donation and installation and thank the Plymouth Brethren
- that the Council would add £57 to the purchase price to enable a green finish rather than silver aluminium.

## **7. Mink Rafts on the River Fynn**

Suffolk Wildlife Trust had advised of reports of mink on the River Fynn and had asked about installing a mink raft. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to refer the matter to the landowner given that disposal of the mink after capture was involved.

## 8 East Suffolk Council Community Partnership Core Membership and Review of Priorities

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Council wished to be a Core Member of the local Partnership Group
- Mr Ransome be appointed the Council's representative on the Group

## 9 Finance

### 9.1 Appointment of Internal Auditor

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Ms H Quantrill be appointed Internal Auditor of the Council's accounts for 2021/22.

### 9.2 Bank Accounts

It was noted that the new signatories were not yet in place and new mandates would need to be completed by Mr Ransome and Ms Saagi. It was **RESOLVED**:

- not to pursue the opening of a Barclays Premium Account as monthly charges would be introduced in September
- that Ms Saagi be added as a signatory on the NS&I Savings Account

## 10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be at 7.15pm on Tuesday 3 May 2022 in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That, as no financial information was to be considered **not** to exclude the public from the meeting for consideration of the next item, the Admiral's Head.

## 11. Purchase of the Admiral's Head Car Park

It was noted that the owners had refused the approach by the Council, saying that the car park was only for sale with the pub building and not as a sole entity.

It was also noted that East Suffolk Council had advised that the owners had not formally given notice of their intention to sell the listed Asset of Community Value as was required. ESC did not intend to pursue the matter and had determined a moratorium date of 14 August, given the notification that the Council was exercising its right to bid for the car park. ESC had also advised that it did not consider a Compulsory Purchase of the car park to be a part of its strategic plan.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council considered a Compulsory Purchase to be compatible with the 'Enabling our Communities' part of the ESC Strategic Plan and to pursue this, and the lack of formal notice of intention to sell by the owners, further with ESC
- to carry out an initial local survey of residents and visitors to the parish to establish whether a purchase was supported and, dependent upon the outcome of the survey:
  - to lobby the local MP, SCC Councillors for Highways and for Education, the local SCC and ESC member, and the Police Commissioner to support a purchase
  - to set up a Working Group to pursue the matter with two Councillors, and invite representatives from the Church, Bealings School, the Angela Cobbold Hall, the Grove Farm Residents Association and Bealings Village Hall to join.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.05pm.