Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 3rd March 2015

Present: Eric Barnett, Martin Cripps, Mrs Sally Johnson, Paul Norris, John Carter-Jonas, Charles Barrington, Anthony Sheppard

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; District Councillor Tony Fryatt; one parishioner

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Peter Bellfield and Colin Hedgley

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

There were no interests to declare

3. Public Participation

A resident from Little Bealings made a presentation to Councillors regarding his plans for a parcel of land he has purchased in Great Bealings. He had made a similar presentation to Little Bealings PC at their meeting the previous evening.

4. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 13th January 2015 and 12th February 2015

These were approved and signed as a true record

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

War Memorial – Charles Barrington has spoken with the contractors who are working on the church regarding a quotation for a complete rebuild of the war memorial, but he has not heard back from. He will pursue this. Paul Norris has not yet been able to prepare an estimate for the work on the plinth but will do so shortly.

Reports

Report by District Councillor Tony Fryatt

Cllr Fryatt reported that the consultation on Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies finished on 27th February. He has recently been appointed as Chairman of SALC and is currently involved in two initiatives – (i) affordable housing and (ii) a drive to get local listing of valuable assets. He mentioned that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will not now come into operation until the end of June instead of April. He advised Councillors that in view of the forthcoming elections this would be his last meeting with Gt Bealings. The Chairman thanked him for his support over the last four years.

Police Report

The police report showed no crimes in January

6. Neighbourhood Plan

Charles Barrington reported that a Working Group meeting had been held on 2nd March and they are working towards the joint meeting with the Parish Council on 16th March when they hope to give Councillors a draft plan and a presentation. If approved, the draft plan can go to SCDC so that initial discussions with them can commence. He is hoping to make a formal submission by the end of the summer with a view to holding the referendum in the autumn. There will be direct communication with those people whose properties are affected.

Howard Construction have had another copy of the questionnaire but nothing more has been heard from their planning consultant about their ideas for their site. There is no news regarding the funding but Charles Barrington will follow this up.

7. Planning

The Clerk summarised the latest decisions added to the Planning Register which had been circulated.

The Parish Council discussed the proposal raised in the Public Participation and resolved to register their views in a letter to SCDC.

8. Highways

The Clerk had received confirmation from SCC that the matters last reported would be attended to but Martin Cripps advised that the culverts in Boot Street had still not been emptied. The Clerk will pursue this matter.

There is a problem with the drain on the corner of Lodge Road and Lower Street, outside Small Acre – it is not coping the spring. The Clerk will report this to SCC.

9. Finance

(i)The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Charles Barrington and seconded by John Carter Jonas

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount
			£
376	D.P.Knights (dated 28 th Mar)	March salary	132.44
377	HMRC (dated 6 th April)	March PAYE	33.11
378	D P Knights(dated 28 th Apr)	April salary	132.44
379	HMRC (dated 6 th May)	April PAYE	33.11
380	D P Knights	Stamps	6.36
381	D P Knights	Stationery	27.49
382	SALC	Clerks Meeting	18.00
383	D P Knights	Clerks Meeting – travel expenses	15.30
384	Little Bealings PCC	Benefice postage	6.00
385	Speedwatch	Annual fee	25.00

- (ii) Speedwatch a request has been received for an annual fee of £25 to cover the cost of the triennial recalibration of the camera. This was agreed for this year but will be subject to review in future. The Clerk will enquire how this amount was calculated.
- (iii) The Bank Reconciliation was signed and the Clerk reported that she anticipated there would be a small underspend this year. If so, this will be transferred to the deposit account,

10. Correspondence

Electronic Agendas – Councillors unanimously confirmed that they are happy to receive the meeting agendas by email

Speedwatch Administration – a request has been received from Clopton PC for another larger parish to take over the administration of this scheme but as GB is even smaller we are unable to help.

Annual Springclean – following a letter received from Suffolk Coastal Norse, Councillors agreed to carry out the usual annual litter pick. This will be done in April and Sally Johnson agreed to be the delivery point for the sacks and gloves.

20s Plenty – The next meeting will be held on 13th March and GBPC have been invited to send a representative. The Clerk will ask Colin Hedgley if he can attend this.

11. Any Other Business – no items

12. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 12th May 2015 – Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

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