

## Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 4 July 2022

### Present:

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr C Cheeseman, Ms D Head, Ms H Saagi and Mrs M Wilson

### In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

### Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley and one resident, and County Councillor Elaine Bryce for part of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

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

Apologies were received from Mr Hunter who was unwell and Mr Garnham who was away. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence.

In view of the Council's recent adoption of the Local Government Association Model Code of Conduct 2020, an Application for Dispensation in respect of a Non-Registrable Interest in relation to Agenda items relating to Sinks Pit, from the present date until May 2023 was made by Mr Ransome and by Ms Saagi. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to grant the dispensations applied for by Mr Ransome and Ms Saagi.

## 2. Public Participation Session

### Sinks Pit

A resident gave an update on recent activity and monitoring at the site.

## 3. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 3 and 23 May 2022

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of these meetings, with an amendment to the minutes of 23 May 2022.

## 4. Clerk's and Councillors' Updates

### 4.1. Footpaths

The Footpath Wardens' report had been circulated to Councillors.

### 4.2. Speed Indicator Device

The new device had been delivered and was insured for use. Confirmation was awaited from Playford Parish Council that it agreed to a broadly monthly share of the device, with it being displayed in Little Bealings more during School terms, that it would pay 50% of the estimated additional insurance premium and that the responsibility for paying the premium excess in the event of a claim, rested with the Council for the parish in which the claim event occurred. Playford Parish Council had supplied a memory stick to obtain a copy of the software which enabled the collected data to be downloaded into reports.

**4.3. Noticeboard**

The new noticeboard for Playford Road had been delivered and a resident would install it.

**4.4. War Memorial Works**

The War Memorial Trust had confirmed that the Faculty and the Contractor's Declaration were acceptable and had been advised of a start date of week commencing 19 September 2022.

**4.5. Parish Council Laptop**

The PCC had confirmed that it would like to receive the laptop. It would be wiped of PC data and a security certificate obtained.

**4.6. Community Governance Review Boundary Change**

ESC had advised that the proposed revision to the Martlesham/Great Bealings/Little Bealings boundary had been withdrawn.

**4.7. ESC Community Partnership Priorities and Workshops**

The priorities had been confirmed as roads and traffic, environmental care and Covid recovery. Mr Ransome would attend the next meeting on 11 July.

**4.8. Woodbridge and District ASB Meeting**

Mr Ransome would attend this on 21 July.

**4.9. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

A report had been circulated to Councillors. The Council's loan of £200 had been returned and a profit of £1037.81 would be donated to the Blue Cross Ukraine Pet Welfare Fund and the Kesgrave Ukraine Hub.

**4.10. SALC Code of Conduct Training**

The Chairman had circulated information from this event to Councillors. Dispensations were now required to enable a Councillor to speak in respect of a Non-Registrable Interest. It was intended that Guidance for Parish Councillors on the new Code would be available in the autumn.

**4.11. SALC AGM**

The Chairman would attend this on 20 July.

**5. Reports from District and County Councillors**

The report from Mr Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. He drew attention to various planning applications. Ms Bryce advised that a report would be sent shortly. She had a budget of £8,000 available for local projects within 26 parishes.

**6. Planning****6.1. ESC Consultation on Small Scale Housing in the Countryside**

Before the meeting Mr Cheeseman had advised Councillors of ESC training he had attended on the 'Cluster' policy in the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and it was **RESOLVED:**

- to respond to paragraph 2.7 of the consultation in respect of Clusters being adjacent to an existing highway, to insert "which carries public vehicular rights" after 'highway'.

**6.2. DC/22/2061/FUL Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access at former High Rigg Martlesham Road**

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that there was no objection to the development, but previous concerns relating to the safety of the proposed new access remained.

### **6.3. DC/22/2182/FUL Upgrade existing tennis court with fencing: Leawood House Sandy Lane**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the development.

### **6.4. Update on Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters**

#### **6.4.1. Sinks Pit**

The next JALG meeting would be on 19 July at which various outstanding enforcement matters would be raised.

#### **6.4.2. Other**

The following application had been refused:

**DC/22/1662/FUL Proposal: Construction of two detached single storey dwellings: Woodside, Martlesham Road**

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

It was noted that the applicants had applied for:

**DC/22/2242/FUL: Part change of use garden to sale of cars on an appointment basis, for a temporary period of 18 months and RESOLVED:**

- that a response to the consultation be determined in accordance with the Council's established Scheme of Delegation.

## **7. Admiral's Head Car Park Survey Outcome – Report 2022.02**

The results of the survey were considered and it was **RESOLVED** that:

- there was some support for the purchase of the car park by the Council but it was not sufficient to enable the Council to pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order and so, reluctantly, the Council take no further action to buy the car park
- the Council withdraw its 'right to bid'

## **8. Finance – Income and Expenditure**

### **8.1. Accounts for 2021-22**

The Certificate of Exemption had been submitted to the external auditors and the period of public right of examination of the accounts was running between 22 June and 2 August.

### **8.2. Quarterly Internal Control Report**

This would be carried out by Mr Hunter once the June bank statement was to hand.

### **8.3. Income and Expenditure**

Income had been received from the Bacton Gospel Hall Trust for the purchase of the new noticeboard and from SAVID for the new SID. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for June, July and August 2022: £348.59
- PAYE for April, May and June 2022: £261
- Clerk's expenses (printer ink) £38.31

S111 LGA 1972:

- Westcotec Ltd (SID) £3,900
- KBS Depot (Noticeboard) £400

#### **8.4. Bank and NS&I Account Signatories**

Confirmation had been received from Barclays Bank that the new mandate was in place, ie the account signatories were Mr Ransome, Ms Saagi, Mrs Wilson and Ms Head. NS&I had supplied a form which required a specific resolution and it was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Ian Ransome, Ms Helen Saagi, Mrs Margaret Wilson and Ms Denise Head be signatories for the Council's said NS&I Investment Account number 137932395

#### **8.5. Parish Council Credit Card**

In view of the recent large online purchases made by the Council, it was **RESOLVED**:

- to investigate whether a debit card could be provided for the Barclays Bank account.

#### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council would be at 7.15pm on Monday 5 September 2022, in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.14pm.