

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in Bealings Village Hall at 8.00pm on Monday 4 March 2024

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Hedgley and ten residents/members of the public for all/part of the meeting.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Councillor Elaine Bryce.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation Session

A resident spoke on the following item on the Agenda:

- Re-consultation on 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

4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 8 and 29 January 2024

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meetings as drafted.

The Chairman re-ordered the Agenda to take Agenda items 7 and 8 as the next items.

5. Highways

5.1. Footpaths

The Footpath Wardens' Report was noted.

5.2. Highways – SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

County Councillor Elaine Bryce had advised that she had instructed the reinstatement of the white line from the corner of Holly Lane to the Church entrance, the white SLOW roundels on the road and the white hatchings on Martlesham Road and would meet the cost from her Locality Highways Budget.

There was no news on the payment of the Network Rail fine, but Mr Garnham reported that the rusted pole in The Street had been replaced and the SID would be displayed there for the second half of March.

5.3. **Suffolk Local Transport Plan Consultation**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to complete the consultation survey and circulate it to residents via enews.

6. Planning

- 6.1. **DC/24/0469/TPO | T1 & T2 - Pine trees - fell. The trees very tall and are too close to Ascalon and restrict light to the property. T-1 the larger tree has an old wound halfway up due to a limb failure which could make it dangerous. There are plans to replant 2 x 2m tall Silver Birch trees as close as possible to the stumps. | Elmhurst Playford Road**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- not to comment on the application.

- 6.2. **Re-consultation on 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 maintain the previous strong objection to the development as carried out, and specifically on the grounds that it is in breach of SCLP 5.7 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
- that, given the Council has become aware of regular flooding on Martlesham Road at this location, rendering the road impassable at times, and that it understands no documents have been submitted for the discharge of Condition 8 of the consent granted under DC/22/2984/FUL, urgent enforcement of Condition 8 by ESC be requested
- that SCC be requested to address the flooding
- that, given the storage of materials at the site, ESC be requested to undertake enforcement action in respect of the apparent unauthorised change of use of the land from residential to industrial premises.

- 6.3. **DC/24/0689/OUT | Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - New single family dwelling with associated amenity space and car parking space | Grove Cottage The Street**

It was noted that a part of the site was within the red line settlement boundary of the parish and that land adjacent to the site was also subject to an application for a

Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) for the erection of detached garage for two cars to be accessed from the same driveway and **RESOLVED:**

- to object to the development as in breach of SCLP 5.7 given:
 - the size, scale and proposed materials the proposed dwelling
 - that the style of the proposed dwelling is not in keeping with the surrounding character
 - the impact on the street scene

6.4. **Update on Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters**

DC/23/2887/FUL: Single Storey Extension - Little Oaks Lower Street Great Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6NL

ESC had approved this application.

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

ESC had confirmed that the application had been closed as requested information had not been submitted.

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

The applicant had been chased again for an update on the flooding risk assessment and progress on the application given the archaeology work being carried out.

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 officer, 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 | Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

An update about the application was expected at the next SPCLG meeting on 7 March.

DC/23/4637/FUL | Demolition of Barn E and adjacent buildings, and the erection of 2no. new-build dwellings (Plots 1 and 2) with garages, and associated driveways/gardens | Barn E Grove Farm The Street

DC/23/4638/FUL | Demolition of Barn A and adjacent buildings, and the erection of 1no. new-build dwelling (Plot 3) with garage, and associated driveway/gardens | Barn A Grove Farm The Street

DC/23/4639/FUL | Demolition of Barn C and adjacent buildings, and the erection of 2no. new-build dwellings (Plots 4 and 5) with garages, and associated driveways/gardens | Barn C Grove Farm The Street

Information from ESC on the potential for the payment of CIL for the development had been circulated to Councillors.

6.5. **Sizewell C Transport Forum Representative**

It was noted that the Council should be invited to join this Forum and **RESOLVED:**

- that the Chairman would represent the Council at the Sizewell C Forum at Trinity Park on 9 April

6.6. **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

As Chairman of the Working Group, Ms Saagi advised that the Group had liaised with the Design Guide author and received a first draft of their report and had met with the

Landscape Architect. The Group was considering the content of the survey to be sent to residents and would consider if the survey could be sent out before the summer.

7. Update from Clerk and Councillors

7.1. Community Partnership Meetings

Mr Carr reported that a workshop on 26 February had discussed flood resilience and conservation issues. He would attend the meeting on 8 March and the Chairman would attend the Forum on 22 March.

7.2. SAVID and 20's Plenty

7.3. Mr Garnham reported that he had been unable to attend the SAVID meeting on 15 February. The SID was currently displayed in Playford Road and would be moved to The Street in the middle of the month.

7.4. Village Hall Management Committee

Ms Saagi reported that hand driers were being installed. Pop up pubs were continuing.

7.5. East Suffolk Town and Parish Planning Forum

Mr Carr and the Clerk had attended this on 28 January and notes had been circulated to Councillors.

7.6. East Suffolk Planning Alliance Conference

The Chairman had attended this on 17 February and notes had been circulated to Councillors.

7.7. East Anglian Offshore Windfarm Information Day

Mrs Wilson had attended this on 13 February and notes had been circulated to Councillors. It was not expected that work to pull additional cables through the existing ducts over the next 18 months would impact on traffic in the parish.

7.8. Freedom of Information Act Requests

A request had been responded to and another request had been responded to as a Subject Access Request.

7.9. PIIP: Spending on Improvement Works for Footpath 1A

The Clerk and Footpath Wardens had met with SCC and considered the potential extent of the works. SCC had supplied details of contractors to approach for quotes.

8. Reports from Local District and County Councillors

Reports from County Councillor Bryce and District Councillor Hedgley would be circulated to Councillors and published on the Council's website.

9. Finance

9.1. Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Income had been received for interest on the NS&I account for 2023 (£84.61) and the refund of VAT paid during 2023 (£158.70). Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's net Salary for January: £375.42 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
- Clerk's net Salary for February: £396.30 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
 - Clerk's net Salary for March: £396.30 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)

- Clerk's net Salary for April: £396.30 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
- ICO Data Protection Fee Renewal: £35 (S111 LGA 1972) (direct debit)
- HMRC: PAYE for the fourth quarter: £338.80 (S111 LGA 1972)
- Bealings Village Hall Trust: Hire of Hall on March 2024: £26 (S111 LGA 1972)
- ROPETH: Hire of Hall for PC Meetings (£92.50) and for NPWG Meetings (£41.50): £134.00 (S111 LGA 1972)
- David E Bridges: Service of Strimmer: £65.00 (S111 LGA 1972)
- Places4People Ltd: NP Support Phases 1 and 2: £3,800 + £760 vat: £4,560.00 (S111 LGA 1972)
- Lucy Batchelor-Wylam: NP Support: Landscape Appraisal: £2,670 (S111 LGA 1972)

9.2 Internal Audit for 2023/34

The internal audit would be carried out by Ms Helen Quantrill.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 13 May 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 15 April at 7pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall if required by the business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.42pm.