

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 6 January 2025

Present:

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

In attendance:

Miss W Cook, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley and four residents/members of the public (for all/part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ms H Saagi who was away on holiday and Mrs M Wilson who was unwell.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Elaine Bryce

It was **RESOLVED:**

- to accept the apologies for absence.

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

A declaration of interest was made as follows:

Mr M Garnham: Non-Registerable Interest as a resident of Playford Road in Agenda item 8.1

Mr I Ransome: Non-Registerable Interest as a resident of Playford Road in Agenda item 8.1

Mr C Cheeseman: Other Registrable Interest as Trustee of ROPETH in Agenda item 11.5

Mr P Carr: Other Registrable Interest as Chairman of ROPETH in Agenda item 11.5

3. Public Participation Session

A Resident spoke on the following item

- DC/24/4287/ARM|Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/22/0566/OUT (Outline planning application with all matters reserved proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard, Holly Lane, Little Bealings, IP13 6PW) - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale, and Strategy for Ecological Enhancements. The Orchard Holly Lane Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6PW

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 November 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 on 24th February

5.2 Community Partnership Road Safety Forum

Mr M Garnham did not attend the last meeting

5.3 Village Hall Management Committee

There was no report

5.4 SAVID

Mr M Garnham is continuing to place the SID around the Village. All SID Information has been sent and the Clerk is waiting for reports.

5.5 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group

Mr I Ransome attended the last meeting. The low frequency noise/vibration is still being felt by local residents and the previous 'fixes' have not helped the situation as had been hoped.

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 he had been to a meeting about the devolution. A meeting of the Inaugural meeting of East Suffolk's new Youth Council had commenced and that Thermal imaging camera available to borrow.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to place a piece in the Fynn Lark News to see if residents were interested in borrowing the thermal imaging cameras

Although she was not present at the meeting, Suffolk County Councillor Elaine Bryce had reported to Mr I Ransome that she is still aware of the outstanding issues with the white lines in the Street and that this was being chased. As was the Network Rail fine.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to email Suffolk County Councillor Elaine Bryce a reminder

7. Councillor Email Accounts

The councillors have now successfully moved over to .gov.uk accounts and these are now in use. The Parish Council website also now has a .gov.uk domain name. There will be a transition period where the old email addresses will still be used. On behalf of the Parish Council Mr I Ransome thanked both the Clerk and Webmaster Jenny Shaw for all of their hard work updating the website with the new contact details.

8. Planning

8.1 Applications

DC/24/4287/ARM|Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/22/0566/OUT (Outline planning application with all matters reserved proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard, Holly Lane, Little Bealings, IP13 6PW) - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale, and Strategy for Ecological Enhancements. The Orchard Holly Lane Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6PW

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the council object to the application The Council considers the proposed design is in breach of SCLP 5.7. including biodiversity matters This development is much larger than that was previously submitted and agreed by the planning inspector. There is a risk of neighbouring properties being overlooked. There are also concerns about access as Holly Close is a very narrow single carriageway and that the junction with Holly Road (60 mph) has poor visibility.

SCC/0059/23SC/VOC | Proposal: Variation of Conditions 2. Compliance with submitted details, 3. Highway access, 4. Highway access surfacing, 5. Construction traffic and site management plan, 7. Tree protection and 8. Post-completion tree assessment. For planning application SCC/0059/23SC. Land off The Street, Little Bealings, Suffolk, IP13 6LN

It was **RESOLVED**: that the Council had no comment to make on the application

Mr I Ransome and Mr M Garnham left the meeting in accordance with their declaration of interest

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 Suffolk IP5 2PE

It was **RESOLVED**: Council had nothing further to add and that their previous comments on this application still stood.

Mr I Ransome and Mr M Garnham returned to the meeting.

8.2 Update on Applications

The following Applications have been approved:

DC/24/1252/FUL | Erection of 1no. self build dwelling and garage, land opposite former Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LW

DC/24/3542/FUL | Construction of a two-storey rear extension, replacement roof to form first floor accommodation and alterations. Solgarden Playford Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6ND

DC/24/3726/P3Q | Prior Notification - Change of Use of a Barn (Barn A) at Grove Farm in Little Bealings, from agricultural Barn to 1no. residential dwelling under Class Q of the GPDO. Grove Farm The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LT

DC/24/3727/P3Q | Prior Notification - (Change of Use of a Barn (Barn E) at Grove Farm in Little Bealings, from agricultural Barn to 1no. residential dwelling under Class Q of the GPDO. Grove Farm The Street Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LT

The Following applications are Pending Consideration:

DC/24/1776/FUL | High Rigg The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge IP13 6LT – Revised Driveway turning area due to new amendments falling outside the red line of previously approved application DC/23/3657/VOC

DC/24/1800/CLE | Fox Barn Playford Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6ND Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) – Converted Barn to for residential dwelling

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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)

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. Parish Council have been made aware that a local resident has reported this matter to ESC Enforcement.

8.3 Neighbourhood Plan

No report available. Mr P Carr reported that the draft plan was 'imminent' as front cover design was being discussed. Invoice received from P4P.

9. Highways

9.1 Highways – SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

The white lines and roundels are still waiting to be completed and should be done in the next week.

9.2 Footpaths

There was no Footpath report

9.3 Footpaths: Work For Footpath No1A

The footpath works to replace the footpath has now been completed. The SCC footways officer has visited the site and has said that the new path surface is acceptable.

10. Annual Parish Meeting

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the meeting would be held at Bealings Village Hall and that the Clerk would invite the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit to the meeting to talk about Flooding risk and the Emergency Plan.

11. Finance

11.1 Budget for 2025/26

A revised draft budget had been published which proposed an increase to the precept to £13750 from £13000 in 2025/26

It was **RESOLVED**: To approve the amended figure of £13750

11.2 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure – see Finance Schedule

No income received

Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's net Salary for November: £474.76 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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- Booth (Tarmacadam): £17,899.20 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972)

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
 - Clerk's net salary for January 2025: £474.76 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
 - Clerk's net salary for February 2025: £474.76 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
 - OneSuffolk .gov.uk domain and emails: £210 (S111 LGA 1972)
 - P4P: £1310.40 (S137 LGA 1972)
 - Parish Online: £54 (S137 LGA 1972)
 - W Cook (Expenses): £52.56 (S137 LGA 1972)
 - Westcotec: £71.40 (S137 LGA 1972)

11.3 Internet Banking update

The parish Council have now moved to internet banking and all future payments will be made electronically

11.4 Request from Village Hall trustees for CIL money for Carpark Improvements

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the councillors felt that a tarmac surface would not be ideal for the Village Hall Carpark. They also felt that giving a contribution to the £50,000 required that they would not be able to claim the VAT back for the project.

11.5 Request from Angela Cobbold Hall for CIL money for Flooring Improvements

Mr P Carr and Mr C Cheeseman left the meeting in accordance with their declaration of interest

It was **RESOLVED**: That the Council were happy to approve the £3750 in. VAT for the flooring improvements from CIL money. The Council asked to see all three of the quotes received for the work prior to payment.

Mr P Carr and Mr C Cheeseman returned to the meeting

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 3 March 2025 in Bealings Village Hall, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, but a meeting will be held on Monday 3 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 7.40pm.