

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 7 February 2022**

### **Present:**

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr C Cheeseman, Mr M Garnham, Mr D Hunter and Ms H Saagi

### **In attendance:**

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

### **Also present:**

County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Colin Hedgley and four residents

The Chairman welcomed those present.

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

Apologies were received from Ms D Head and Mrs M Wilson, for work and business commitment reasons respectively. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

## **2. Public Participation Session**

### **Enforcement at Sinks Pit**

**Application: SCC/0097/21C: Part retrospective erection of a wooden close boarded fence along part of southern site boundary: Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave**

Two residents spoke about recent activity at the site and preparations for the next Joint Agency Liaison Group Meeting in April.

## **3. Safer Village Driving (SAVID)**

### **3.1. Donation for 2021/22**

Mr Garnham reported on his attendance at the last SAVID meeting and a request for donations from member Councils of £50 for 2021/22. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that a donation of £50 be made to SAVID for 2021/22

### **3.2. Purchase of Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

Mr Garnham also reported that SAVID had received funding from ESC for the purchase of another SID and had proposed that it donate the funds to the Council to enable it to purchase a SID to share with Playford. It was noted that the Council had been instrumental in suggesting that ESC Community Partnership funding be given to SAVID and **RESOLVED** that:

- the offer be accepted and the Council purchase and insure the SID
- Mr Garnham would be responsible for the movement and use of the SID and liaison with Playford

## 4. Planning

### 4.1 Enforcement at Sinks Pit

A briefing note by the Chairman had been circulated to Councillors. It outlined a number of issues at the site which had not been addressed by the Joint Advisory Liaison Group meeting in December, and that ESC and SCC had been asked if in principle they would meet with the Council to discuss them. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- As ESC had confirmed it would meet the Council, a date for the meeting be arranged
- As SCC had said that it would not meet, a Sinks Pit Working Group be set up and that:
  - The members of the Working Group would be Mr Hunter, Mr Garnham, Ms Saagi and Mr Cheeseman
  - The Working Group's remit was to compile a list of issues for consideration by the Council at its meeting on 9 March, with a view to information being passed to County Councillor Elaine Bryce by the end of March, in anticipation that responses would then be available in time for the Joint Advisory Liaison meeting on 13 April.

### 4.2 SCC/0097/21C: Part retrospective erection of a wooden close boarded fence along part of southern site boundary: Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

It was noted that the development would result in close boarded fencing being installed on top of the existing bund next to the public footpath and **RESOLVED**:

- To object to the development in view of its adverse impact on the landscape and the amenity value of the public footpath, advising SCC that:
  - the fencing being erected did not match that shown in the submitted drawing
  - the application was incorrect in saying there was no watercourse within 20 metres
  - the fencing being replaced was not metal fencing as claimed, apart from over a small section, the remainder being post and rail and so giving an open aspect
  - the applicant had cited SCLP 11.1 of the ESC Local Plan which related to Design Quality, but SCLP 4.5 Economic Development in Rural Areas was more relevant, relating to design and construction avoiding any adverse impact on the natural environment
  - the validity of an application being part retrospective was questioned

## 5. Scheme of Delegation

A draft Scheme had been prepared as requested by Councillors, as a result of continuing concerns about the impact of Covid19 and the lack of provision for Councillors to attend meetings remotely. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To adopt the policy, subject to the removal of the requirement for the Clerk to consult with all Councillors, as had been advised by SALC
- That 'Exceptional Circumstances' did not currently exist
- That when planning applications were determined under delegated authority a copy of the response sent be circulated to Councillors as soon as possible.

## **6. 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.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.46 pm.