

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 2 September 2024

Present:

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr C Cheeseman, Mr P Carr, Mrs K Price, Mrs M Wilson and Ms H Saagi

In attendance:

Miss W Cook, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley, Suffolk County Councillor Elanie Bryce and seven 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 Mr M Garnham who was away on Holiday.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence.

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

There were no declarations of interest

3. Public Participation Session

Residents spoke on the following items on the agenda

- DC/24/2759/FUL | Proposed extensions & alterations. (ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space proposal) | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 July 2024

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of the meeting as drafted.

5. Updates from Clerk and Councillors

5.1 ESC Community Partnership

Mr P Carr did not attend the last meeting

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Mr P Carr would represent the Council at the next meeting.

5.2 Community Partnership Road Safety Forum

No updates to report

5.3 Village Hall Management Committee

Ms Saagi reported that work had now started at the Village Hall and that there will be an event on 11th October for the community with a pop up pub in the evening.

5.4 SAVID

Playford PC now have the funds to purchase their own SID so ours will now become permanent. This month the SID will switch locations between Martlesham Road and Playford Road.

5.5 Clerks' Forum

Miss W Cook has now attended all three SALC New Clerks Training Courses. On the advice of SALC

It was **RESOLVED:**

- That the Clerk would now complete her SILCA qualification in year two of her employment.

5.6 ESC Parish Planning Forum

Mr I Ransome and Miss W Cook attended the Forum on the 25th July which was a review of ESC planning performance and thoughts of changes likely as a result of the General Election.

5.7 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group

The next meeting is on 26 September 2024

5.8 ESC Emergency Plan

Mr I Ransome attended an ESC meeting with the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit. After the flooding issues that have occurred in the past, a plan is to be put in place on how to deal with an emergency. The Village Hall will be the designated rest area for both Little Bealings and Great Bealings as it is on high ground and has parking.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- To invite the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit to the next Parish Council Meeting in November to explain more

6. Local District and County Councillors' Reports

A report from District Councillor Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Cllr Hedgley reported that the Tour of Britain Cycle Route will be coming through the village.

Suffolk County Councillor Elanie Bryce Reported that Solar Together launches in Suffolk and that residents will boost local renewable energy generation, cut carbon emissions, and save on energy bills with a community-led solar panel initiative. Ofsted has published its report into Suffolk County Council's children's services. The report rated the service as 'requires improvement' but all aspects of actual childcare rated good. Process improvements are needed. A trial of electric community vehicles is set to launch next summer in Suffolk, with the tender process beginning this autumn.

Councillor Bryce is continuing to seek payment of the fine levied on National Rail's contractors for unauthorised closure of the level crossing in December 22. She also mentioned that the white lines and roundels where in the process of being replaced.

7. Planning

7.1 Applications

DC/24/2759/FUL | Proposed extensions & alterations. (ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space proposal) | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (Previous application DC/21/4162/FUL valid until 2 November 2024)

It was **RESOLVED:**
to object to the application.

The Parish Council believes that the proposed plans will create a property that is both too large and too tall for the site and is out of keeping with the other properties in the area. The increased height and extra windows will cause neighbouring properties to become overlooked.

The Parish Council also believes that the information given with these proposed plans is not accurate, as they do not show the other buildings on the site and that the site is now in danger of over development.

The Parish Council also have concerns that this development may add to the flooding issues in Martlesham Road

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

The following applications have been approved:

DC/24/1694/Ful | Addition of entry porch and utility room to existing house, including new driveway | Rose Cottage Sandy Lane Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LW

DC/24/1639/FUL | Proposed balcony on south elevation | Four Winds The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LJ

The following application has been appealed:

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

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of East Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage

Enforcements:

DC/21/4162/FUL | Woodside Martlesham Road

A site visit has been completed by ESC Enforcement regarding the potential use as a builder's yard. However, at this time there is insufficient evidence of an unauthorised use.

7.3 Update Anglian Water Sewerage Installation

The Sewerage Installation is going to plan. Anglian Water quickly resolved an issue with a resident who had some damage caused to a garden wall at his property. Anglian Water has indicated they would donate football goal posts for the school.

7.4 Neighbourhood Plan: Designation of a Neighbourhood Area

The application for the second part of the grant funding has been submitted. A review is booked for 21 September from 11am until 3pm at the Angela Cobbold Hall where residents can view boards for the Neighbourhood Plan. A draft plan will be submitted early next year and consultation will commence after that.

8. Highways

8.1 Highways – SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

The white lines and roundels are due to be completed on 5 November. Some have already been actioned.

8.2 Footpaths

No report

8.3 Footpaths: Work For Footpath No1A

The footpath works to replace the footpath with 'like for like' tarmac will now take place in October during half term. As this date is now later than expected CIL forward funding is no longer required.

8.4 A12 Network Improvement Scheme

The deadline for comments has now passed. The scheme will see the duelling of the A12 between Seckford Roundabout and Dobbies Roundabout, The Parish Council were pleased to see that the trees lining this area will be kept with the traffic lanes running either side of them. The Parish council also noted that the traffic issues caused at Martlesham will need to be addressed.

9. Finance

9.1 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

A replacement notice board for Beacon Lane will now cost more than the previous £400 agreed.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To spend the additional £25 and for the clerk to order in September

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

- Clerk's Net Salary for July: £446.16 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (cheque)

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It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
 - Clerk's net salary for September 2024: £446.16 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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 - Chairman Expenses: £159.99 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - Woodbridge Citizens Advice donation: £25.00 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - Zurich Municipal: £300.00 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - ROPETH: £57.50 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - Birketts: £600.00 (S111 LGA 1972)

9.2 CIL Forward Funding

Forward Funding is no longer required

9.3 Update to Finance Regulations

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To adopt the updated Financial Regulations as circulated. This will enable the Parish Council to switch to internet banking.

9.4 Insurance Renewal

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To stay with Zurich Municipal for another 12 months

9.5 Donation Woodbridge Citizens Advice Centre

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To donate £25 to the Woodbridge Citizens Advice Centre during 24/26

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 4 November 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 7 October 2024, if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.47pm.