

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in Bealings Village Hall at 8.30pm on Monday 6 March 2023

Present:

Mr C Cheeseman, Mr M Garnham, Ms D Head, Ms H Saagi and Mrs M Wilson

In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

Three residents.

In the absence of the Chairman, Ms Saagi as Vice Chairman, took the chair and welcomed those present.

1. Apologies for Absence

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

- to accept the apologies for absence

Apologies were also received from County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Colin Hedgley and the Rev Gary Jones.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

Mrs Wilson declared a Non-Registerable Interest in item 8.2 on the Agenda: Permissive Footpath to Great Bealings.

Mrs Wilson declared an Other Registerable Interest in item 9.1 on the Agenda: Donation to St Elizabeth Hospice.

Ms Saagi and Mr Garnham declared a Non-Registerable Interest in item 7.1 on the Agenda: Application: DC/22/5004/FUL | Retention and completion of construction of 1 No building and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising office, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, paint, machinery and equipment following enforcement case ref: ENF/21/0552 in relation to previous consent DC/19/2666/FUL at Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave.

Ms Saagi and Mr Garnham declared a Non-Registerable interest in item 7.2 on the Agenda: SCC Consultation on Sinks Pit Customer Contact Proposal.

Ms Head declared a Non-Registerable interest in item 8.4 on the Agenda: Closure of The Street by Network Rail and Anglian Water.

3. Public Participation Session

Permissive Footpath to Great Bealings

Mrs Wilson spoke in support of the footpath but also about the impact on her property.

4. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9 January 2023

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meeting.

5. Clerk's and Councillors' Updates

5.1. Village Hall Management Committee: 8 February and attendance on 23 March Ms Saagi reported on matters discussed at the meeting on 8 February.

5.2. SAVID: 2 February and attendance on 6 April Mr Garnham reported on matters discussed at the meeting on 8 February, including consideration of a solar powered SID. He would attend on 6 April.

5.3. Community Partnership Road Safety Forum on 6 March Mr Garnham reported on matters discussed, including feedback from Brake on the success of Road Safety Week in the area, and the possibility of purchasing a Licence for £150, which would enable the Council to install structures in the highway. The next meeting of the Partnership would be on 19 June.

5.4. SALC Area Meeting attendance on 16 March Mrs Wilson would represent the Council at this meeting.

5.5. Sinks Pit Liaison Group Attendance for 11 May 2023 It was noted that this meeting would occur after local elections but before the Council had met. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Ransome would attend the meeting, either as an elected Councillor (and in consequence a dispensation to attend was granted in view of Mr Ransome's previous declaration of a Non-Registerable interest in matters concerning Sinks Pit) or, if not elected, as the Council's appointed representative for that meeting only.

5.6. Shoot in Great Bealings

The Council had received a concern from a resident about shooting and wildlife clearance, mainly in Great Bealings, and its potential impact on the Fynn Lark footpath. The matter had been referred to Great Bealings Parish Council which had contacted the land agent and advised the resident that no change of use of the land was planned and they were fully aware of the precedence of the footpath over existing licenced shooting.

5.7. CIL Training

The Chairman and the Clerk would attend this on 23 March.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

County Councillor Elaine Bryce's report had been circulated before the meeting.

District Council Colin Hedgley had advised that he had been unable to attend the meeting of the ESC Planning Committee which had determined planning application DC/22/2984/FUL or he would have put forward the Parish Council's case for refusal quite strongly.

7. Planning

Ms Saagi and Mr Garnham left the meeting in accordance with the declarations of interest. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Cheeseman be appointed Chairman for items 7.1 and 7.2 on the Agenda

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After discussion it was **RESOLVED:**

- to object to the application on the grounds that it did not deal adequately with the disposal of surface water, contrary to NPPF paragraph 185, noise pollution, contrary to Local Plan Policy SCLP10.1 and would cause light pollution.

7.1. SCC Consultation on Sinks Pit Customer Contact Proposal

After discussion it was **RESOLVED:**

- to support the principle of the proposal, but advise that more work was needed, including a process for reporting back to customers using the form as to actions taken.

Ms Saagi and Mr Garnham returned to the meeting.

7.2. ESC Consultation on Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that there was no objection to the scope and content of the consultation.

7.3. ESC Consultation on Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that there was no objection to the scope and content of the consultation.

7.4. Update of Planning Policy, Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters

DC/23/0107/P3Q | Prior Notification - Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Barn (C) to Residential. | Grove Farm The Street
DC/23/0106/P3Q | Prior Notification - Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Barn (B) to Residential. | Grove Farm The Street

The Council had considered these applications under delegated authority. While there was no objection to the conversion of the barns, there were concerns about the increase in the volume of traffic and the limited visibility splay at The Street. ESC's attention had been drawn to SCC's comments in respect of the previous Barn B application.

DC/22/4061/VOC:| Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/0598/VOC - Variation of Condition Nos. 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16 of DC/21/1714/FUL - Proposed erection of 1no. new residential dwelling with attached: Land North Of Martlesham Road And Adjacent To The Old School House Martlesham Road

DC/22/4331/FUL | New office unit | Bealings Station Yard The Street

DC/22/2984/FUL | Construction of one detached dwelling and garage. | Woodside Martlesham Road

ESC had approved these applications.

It was noted that Mr Hedgley had been unable to represent the Council at the ESC Planning Committee which had determined application DC/22/2984/FUL as arranged, but he was to be thanked for his support. It was also noted that the East Anglian Daily Times (EADT) had erroneously reported that the Council had been criticised for non-attendance at the ESC meeting and that the Council's objection had resulted in the application needing to be considered at the Committee meeting. The EADT had also not included in its article the press statement it had requested from the Council.

ENF/22/0380/USE Woodside Martlesham Road Use of Garden as Builder's Yard
In view of the approval of DC/22/2986/FUL it was **RESOLVED**:

- not to pursue the matter any further with ESC

DC/22/0566/OUT Outline Planning application (all matters reserved) proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard Holly Lane

ESC had refused this application.

8. Highways

8.1. Footpaths – Footpath Wardens Report

The report had been circulated to Councillors and it was noted that there was no change to the list of volunteers.

Mrs Wilson left the meeting in accordance with the declaration of interest.

8.2. Permissive Footpath to Great Bealings

It was noted that the Footpath Licence for this route between SCC and the landowner had expired some time ago, but the path had remained open. However, the path had recently been closed by the Footpath Wardens with the landowner's agreement, due to the condition of the SCC bridge. SCC had agreed to repair or replace the bridge as soon as possible and a Licence renewal had been agreed. A short extra section of path had been used to provide a link to Footpath 8A which the landowner did not wish to include in the Licence and it was therefore **RESOLVED**:

- that, subject to the landowner's agreement, signage would be supplied and erected by the Council to try to stop use of the additional route.

Mrs Wilson returned to the meeting.

8.3. Outstanding Highways Reports to SCC

The outcome of County Councillor Elaine Bryce's discussion with officers was awaited but it was noted that the eroded SID post in The Street was yet to be replaced. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to report missing white lines and SLOW signs in The Street again and advise Great Bealings Parish Council of a badly faded 30mph roundel sign in Lodge Road.

Ms Head left the meeting in accordance with the declaration of interest.

8.4. Closure of The Street by Network Rail and Anglian Water

Network Rail's response to the Council's complaints was noted. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to ask for the fine paid by the contractor for the unauthorised level crossing closures to be given to the Council and to pursue the delivery of the promised grit bin.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to thank Anglian Water for the presentation on the delivery of the new sewer scheme for The Street which had preceded the meeting and to arrange for a meeting with the site manager.

Ms Head returned to the meeting.

8.5. Little Bealings Parish Boundary Signs

County Councillor Elaine Bryce had advised that the Council would need to purchase a Licence to install signs in the highway verge at £150 and she may be able to assist with this cost. She had also advised that she would obtain the cost of installing standard white signs on grey post. If the Council wished to install 'village entry' signs it would need to fund the extra cost of gate fencing. It was noted that gate fencing may help to slow down traffic but the cost could be around £500 per structure and **RESOLVED**:

- to consider the matter further once full costings were available.

9. Finance

Mrs Wilson left the meeting in accordance with the declaration of interest.

9.1. Donation to St Elizabeth Hospice

The support given by the Hospice to local residents was noted, and that the Council had not spent its Donation budget for the year. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to donate £50 to St Elizabeth Hospice.

Mrs Wilson returned to the meeting.

9.2. Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Interest of £4.60 had been received from the Council's National Savings and Investment account for 2022. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for March: £375.42
 - Clerk's expenses: £4.25
 - HMRC – PAYE January – March: £281.40
- S111 LGA 1972:
- ROPETH (hire of hall) £22.50
 - Bealings Village Hall Trust (hire of hall) £28.00
- S137 LGA 1972:
- St Elizabeth Hospice £50

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 15 May 2023 in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting would be held on Monday 17 April 2023, not Tuesday 11 April as previously arranged, if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.33pm.