

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 3 July 2023**

### **Present:**

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr P Carr, Mr C Cheeseman (Vice Chairman), Mr M Garnham and Ms H Saagi

### **In attendance:**

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

### **Also present:**

District Councillor Colin Hedgley and four residents/members of the public (for all/part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present. The Chairman advised that the Council was making an audio recording of the meeting.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Price, who was away, and Mrs Wilson, who was unwell. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor Elaine Bryce and the Rev Gary Jones.

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

Declarations of interest were made as follows:

Mr Ian Ransome: Other Registrable Interest as a member of the Parochial Church Council in Agenda item 9.2 Portable Appliance Testing

Mr P Carr: Other Registrable Interest as Chairman of ROPETH in Agenda item 9.2 Portable Appliance Testing

Ms H Saagi: Other Registrable Interest as Trustee of Bealings Village Hall in Agenda item 9.2 Portable Appliance Testing

Mr C Cheeseman: Other Registrable Interest as Trustee of ROPETH in Agenda item 9.2 Portable Appliance Testing

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All of the above Councillors made application for a dispensation to be granted to enable participation in business relating to the Portable Appliance Testing matter until May 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the LGA Code of Conduct adopted by the Council, on the grounds that the number of persons prohibited from participating in the business is otherwise so great a proportion of the Council as to impede the transaction of the

business. The Clerk to the Council granted the requested dispensations in accordance with established delegated authority.

### **3. Public Participation Session**

#### **Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan and CIL Funding Request from Bealings Village Hall**

A Trustee of Bealings Village Hall spoke in support of the allocation of CIL money to the Hall.

### **4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2023**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of the meeting as drafted.

The Chairman re-ordered the Agenda for the next two items to accommodate members of the public.

### **5. Agenda Item 9.4: Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan and CIL Funding Request from Bealings Village Hall**

Ms Saagi declared an Other Registrable Interest as a Trustee of Bealings Village Hall and left the meeting.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Council allocate £5,000 of its Neighbourhood CIL funding to the Bealings Village Hall Trust "New Roof & Doors Project"
- That a survey be distributed to all residents asking them to identify infrastructure items for future CIL allocation and including a list of examples for funding.

Ms Saagi returned to the meeting.

### **6. Agenda Item 7.1.iv: DC/23/2218/FUL | Proposed 2 storey extension | 2 Holly Cottages Holly Close**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the development.

### **7. Updates from Clerk and Councillors**

#### **7.1. ESC Community Partnership**

It was noted that the next meeting would be on 21 July, to review data and priorities. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To ask Mrs Price and Mrs Wilson if they could represent the Council at the meeting.

#### **7.2. Community Partnership Road Safety Forum**

No one had been available to attend the meeting on 12 June, but Mr Garnham should be available to attend the next meeting on 11 September. It was noted that a breakfast and after school club was planned for September and **RESOLVED**:

- To ask the club organiser and Bealings School if use of the Community Partnership gilets was proposed for the children attending.

### **7.3. Village Hall Management Committee**

Ms Saagi reported that a pop-up pub was planned for 8 July, in aid of the Hall roof appeal, and that Mrs Wilson would be retiring as Secretary, Treasurer and Bookings Secretary next year.

### **7.4. SAVID**

Mr Ransome reported on a SID data presentation at the meeting held on 1 June, and that traffic speeds in the village were higher than in any other parish in the Carlford area. An increased police presence had resulted.

### **7.5. SALC AGM and Clerks' Forum**

It was noted that no one was available to attend the AGM on 19 July and apologies would be sent in consequence. The next Clerks' online Forum was on 20 July.

### **7.6. ESC Parish Planning Forum: 7 July**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mr Carr and Ms Saagi would represent the Council at this event.

### **7.7. Fynn Lark News Event: 16 July**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Chairman and the Clerk would represent the Council at this event.

### **7.8. Restoration of Network Rail Compound**

Network Rail had advised that they would have left the site and reinstated the land to the owner's requirements by 2 October.

### **7.9. New Sewer for The Street**

Anglian Water hoped to hold a residents' event in the Village Hall during August.

### **7.10. Councillor Training**

SALC training sessions had been arranged for Mr Carr and Mrs Price during July/August.

### **7.11. SALC and ESC Planning**

SALC had responded positively to the Council's request that Dr Poulter be included in discussions.

### **7.12. Dog Fouling**

New signs had been purchased and would be passed to the Footpath Wardens.

## **8. Local District and County Councillors' Reports**

A report from District Councillor Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Cllr Hedgley reported on his work seeking improvements to the current referral system for determining planning applications objected to by parish councils.

## 9. Planning

### 9.1 Applications

- i **DC/23/2077/P3Q | Prior Notification - Change of use of a barn (Barn E) at Grove Farm in Little Bealings, from agricultural barn to 1no. residential dwelling | Grove Farm The Street**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the conversion of the barn, but there were concerns about the increase in the volume of traffic and the limited visibility splay at The Street
- To support the objection from the highway authority
- That as the submitted 2017 Ecology report was out of date a new report should be required.

- ii **DC/23/1995/FUL | Erection of 4 bay cart lodge/garage/log store | Sunfield Cottage Playford Road**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the development.

- iii **DC/23/2095/VOC | Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage - Change approved drawings to reflect amendments to design. | Woodside Martlesham Road**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To object strongly to the development as:
  - the development was already being carried out. The application was retrospective and for more significant changes than "amendments to design"
  - when considered with other planning permissions recently granted for development within the curtilage of Woodside, and the undetermined application for the erection of a detached garage for three cars, the current application represented over development of the site.
  - the development is in breach of SCLP5.7 as follows:
    - ❖ The scale will result in harm to the street scene
    - ❖ The proposal is not well related in scale and design to adjacent properties, including those within the curtilage of Woodside
    - ❖ There would be significant harm to the residential amenity of occupants on the eastern side of the proposed enlarged dwelling
    - ❖ The proposed dwelling would no longer have sufficient curtilage or parking space

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

ESC had approved the following applications:

**DC/23/0107/P3Q | Prior Notification - Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Barn (C) to Residential. | Grove Farm The Street**

**DC/23/1310/FUL | Construction of new single storey side and rear extensions. | The Hollies Holly Lane**

**DC/23/1353/FUL: Change of use of land from Agricultural to an enclosed dog exercise field (Suis Generis) | Railway Field The Street**

It was noted that there had been 19 objections to the application as well as the Parish Council's. The application had been considered by the Referral Panel, but not by a Planning Committee. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To make formal complaint to ESC that the application had not been considered at Planning Committee, and at the lack of transparency of the Referral Panel process.

**DC/23/1481/FUL | Replacing 4 external doors, one of these is to involve replacing an existing wooden front entrance doors with aluminium entrance doors with disabled push button. Replacing existing metal roof with insulated metal roof in colour Goosewing Grey (RAL 0807005) | Village Hall The Street**

**DC/23/1406/TPO | A1 of TPO No. 22 / 1952 1no. Pine (T1 on plan) - Remove lowest limb overhanging driveway | Little Bealings House Martlesham Road**

**9.3. Affiliation to East Suffolk Planning Alliance**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To affiliate to the East Suffolk Planning Alliance

**9.4. Neighbourhood Plan: Designation of a Neighbourhood Area**

It was noted that funding for the creation of Neighbourhood Plans was not yet open for 2023/24 so limited progress appointing a consultant could be made but it was **RESOLVED**:

- That the area to be covered by the Plan would be the whole parish of Little Bealings

**10. Highways**

**10.1. Highways – SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports**

No information had been received from County Councillor Bryce on the items referred to her at the last meeting. The Chairman would contact her about progress.

It was noted that the Council had obtained information regarding the black boxes installed in the parish, including that one was to provide a base line for traffic movements prior to the Brightwell Lakes development at Martlesham. The Suffolk SafeCam team had installed the other in Playford Road and more speed checks were taking place.

**10.2. Affiliation to 20s Plenty for Suffolk**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To affiliate to the 20s Plenty for Suffolk initiative.

**10.3. Footpaths**

A report from the Wardens was noted and they were thanked for their work.

**11. Finance**

### 11.1. Public Notice of Accounts for 2022/23

The period of public notice of the accounts was from 5 June to 14 July. The Certificate of Exemption had been submitted to the external auditor.

### 11.2. Portable Appliance Testing

It was noted that the Bealings Village Hall Trust, ROPETH and the PCC had expressed interest in borrowing a testing machine and it was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- To seek Locality funding from District/County Councillors for the purchase of a suitable device.

### 11.3. Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

No income had been received. Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's Net Salary for May: £375.42 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
  - Clerk's net salary for July 2023: £375.42 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
  - Clerk's net salary for August 2023: £375.42 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
  - Clerk's Expenses for Dog Fouling Signs : £26.92 (S111 LGA 1972)
  - Hire of the Angela Cobbold Hall for meetings: £47.50 (S111 LGA 1972)

### 11.4 Review of NS&I Account Signatories

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Ian Ransome, Margaret Wilson and Kathleen Price be signatories of the said NS&I Investment Account.

### 11.5 First Quarter Internal Control Review

This would be undertaken by Mr Cheeseman when the June bank statement was to hand.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 4 September 2023 in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 7 August 2023, if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.27pm.