

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Wednesday 12 January 2022**

### **Present:**

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr C Cheeseman, Ms D Head, 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 six residents/members of the public, all for part of the meeting

The Chairman welcomed those present and explained the procedure for public participation in the meeting. One resident confirmed that he was making an audio recording of the meeting.

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

Apologies were received from Mr M Garnham for a health reason. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence

Declarations of a personal interest in item 14 on the Agenda, concerning The Admiral's Head, were made by Mr Hunter, Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi and Mrs Wilson as they had all pledged to buy community shares in the pub. Ms Head and Ms Saagi also declared a personal interest in the item as a member of Fotah.

### **2. Public Participation Session**

**DC/21/5327/FUL: We are seeking retrospective planning permission for the installation of a new cesspit tank at Angela Cobbold Hall in Little Bealings - Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall The Street**

Two Trustees of the Hall explained the context of the application.

Two residents explained their objection to the application.

**Update on Previous Planning Applications and Enforcement Matters: Sinks Pit**

A resident set out continuing concerns about the site and the impact on residents.

Councillors asked for clarification of various points concerning application DC/21/5327/FUL.

### **3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 1 and 22 November 2021**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of these meetings with amendments to the minutes of 1 November.

## 4. Clerk and Councillors' Updates

The Clerk reported:

- **War Memorial:** A decision by the Diocese on the granting of a Faculty for the works was awaited. While the PCC looked to have some insurance in respect of damage that may be caused by the Memorial, the Council had public liability cover as custodian. The Council's insurers had advised of an additional annual premium of £159.60 to insure the Memorial itself should this cover be required.
- **Automatic Number Plate Recognition Scheme:** SCC had acknowledged receipt of the applications and would be in contact in due course.
- **SIDS Rota:** This had been altered and the SID had been displayed in the village in November.
- **Condition of Footpath 18:** SCC had suggested that the landowner also be invited to a site meeting. The landowner had agreed to this and a date would be arranged, to be attended by the Chairman and Clerk.
- **Banking Arrangements:** A response was awaited from Barclays Bank on the new signatory and a new savings account.
- **Risk Assessment and the Village Hall Light:** The VHMC had confirmed that the light and pole had been added to its annual risk assessment and an inspection had not shown a need for maintenance.
- **Grit Bin by the Church:** On being asked for details of the specification for the previously donated bin, the donor had offered to purchase and install the new bin at the Church.
- **Noticeboards:** These have been inspected and were in fair condition.

### 4.1 ESC Community Partnership 'Active Travel' Presentation and Road Safety Meeting

The Chairman and Mr Garnham had attended and the Council's suggestion that funding be allocated to SAVID for the purchase of another SID had been agreed. Funding had also been given for the purchase of hi vis jackets for children at rural Schools, including Bealings School.

### 4.2 Village Hall Management Committee Meeting

Ms Head had not attended, but referred to the impact of Covid, on going maintenance work and donations received from two School parents towards repairs to the car park.

### 4.3 SAVID AGM

Mr Garnham had attended and the minutes had been circulated.

## 5. Reports from Local District and County Councillors

These reports had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Ms Bryce reported that an extra £22m would be included in the Highways budget, including to address drainage issues. The reports would be published online.

## 6. Planning

### 6.1 DC/21/5327/FUL: We are seeking retrospective planning permission for the installation of a new cesspit tank at Angela Cobbold Hall in Little Bealings - Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall The Street

After discussion concerning the retrospective nature of the application and whether full building control consent had been granted and pre-planning application advice sought, it was **RESOLVED**:

- to support the application as a pragmatic solution to the situation and on the understanding that building control requirements were complied with

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

#### DC/21/4620/FUL: Alterations and Extensions To Existing Dwelling and the Retention of a Boundary Fence Adjacent to the Public Highway - Ascalon Playford Road

ESC had approved this application.

#### DC/21/4755/FUL: Alterations to existing bungalow including new room with rooms within roofspace together with elevational alterations - Piriac Sandy Lane

Amendments had been made to the application and Mr Hedgley had commented on the application as the local District Councillor.

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

ESC had confirmed that the three month notice period for the cessation of unlawful business at the property would end on 23 February.

#### DC/20/3514/FUL: Change of Use of a Vacant Public House to Residential Use - Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane

The appeal had been allowed and would be considered further under item 14 on the Agenda.

#### DC/20/4457/FUL: Construction of 1 no. two storey dwelling - Homeleigh Cottage The Street

Determination of the appeal would be by written representations and a decision was awaited.

#### 6.2.1 Sinks Pit

The Chairman reported that the liaison meeting held on 8 December 2021 had learned that the Environment Agency was considering an application for an increase in the tonnage worked at the site, but had refused an application to extend the worked area. SCC had refused an invitation to discuss enforcement action at the site with the Council, but ESC had agreed in principle to a meeting. SCC had confirmed that the new southern boundary fencing did require planning permission but no consultation had been received. Concern about the size of the replacement concrete batching plant remained. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Chairman would provide a briefing note to Councillors prior to the Council's meeting on 9 March, for consideration as to whether matters at the site should be pursued by the Council or left to the responsibility of the Liaison Group.

### 6.2.2 Sizewell C Rail Strategy

Determination of the application for Sizewell C was now not expected until April. An email from the operator of a leisure business along the railway line to the north of the parish, expressing concern about the impact of the rail strategy, had been circulated to Councillors. A local resident who had previously expressed concern about this issue had declined to be involved but it was **RESOLVED**:

- that in view of the potential impact of additional trains on noise and vibration disturbance to some properties in the parish, residents be advised of the matter by enews and an item in the Fynn Lark News.

## 7 Highways

### 7.1 Review of Walks Leaflet

It was noted that the Council's Walks Leaflet was in need of a reprint/update, but as alternative walks information was now available on line via Discover Suffolk and, due to the work of the Footpath Wardens in establishing a local walking group, on the All Saints' Church website, it was **RESOLVED**:

- the leaflet would not be reprinted and the information on the Council's website would be updated to link to other resources

## 8 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Ms Saagi reported on the first meeting of the joint Gt and Lt Bealings group which had taken place in November. It was proposed to hold a celebration event on Sunday 5 June including a bar, BBQ, live music, tug of war and other games. Both Parish Councils had been approached for funding and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council would underwrite the costs of the celebration to a maximum of £200.

In respect of a proposed national 'Treebilee' event it was **RESOLVED**:

- to consider whether a replacement tree could be planted for one felled in Holly Lane for the East Anglian Offshore Wind Project.

## 9 Parish Christmas Card

It was understood that the Council's Christmas Card had been well received and **RESOLVED**:

- that budget provision be made for the purchase and printing of a Christmas Card in 2022, and a competition promoted to Bealings School and local children to design the card.

## 10 Finance

### 10.1 Budget for 2022/23

The revisions made in Report Budget 2022.23 Rev 1 were noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the budget as revised
- that funding donations for 2022/23 beyond the regular donations made to Bealings Village Hall and Playing Field and the Fynn Lark News, be considered at the Council's Annual Parish Council meeting on 3 May 2022 and, in respect of 'locality donations', after receipt of confirmation of a charity's activity in the parish.

### 10.2. Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Payments had been received for a discount on the Council's Zoom subscription and from Gt Bealings Parish Council for half of the cost of insuring the shared village sign. It was **RESOLVED**:

1. that the following expenditure be incurred, leaving a current account credit balance of £7,246.66:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for January 2022: £338.99
- Clerk's expenses: £76.09
- Clerk's net salary for February 2022: £338.99

### 10.3. Internal Control Report and Quarterly Bank Statement and Cheque Book

This would be undertaken by Mr Hunter in the near future.

## 11. Scheme of Delegation

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that in view of continuing Covid-19 restrictions and concerns, and the lack of authority for Councillors to be in attendance remotely, a draft Scheme of Delegation which extended the current delegation of decision making in extraordinary circumstances, be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

## 12. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting: 7.15pm on Wednesday 9 March in Bealings Village Hall

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that in view of continuing uncertainty about Covid-19, the Annual Parish Meeting would be limited to a presentation of reports from local organisations etc, and information about forthcoming activities, including an update on arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

## 13. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be at 7.15pm on Wednesday 9 March 2022 in Bealings Village Hall, after the Annual Parish Meeting, and would need to comply with any 'Covid secure' requirements for attendance in place at that time. If necessary, as a result of business to be transacted, a meeting would also be held on Monday 7 February 2022 in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

It was **RESOLVED**:

to exclude the public from the meeting for consideration of the next item, the Admiral's Head, 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 further action, in respect of the granting of the owners' appeal against ESC's decision to refuse Change of Use permission for the Admiral's Head, would be prejudicial to the public interest.

#### **14. Admiral's Head**

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.14pm.