

Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 1st September 2015.

Present: Charles Barrington (Chairman), Eric Barnett, Colin Hedgley, Martin Cripps, Mrs Sally Johnson, Paul Norris, Anthony Shepherd

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; James Firebrace, Chris Chestnutt and two parishioners

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed James Firebrace and Chris Chestnutt who were attending as representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

2. Apologies for Absence

John Carter-Jonas

3. Declaration of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda

There were no interests to declare

4. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 7th July and 30th July 2015

These were approved and signed as a true record

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

War Memorial – Charles Barrington has been in touch with the contractors and will pursue them for a quotation for the repair of the plinth

East Anglia Three Wind Farm – Following the comments sent regarding the consultation document, the Clerk has asked for an acknowledgement and anticipated date of response, but no reply has been received. She will contact them again

Registration of Community Asset – the consultation period ends on 15th September but in the meantime it appears that the land has already been sold

Risk Assessment – not finalised, the Clerk will have it ready for the November meeting

6. Neighbourhood Plan

The draft NP has been circulated to all Councillors and following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

The Plan should be taken to the next stage, as set out below, followed by subsequent formal submission to SCDC – proposed by Eric Barnett and seconded by Anthony Shepherd.

The tasks that now need completing are as follows:

- Finalise drafting
- Consult with owners of Non-Designated Heritage Assets and prepare a list of FAQs for them
- Organise public meeting for first week in October
- Prepare article to go in next edition of the Benefice Newsletter
- Send a flyer to every householder
- Arrange pre-submission meeting with SCDC

The final document will be accessible on a website, but anyone who does not have internet access can request a printed copy.

It was further **RESOLVED that:**

If anything material emerges from the next steps, there will be a need to convene a special PC meeting for a further decision.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation to all the members of the NPWG for their significant contribution. Councillors also thanked the Chairman for the enormous amount of work he has personally undertaken to get the Plan to this stage.

7. Reports

(i) Report by District Councillor Colin Hedgley

Cllr Hedgley reported that:

- SCC have ceased making any financial contribution to District Councils for the use of the brown recycling bins. SCDC have yet to make a decision as to whether to retain them, since if they do so they will have to absorb the full cost.
- There is a deadline of 14th September for SCC and SCDC to finalise a plan for devolution of some powers and duties to District/Town/Parish Councils.
- SCDC are going to re-examine the possibility of creating any sites for travellers.
- The renovated Felixstowe Seafront Gardens were officially opened last week.

(ii) Police Report

Colin Hedgley reported he was unable to attend the last 12PT meeting. The police report for July showed there had been one crime in Gt Bealings – for assault.

(iii) Ipswich Garden Suburb – Traffic Impact

Colin Hedgley reported that a letter had been sent on behalf of the four parish councils to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at SCC, and copied to Dr Dan Poulter MP, who has expressed concern about this matter, and replies have been received from both. The Chairman asked Mr Hedgley to circulate copies of all the letters to other Gt Bealings Councillors. Following a request by the Clerk, an email has been received from Ipswich Borough Council providing links to various Planning reports on this. She will circulate this to all Councillors so they can follow the links.

8. Planning

(a) DC/15/2322/FUL – Creation of new private access drive to serve plot 1 and associated change of use to residential curtilage – Land near Woodbarn Cottages, off Seckford Hall Rd, Gt Bealings

It was **RESOLVED** to object to this proposal on several grounds. The Clerk will prepare a detailed response to SCDC for approval by the Chairman

(b) Other Planning Matters

DC/15/3274/FUL – Siting of two mobile homes adjacent to Fynn Bridge Barn for a limited period whilst barn conversion work carried out – Fynn Bridge Barn, The Street, Little Bealings

Councillors were advised that the previous application had been withdrawn and this was for a slightly different location on the site.

It was **RESOLVED** that the PC has no objection to this application, subject however to the same conditions as were previously agreed.

9. Highways

Following the letter which had been sent to SCC, a response has been received from the Area Engineer outlining future plans for the areas highlighted.

10. River Lark Embankment

Following concern expressed by a number of residents over changes being made by a householder to the embankment of the River Lark, the Clerk had sent a letter on 24th August from the PC to the Environment Agency (EA), but to date no reply has been received. The owners of the property were present at the meeting and they advised Councillors that the EA have inspected the works and will report back to them in two weeks. They also reassured the Council that they are quite prepared to rectify any work which is found to have been carried out incorrectly. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting and asked them to contact Colin Hedgley once they have received the report from the EA.

11. Emergency Planning

Colin Hedgley has made enquiries to SCDC and there is a web site for this plus they have an Emergency Planning Officer who would help. Councillors agreed that Gt Bealings should have an Emergency Plan and Anthony Shepherd volunteered to take on this project.

12. Finance

(i)The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Sally Johnson and seconded

by Anthony Shepherd:

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
413	Information Commissioner	Data Protection fee	35.00
414	D P Knights	Office Expenses	41.78
415	Suffolk Coastal Dist Council	Election Fee	100.00
416	D.P.Knights (dated 28 th Sept)	September salary	137.30
417	HMRC (dated 6 th October)	September PAYE	34.30
418	D.P.Knights (dated 28 th Oct)	October salary	137.30
419	HMRC (dated 6 th November)	October PAYE	34.30

(ii) The Clerk informed Councillors that Adrian Melrose has volunteered to perform the internal audit of the annual accounts. This news was welcomed.

(iii) The Bank Reconciliation which had been circulated was noted and approved

13. Correspondence – None

14. Any Other Business

- (a) **Trees** - The Clerk will email John Carter-Jonas and ask him to report back to the PC with the result of the investigation he was asked to make on 12th May regarding what powers the PC has regarding planting of trees. He will also be asked to research the scheme for replacing trees affected by ash die-back.
- (b) **Broadband Roll-Out** – Charles Barrington outlined to Councillors the ‘Better Broadband for Suffolk’ scheme by which it is possible for local businesses to apply for vouchers which can be submitted to BT to co-fund better broadband installation. It would be necessary for there to be a co-ordinator to open discussions with the scheme organisers. Eric Barnett will speak with Phil Holmes, and if he is not willing it could be publicised through the Benefice Newsletter in which case Charles Barrington will prepare a notice. It was also suggested that this could possibly be extended to include Little Bealings and Playford.

15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th November at 7.00p.m.

NB. This is a revised date from 10th November

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Signed
Chairman