

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 2nd July 2019**

Present: Charles Barrington (Chairman) (CPB), Colin Hedgley (CH), Mrs Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Anthony Sheppard (AS), Paul Norris (PN)

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council, Robin Vickery (RV) - Suffolk County Councillor

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rob Munn, Martin Cripps and Paul Norris

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

LNPI, District Cllr – CH, no other declarations.

3. To approve the Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2019

These were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

- (i) **Election of Village Hall representative** – SJ confirmed her agreement to the nomination made at the previous meeting
- (ii) **Trees, planting etc** – MC reported that he has applied for 50 trees from the Suffolk Tree Warden Network which will include some limes. CH has applied for some funding from his Community Budget.
- (iii) **Water Meadow** – CH and RM have discussed this matter and some photos will be submitted to ESC. A report will be compiled for presenting to Planning Enforcement. RM has an incident reference number from the Environment Agency. Cllrs are grateful to CH for his support and help.

5. Reports by

- (i) **County Councillor Robin Vickery:**
Ipswich Northern Relief Road (INRR) – RV mentioned the consultation for this which has just commenced, and the additional number of new houses which would have to be built in conjunction with it.
Boot Street – Following a letter received by GtBPC from the SCC Director of Highways regarding the compilation of a specific report, RV advised Cllrs that he has had to allocate the whole of his annual highways budget to another parish for one major project, so he will have no funds available from this for Boot Street. However, he could allocate £500 or up to 50% of the cost from his Locality Budget. When the exact final amount is known, a formal request must be sent to him requesting his assistance.
- (ii) **District Councillor Colin Hedgley** - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. CH verbally reported on the forthcoming public consultation on the INRR, and urged all Cllrs to attend one of the open sessions. The Clerk will circulate an email news item encouraging residents to attend, and to let the PC know their views before the next meeting on 3rd September.

6. Planning Applications

- (i) **DC/19/2383/COU – Rosery Cottage Barn, Lodge Road – Change of use of part first floor of barn from agricultural use to a single short-term holiday let**
Cllrs noted that this application was a change of use for a barn which was put up under Permitted Development for agricultural purposes. They considered it sets a dangerous precedent for development within a Landscape Protection Area, and the proposal contains a large number of false and misleading statements. It fails to reflect the careful establishment of the series of landscape protection policies set out in the Neighbourhood Plan, current SCDC local plan policies and conditions attaching to the original development of Rosery Farm Cottage.

The Council **RESOLVED** unanimously to object to this application

- (ii) **DC/18/3002/FUL – 1 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road – Erection of single dwelling – revised siting of Plot 2, part conversion of Barn B**
The PC had resolved no objection to this application in August 2018 but SCDC had subsequently refused it and the applicant has now submitted an appeal against this decision. The PC decided they had no further comments to make to the Inspector.

7. Other Planning Matters:

- (i) **Sizewell Consultation** – The PC has been invited to contribute to the Stage 4 Consultation, but have not yet received a response to the submission to Stage 3. CPB will write to EDF about this
- (ii) **Response from ESC Senior Planning Officer** – The PC had asked for a site meeting with the team leader for the new planning team for our area, but this request has been refused.

8. Highways

- (i) **Boot Street Bridge** – as referred to earlier in the meeting, the PC has received a letter from the SCC Director of Highways offering the compilation of a detailed report about the traffic issues in this area. The PC would have to fund this report, and a provisional estimate of around £1,000 was given. Cllrs require more detailed information as to the scope of the report, and a request will be sent to SCC for a meeting to discuss this, which will be attended by CPB and AS
- (ii) **SAVID/SID** – Phil Holmes has offered to assist with the software for the SID, and CPB will contact him.
- (iii) **Quiet Lanes** – an email has been received from Neil Winship confirming that there is still no funding for this scheme, and volunteers are required to keep it active.
- (iv) **SORR (Save our Rural Roads)** – an email has been received from Tony Fryatt asking opinions of member parishes as to the continuation of this group. Cllrs felt that in view of the imminent matter of the INRR the group should be re-established, and GtB will be willing to make an active contribution.
- (v) **Passing Bays on Seckford Hall Road** – During the EA ONE enabling works, passing bays were installed as a temporary measure, but were constructed to a permanent standard. Scottish Power have informed us that the Highways Authority is considering adopting them on a permanent basis on completion of the project. Cllrs agreed unanimously that GtBPC would like these bays retained permanently.
- (vi) **Highways Self-help Scheme** – SCC have launched a highways self-help scheme and invited PCs to join. Cllrs felt that we already do sufficient, and do not wish to participate.

9. Admirals Head – The recent public meeting was briefly discussed

10. Finance and Admin

- (i) The following cheques were authorised; proposed by SJ and seconded by JCJ

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
607	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	35.31
608	Mrs D P Knights(dated 28.07.19)	July salary	176.21
609	HMRC (dated 06.08.19)	July PAYE	44.00
610	Mrs D P Knights(dated 28.08.19)	August salary	165.16
611	HMRC (dated 06.09.19)	August PAYE	41.25
612	Bealings Village Hall Trust	SAVID meeting	10.00

(ii) **Other Finance and Admin Matters** – The Bank Reconciliation, which had been circulated, was approved and signed.

11. Correspondence

Safety Concern – cutting of vegetation – correspondence has been received from a resident regarding the safety aspect of cutting back vegetation around the mirror installed opposite his entrance, and requesting that the PC takes action to get the Highways Authority to perform this task between scheduled cuttings. Unfortunately, the PC has no funds to finance this type of work on behalf of SCC who would recharge us to do it themselves. Several Cllrs have the same problem and the Clerk will forward to him some of their ideas for appropriate safety measures.

VE Day 8th May 2020 – an invitation has been received from Bruno Peek (who organised the WW1 Commemorations) to take part in the national celebrations for VE Day. Cllrs felt there would be insufficient local interest in another event so soon.

12. Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.00pm in Bealings Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed.....
Chairman