

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 2 October 2023

Present:

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr P Carr, Mr C Cheeseman (Vice Chairman), Mr M Garnham, Mrs K Price and Mrs M Wilson

In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley and three residents.

The Chairman welcomed those present. The Chairman advised that the Council was making an audio recording of the meeting. A resident confirmed that they may also make a recording.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ms Saagi who was working.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor Elaine Bryce who was away. District Councillor Colin Hedgley advised that he and District Councillor Dan Clery had agreed to share attendance at parish council meetings in their ward and he would be attending the Council's meetings for the next year.

2. Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda and Dispensation Requests

Declarations of interest were made as follows:

Mr M Garnham: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as owner of adjacent property in Agenda item 4.1.i Planning Application DC/23/3407/FUL

Mr C Cheeseman: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as owner of adjacent property in Agenda item 4.1.ii Planning Application DC/23/3463/DRC

Mr P Carr: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as owner of adjacent property in Agenda item 4.1.ii Planning Application DC/23/3463/DRC

There were no dispensation requests.

3. Public Participation Session

DC/23/3463/DRC | Discharge of Condition 6 (refuse storage and presentation) of APP/X3540/W/21/3267667 (DC/20/3514/FUL) - Change of Use of a Vacant Public House to Residential Use | Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane

A resident advised of their objection to the Council's consideration of this item.

4. Planning

4.1. Applications

4.1.i DC/23/3407/FUL | Two storey rear extension, replacement roof to form first floor accommodation and alterations | Solgarden Playford Road Little Bealings

Mr Garnham left the meeting in accordance with his declaration of interest.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the development.

Mr Garnham returned to the meeting.

4.1.ii DC/23/3463/DRC | Discharge of Condition 6 (refuse storage and presentation) of APP/X3540/W/21/3267667 (DC/20/3514/FUL) - Change of Use of a Vacant Public House to Residential Use | Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane

Mr Cheeseman and Mr Carr left the meeting in accordance with their declarations of interest.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council object to the application on the grounds that approval of the location of the refuse facilities would be contrary to:
 - paragraph 20 of the Inspector's decision when allowing the appeal against the refusal of planning permission by ESC, which stated that "the change of use would provide some enhancements to the appearance of the area through the repurposing and maintenance of the existing outside area as residential garden".
 - Condition 5 of the planning permission which required the area within the site now proposed for refuse facilities and shown on approved drawing 0101 Rev. P01 to be provided and retained for the purposes of manoeuvring and parking of vehicles and used for no other purposes.

Mr Cheeseman and Mr Carr returned to the meeting.

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

DC/21/3851/FUL Conversion of existing barn to create 4 x 2 bedroom dwellings Beacon House Playford Road

This application was now subject to an Article 36 determination.

No applications had been dealt with under delegated authority or determined by ESC. Two appeals were ongoing:

DC/22/2630/FUL | Construction of 1no. new residential dwelling with detached garage in front of Marchwood | Marchwood Martlesham Road

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

SCC/0059/23SC - Land off The Street, Little Bealings Construction of a Sewage Pumping Station, footpath, fencing, and associated apparatus

The Chairman and Mr Garnham were meeting with representatives of Anglian Water to discuss the impact of the site and works on the village.

4.3 ESC Consultation: Planning application guidance for custom and self-build housing

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there were no comments to make.

5. ESC Consultation on ‘Our Direction’

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there were no comments to make.

6. Highways

6.1 Highways – SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

County Councillor Elaine Bryce had advised the Chairman that the rusted SID pole would be repaired but there was no funding for replacing the white line between the Church and Holly Lane to deter parking. She had not responded in respect of the fine paid by Network Rail’s contractors for the unauthorised level crossing closure. She had supplied the results collected from an ANPR device being deployed in Martlesham Road. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Mr Garnham would raise with SAVID the data it had received from the use of the SID in The Street over the last year and whether this could lead to an ANPR device being deployed in The Street
- That the Chairman would ask Councillor Bryce for the white line decision to be reconsidered in the light of a white line being reinstated elsewhere in the district as reported in the EADT

As agreed the Chairman and Mr Garnham had cleared vegetation limiting the sight line in Hall Road.

7. Updates from Clerk and Councillors

7.1 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the meeting on 7 September and District Councillor Colin Hedgley advised that the draft minutes could be distributed. A noise abatement notice had been served. The Chairman would attend a meeting with Dan Poulter MP. It was considered that District Councillor Dan Clery should also be a full member of the Group.

7.2 ESC Neighbourhood Plan Meeting

This had been attended by the Councillor members of the Neighbourhood Plan Focus Group and notes had been distributed to Councillors. It was noted that a drop in event for residents about the Plan was arranged for 11 November in Bealings Village Hall and a grant funding application was in hand.

7.3 ESC Community Partnership

The meeting due to be held on 2 October had been cancelled by ESC.

Bealings School had confirmed that the gilets provided by the Partnership had been distributed to parents. It was understood that a School breakfast club had purchased its own.

7.4 Community Partnership Road Safety Forum

Mr Garnham had attended meetings on 6 and 27 September. SCC's consent to display a banner in the verge during Road Safety Week was being sought.

7.5 SAVID and 20's Plenty

Mr Garnham reported on a meeting of the 20's Plenty group but was concerned at the lack of data available to support the impact of the lower speed on fuel efficiency. District Councillor Hedgley confirmed that SAVID required the Council's annual subscription to help purchase further SID devices.

7.6 Village Hall Management Committee

There was no report.

7.7 SALC

Notes of the East Area Forum meeting held on 21 September had been distributed. The Chairman would attend a Conference at The Held on 29 November.

7.8 Level Crossing Grit Bin

Network Rail had again been reminded to replace the damaged bin.

7.9 Footpaths

Concerns about Footpaths 3 and 14 had been reported to SCC.

7.10 Purchase of PAT Machine

The PAT machine had been borrowed by another organisation and used successfully. The monitoring report had been returned to ESC.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 6 November 2023 in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.55pm.