

## **Notes from the Extraordinary Meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019 at Bealings Village Hall**

Councillors Present: Charles Barrington (Chairman), Anthony Sheppard, Martin Cripps, Paul Norris, Colin Hedgley

In attendance: Nick Deacon, Dee Knights (Clerk to the Council) + 43 residents of Great Bealings and 6 residents of Little Bealings

**Anthony Sheppard** summarised part of the Consultation Document. About half those present had read it, but most had attended one of the presentations. He set out the stated benefits of the new road and said that there were four main drivers:

1. Traffic congestion in Ipswich
2. Problems with the closure of Orwell Bridge and the effect on Felixstowe Port
3. Business and economic growth
4. Housing – approx.. 10-15,000 new homes will be built

**Nick Deacon** introduced himself and advised that, along with Nick Green, he is co-founder of the 'Stop Campaign'. He reported that the previous evening, Woodbridge Town Council had voted to oppose the new Route, and Therese Coffey MP had also recently declared her opposition. He highlighted details of the 'Stop Campaign' and drew attention to the petition which has been opened. Dr Dan Poulter MP intends to take this petition to the House of Commons. He stated that on 13<sup>th</sup> September, the last day of the Consultation, a protest march to Endeavour House will be organised. He stressed the importance of everyone completing and submitting the questionnaire by the due date.

**Charles Barrington** outlined the prospective influence of the Gt Bealings Neighbourhood Plan, and stated that the proposed housing is on top of what has already been included in the three Councils' Local Plan. This was followed by a question and answer session.

Two votes took place:

1. There was unanimous approval from the Gt Bealings residents that the PC should formally oppose the proposal in their response to the Consultation
2. There was a majority vote in favour of the Parish Council using some of its Reserve Funds to contribute to the 'Stop Campaign'

The meeting closed at 8.30pm