

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 9 January 2023

Present:

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr C Cheeseman, Mr M Garnham, Mr D Hunter, and Mrs M Wilson

In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley, County Councillor Elaine Bryce and six residents/visitors, for all/part of the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ms Head in view of a family commitment and Ms Saagi who was away. It was **RESOLVED**:

- To accept the apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

New guidance issued by SALC was noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that Dispensation Requests previously granted, as resolved at the meeting held on 5 September 2022, were no longer valid.

Mr Ransome declared a Non-Registerable Interest in item 5.7 on the Agenda: Sinks Pit Liaison Group Attendance for 19 January 2023 and it was noted that a Dispensation Request in respect of the item had been granted in line with established delegated authority.

Mrs Wilson declared an Other Registerable Interest in respect of item 9 on the Agenda: Bealings Village Hall Replacement Roof

3. Public Participation Session

Bealings Village Hall Roof Replacement

A Trustee explained the project.

Closure of The Street by Network Rail

Two residents spoke about the impact of the closures.

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A resident stated that they were recording the meeting. They requested amendment of the minutes.

Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

A resident commented on the Code of Conduct requirements for Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests.

A resident spoke in support of the previous speaker.

4. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7 November 2022

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meeting with an amendment.

5. Clerk's and Councillors' Updates

5.1. ESC Road and Traffic Safety Workshop/Forum 12 and 13 December 2022

Mr Garnham reported on a Sizewell C Road and Rail presentation and that the Council should be included in a South Transport Forum. Road traffic would be managed to prioritise regular traffic movements over construction traffic and a construction traffic route would need to be followed.

The Council's list of outstanding highways defects had been forwarded to the ESC Community Officer as requested.

5.2. SALC Area Meeting 8 November 2022

The Chairman reported that the meeting had considered the impact of Sizewell C on communities, outcomes of the SALC survey on ESC Planning Service and joint working with the ESC Community Partnership initiative.

5.3. Village Hall Management Committee Meeting

Ms Saagi had attended and should be able to attend the next meeting on 8 February.

5.4. ESC Community Partnership Attendance for 9 January

The Chairman reported that a key issue discussed had been road safety, including the outcome of Road Safety Week and identifying landowners responsible for cutting hedges adjacent to the highway. New funding for 'Ease the Squeeze' would be announced in the spring. There had been an update on Citizens' Advice Bureau work.

5.5. ESC Community Partnership 'Bringing Ideas to Life' Forum Attendance for 3 March 2023

No Councillor present was available to attend the Forum.

5.6. SAVID: Attendance for 2 February 2023

Mr Garnham would attend the meeting.

5.7. Sinks Pit Liaison Group Attendance for 19 January 2023

Mr Ransome would attend the meeting.

5.8. Bealings Village Hall Light

The Trust had accepted ownership of the light in the car park and it had been removed from the Council's Asset List.

5.9. Shared Bealings Village Sign Ownership

Research had shown that the Council had accepted joint ownership with Gt Bealings Parish Council in 1992 and so no further action was required. The sign was included on the Council's Asset List. A file of papers on the history of the sign would be deposited at Suffolk Records Office in due course.

5.10. Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing

Gt Bealings Parish Council had refused the Trust's request for increased funding but had asked County Councillor Elaine Bryce for grant funding for resurfacing the car park.

5.11. SALC Election Briefing

The Clerk would attend a briefing on the local elections on 17 January.

6. Reports from District and County Councillors

The report from District Councillor Colin Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. He advised that in view of local elections he would be restricted in the support he could provide from 16 March.

As a report had not been received County Councillor Elaine Bryce agreed to check her email distribution. She advised that the eroded repeater post which held the SID would be replaced and she would be reviewing the other items on the Council's highway defects report with SCC officers. She would also consider the Council's concern about a lack of response from SCC officers to three planning applications for barn conversions at Grove Farm.

7. Planning

7.1. Application Re-consultation: DC/22/2984/FUL: Construction of one detached single storey dwelling: Woodside, Martlesham Road

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to maintain object to the application on the grounds that:
 - the development was not sustainable
 - there would be an adverse impact on the streetscene and the character of the area, contrary to SCLP 5.7.

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

It was noted that ESC had adopted a Supplementary Planning Document on Houses in Clusters and Small Scale Residential Development in the Countryside.

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

DC/22/4696/FUL Manege and horse walker at Heath Farm Hall Road

The Council had considered these applications under delegated authority and had had no objection to the applications.

DC/22/1188/FUL Construction of a one and a half storey holiday let to replace the existing stables situated on the site. The site is located north of Lodge Road opposite Brimar house and adjoining Fynn Bridge

DC/22/4125/TPO TPO ESCC/52/00022 T1 & T2 Corsican Pines - Remove 3x large limbs overhanging driveway at Little Bealings House Martlesham Road

ESC had approved these applications.

DC/22/3733/P3Q DC22/3734 P3Q DC22/3735 P3Q DC22/3736 P3Q: Barns A, B, C and D Respectively - Prior Notification - Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion at Grove Farm The Street

ESC had approved the application for the conversion of Barn A and the other three applications had been withdrawn. SCC had raised several highways issues in

respect of Barn B only, and they had not been considered by ESC when approval had been granted for Barn A.

DC/20/0902/OUT Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Demolition and removal of all necessary existing buildings and structures to enable the residential development for up to 300no. new dwellings, with access from Portal Avenue, associated open space and landscaping, drainage and infrastructure at Suffolk Constabulary Force Headquarters Portal Avenue Martlesham Heath

DC/22/2630/FUL Construction of 1no. new residential dwelling with detached garage in front of Marchwood Martlesham Road
ESC had refused these applications.

DC/22/2242/FUL Part change of use garden to sale of cars on an appointment basis, for a temporary period of 18 months at The Chestnuts Martlesham Road

DC/21/1010/VOC Variation of Condition No(s) 3 on application DC/15/5055/FUL - Change of use in Kesgrave Quarry from mineral use to associated parking and access routes for adjacent Trucks R Us Headquarters

DC/21/1079/VOC Variation of Conditions 6, 7, 8 & 10 of DC/19/2666/FUL - Construction of 2 No. new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment. - Variation to operating hours. Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Kesgrave

DC/21/1471/VOC Variation of Conditions 4 and 22 of DC/15/4908/FUL- Erection of new headquarters building for vehicle hire operator comprising workshop, offices, associated parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage, workshop and sales of vehicles and machinery (revised scheme to DC/15/2107/FUL and DC/14/4251/FUL) - Variation to operating hours. Sinks Gravel Pit Main Road Kesgrave

These applications, the non-determination of the last three of which had been the subject of complaint by the Council, had been withdrawn.

DC/20/5259/FUL Construction of two standalone self-catering Gate House buildings alongside ancillary accesses, parking, landscaping and other associated works at Kesgrave Hall

ESC had apologised for the lack of consultation on the application, which had arisen as the application had been amended to locate one of the gatehouses in the parish after submission. North Drive may be used for construction traffic for that application.

8. Highways

8.1. Outstanding Reports to SCC

County Councillor Elaine Bryce confirmed that she had the list of outstanding highway defects and would be raising them with SCC officers. The recent ESC Community Partnership meeting had adopted the Council's approach of asking residents to be aware of side growth that needed cutting.

8.2. SID Data

The SID had collected data in Playford Road during November and recorded a highest speed of 70mph. It was intended that the data reached Suffolk Police to support more checks by the camera road safety team. The SID was now installed by the Village Hall and would be moved to The Street for the second half of January. It was noted that SCC had been asked for grant funding for 20mph stickers for wheelie bins in Rushmere; it had previously advised the Council that it did not support their display.

8.3. Closure of The Street by Network Rail

After discussion it was **RESOLVED**:

- to write to Network Rail and Dr Dan Poulter MP about the inconvenience caused by repeated and unannounced closures and requesting better management of the crossing closures by Network Rail.

8.4. Level Crossing Grit Bin

Network Rail had refused the Council's requests to replace the damaged bin and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to leave the bin in situ, as it was safe, but not to replace it.

8.5. Little Bealings Parish Boundary Signs

There were no parish name signs on the parish boundary in Holly Lane, Lodge Road or Hall Road and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to ask County Councillor Elaine Bryce if funding was available for installation in Holly Lane and Hall Road, the shared village sign being installed in Lodge Road.

9. Bealings Village Hall Roof Replacement

Mrs Wilson left the meeting in accordance with her Declaration of an Other Registrable Interest.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council supported the project.

Mrs Wilson returned to the meeting.

10. Finance

10.1. Quarterly Internal Control Report for the Third Quarter

This had been completed by Mr Hunter.

10.2. Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Income had been received from the War Memorial Trust (grant) and Gt Bealings Parish Council (insurance share). It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for January: £375.42
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- Clerk's expenses: £50.62
- HMRC – PAYE October – December: £321.60

S111 LGA 1972:

- ROPETH (hire of hall) £45.00
- that consideration of a request for a donation from the St Elizabeth Hospice be deferred to the next meeting.

11. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 6 March 2023

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held in the Angela Cobbold Hall and the Bealings Village Hall Trust would present details of its roof replacement project as well as a report on its last year's activities. The meeting would be chaired by the Vice Chairman of the Council in view of the Chairman's absence.

12. Review of Circulated Items

It was **RESOLVED** that no changes be made to the information circulated to Councillors.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 6 March 2023, in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting would be held on Monday 6 February 2023 if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.37pm.