

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 8 January 2024**

### **Present:**

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

### **In attendance:**

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

### **Also present:**

District Councillor Hedgley, the applicant in respect of Agenda items 8.1.ii-iv and five residents for all/part of the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman took the chair and welcomed those present. They advised that the Council was making an audio recording of the meeting.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Ransome, who was away, and Mr Garnham who was unwell. 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**

The applicant for planning permission spoke on the following items on the Agenda:

- 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

Residents spoke on the following items on the Agenda:

- Minutes of the Meetings held on 6 November and 4 December 2023
- Neighbourhood Plan Update

### **4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 6 November and 4 December 2023**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meetings as drafted.

## 5. Update from Clerk and Councillors

### 5.1. Footpath 18

SCC had made an emergency closure order for the eastern end of the route due to a fallen tree. The closure would last until 25 January.

### 5.2. Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan

A meeting had been arranged with SCC and a representative of the PCC to discuss works to improve the surface of Footpath 1A. District Councillor Hedgley had confirmed that planning permission would be required due to the listed building status of the Church. A Faculty would also be required.

### 5.3. Freedom of Information Act Requests

Another request had been received which would be responded to as required. The Council had received a copy of a request made by Gt Bealings Parish Council to SCC in respect to its new Milestone highways maintenance contract, in view of the impact on that parish of Storm Babet.

### 5.4. Bealings School

The Head Teacher had advised that a Community Open Tour was planned for anyone who wished to visit the School. This would be at 11am on 1 February and places would need to be booked. A poster would be supplied to be displayed on the Council's three noticeboards.

### 5.5. Community Partnership Annual Forum

Mr Carr reported on his attendance at a Community Partnership meeting earlier in the day which had discussed work on the local partnership group's priorities: 'Active Travel', Road and Traffic Safety, and Environmental Improvements. He would attend the next meeting on 11 March and the Annual Forum on 22 March.

### 5.6. SAVID and 20's Plenty

The next SAVID meeting would be on 15 February. A '20's Plenty' meeting had taken place on 4 January but Mr Garnham had not attended due to its 'urban' focus. He would maintain a watching brief on future meetings.

### 5.7. Village Hall Management Committee

Ms Saagi reported that about half of the required funding for the replacement roof had been raised, a working party was planned for 13 January and the next pop-up pub would be on 19 January.

The Agenda was re-ordered to enable item 6 to be considered once District Councillor Hedgley was present.

## 6. Highways

### 6.1. Highways – SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

County Councillor Bryce had apologised for being unable to attend the meeting and advised that she was pursuing the replacement of the white line at the Church and the Council's request for receipt of the fine levied on Network Rail's contractor in 2023. The Council had been advised that the rusted SID post would be replaced by 12 March.

It was noted that Network Rail was advising residents of various closures of the level crossing during February for track improvements and that this had been drawn to the attention of Anglia Water.

## 7. Planning

### 7.1. Applications

- i. **DC/23/4766/TPO | W3 of TPO No. 22 / 1952 1no. Sweet Chestnut (T2 on plan) - Remove young branch @ 4 metres west, back to the union and sympathetically prune back any remaining branches rubbing on the garage to clear by 2 metre. Raise low canopy to a finished height of 3 metres. | Bealings Hill Martlesham Road**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- not to comment on the application.

- ii. **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**
- iii. **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**
- iv. **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**
- It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to the applications subject to there being adequate landscaping to screen the developments
- to seek clarification of whether CIL was payable on the developments

## 7.2. Update on Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters

**DC/23/3407/FUL | Two storey rear extension, replacement roof to form first floor accommodation and alterations | Solgarden Playford Road**  
ESC had approved this application.

**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 noted that the Council had received a copy of a formal complaint made by a resident to ESC in respect of current and previous development at the site and current flooding issues.

**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 for an update on the flooding risk assessment.

**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 | Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave**

The Council had received a copy of a formal complaint made to the Environment Agency by the Sinks Valley Environmental Protection Group regarding its noise pollution testing at the site. The Agency had stated that it intended to respond by 2 February.

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

Clarity would be sort on the status of this applications which was listed as 'Unknown' on the ESC Public Access system.

### **The Admiral's Head**

ESC had advised that the listing of the pub and car park as an Asset of Community Value had expired on 7 December 2023.

### **7.3. ESC Town and Parish Council Planning Forum**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Carr and the Clerk would attend this on 17 January.

### **7.4. ESPA Conference**

The invitation to the Conference on 17 February and the request for issues to be raised was noted and it was **RESOLVED**:

- to consult the Chairman on his attendance at the event in due course.

### **7.5. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Ms Saagi reported that the Working Group had met with the consultant and the design consultant had visited the parish. It was now preparing the parish survey. Ms Saagi had been elected Chairman of the Group and Mrs Shaw was responsible for Action Notes.

### **7.6. ESC Planning Validation Consultation**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there were no comments to make on the consultation.

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

Reports from County Councillor Bryce and District Councillor had been circulated and published on the Council's website. Councillor Hedgley highlighted various items and commented on the complaint made by a resident regarding development at Woodside.

## **9. Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the meeting would be held in Bealings Village Hall and that Anglian Water would be asked to provide an update on the intended closure of The Street during 2024. Other local organisations would be asked if they wished to present reports.

## **10. Finance**

### **10.1. Quarterly Internal Control Report for the Third Quarter**

This would be completed shortly by Mr Cheeseman.

### **10.2. Income and Authorisation of Expenditure**

Neighbourhood Planning grant funding of £9,645 had been received. Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

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

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
  - 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)
  - HMRC: PAYE for the third quarter: £280.40 (S111 LGA 1972)
  - Clerk: National Pay Award – Back Pay 1 April 2023 - 31 Jan 2024 (Net) and expenses: £186.36 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972)
  - ESC: charge for Council election in May 2023: £851.81 (S111 LGA 1972)
- to amend the existing standing order in respect of the Clerk's salary to reflect the current NJC salary scale with effect from 1 February 2024.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 4 March 2024 in Bealings Village Hall, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, but a meeting will be held on Monday 5 February 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 7.55pm.