

Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 5th September 2017

Present: Charles Barrington(CPB) (Chairman), Colin Hedgley (CH), Martin Cripps (MC), Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Anthony Sheppard (AS), Rob Munn (RM), Paul Norris (PN)

In attendance: Dee Knights (DPK), Clerk to the Council, County Councillor Robin Vickery (RV), Fiona Powell (FP), Sue Prentice (SP), James Firebrace (JF)

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

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

There were no declarations of conflicts of interests

3. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 4th July 2017

These were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- Water Meadow – RM has still heard nothing further from SCDC. There is still no activity on the site and the brick driveway is overgrown
- Trees – MC has not heard back from Richard Garnham. He will now write to Lord Cranworth and Robin Gurdon, with a copy to Strutt and Parker, to get agreement for what the PC would like to do, so that progress can be made.

5. Report by County Councillor Robin Vickery

RV has had a meeting with Cabinet member James Finch who has offered to investigate funding for some issues involving safety, and the speed limit in Boot St has been put forward. RV will contact one of James Finch's two new assistants to see if he can get this progressed. Suffolk Highways has been re-organised and split into three groups and Gt Bealings is now in the Ipswich group, operating from Phoenix House. RV will email the Clerk all the contact details. CPB said it would be advantageous to have a site meeting with the new staff. RV will advise when he has made contact.

MC reported that the top dressing promised for Boot St has not been done yet, and is required urgently as the roundels cannot be put on. CPB requested RV to investigate this and report back to the PC.

Report by District Councillor Colin Hedgley

This report has been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes

6. Planning

(i) DC/17/1476/FUL – Rosery Farm Cottage Planning Decision

MC reported on the recent meeting he and CPB had with Philip Ridley (PR), the Head of Planning at SCDC. He expressed concern that the PC did not meet immediately after the

Planning Committee's decision. He felt an EGM should have been held. CPB advised that, although he had been away, a meeting could have been called by any two Cllrs.

Cllrs and the Clerk expressed their disappointment and frustration that the PC's submission to the September issue of Fynn-Lark News had been inadvertently omitted. It is essential that a report of the meeting with PR is included in the October issue. The Clerk will ensure this happens.

CPB is awaiting advice on how to give this Planning decision wider publicity. He has been advised that a Judicial Review would take up too much time, and be too costly. The PC needs to consider what action can be taken to boost the Neighbourhood Plan – this will require much time and effort to organise. CPB said that he needs another Cllr to assist him to co-ordinate our response to the SCDC Local Plan Consultation (see below). We must also obtain a copy of the DCLG Consultation Paper, and ensure that any publicity we generate is consistent. The PC may be required to revise and upgrade the Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Local Plan, over which we can have some influence.

CPB invited comments from the members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. JF spoke on their behalf and said that they were all very surprised and disappointed at the lack of support from some SCDC Cllrs. FP said that the PC needs to publicise future planning applications more widely, advising residents of the planning process. CPB said that details of every future application will now be placed on the PC website and circulated via the email newsletter, including a note on how residents can submit their views to SCDC. FP offered to assist with social media publication.

(ii) DC/17/3495/FUL and DC/17/3496/LBC – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road, Gt Bealings – Two storey extension to existing dwelling and alterations to outbuildings

It was considered that the proposed extension was of excessive size, would compromise the setting of the listed building, and would massively change the characteristics of this crucial LPA site, especially in the context of the recent Rosery Farm Cottage decision. Therefore, by a majority decision,

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to object to these applications

(iii) DC/17/3106/FUL – Land opposite Waveney Cottage, Lodge Road, Gt Bealings – repositioning of a highways access point by 10m (re EastAngliaONE Windfarm)

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to support this application. However JCJ said that the measurements on the plans are not accurate. He will draft a letter to be sent to SCDC with a copy also sent to Scottish Power. JCJ advised that the planning permission for works has been extended from three to five years.

(iv) SCDC Local Plan Consultation

CPB said that he requires another Cllr, apart from himself, to help draft a response. He will attend one of the open consultation sessions and will book one of the hourly slots that are available for more detailed discussion, then ask for someone else to attend with him. *NB. RM came to a meeting with CPB at Riduna Park and a draft response has now been circulated.*

(v) Other Planning Matters

(a) **Wood Barn Cottages** - Illuminated signs have been installed at the entrance to this site, which have not received planning permission. This has been referred to SCDC

Enforcement Section. The recent appeal which had been dismissed, has been referred by the applicant to the High Court. It has now gone back to the Inspectorate for re-determination and the Clerk has confirmed that all our previous correspondence has been resubmitted.

- (b) **Footpath 11 – Rosery Farm/Meadow Cottage/Cherry Tree Cottage** – Notification of a proposed fence has been received from SCC. The PC considered that the proposed route of the fenced path would constitute a diversion. CB will respond to SCC

7. Highways

(i) **Boot Street Bridge**

See Item 5 above

(ii) **Boundary Hedge – ‘Acorns’, Orchard Lane**

Following a letter from Mr Midwinter, CPB was asked to suggest to him that since it was a highways matter, he was best place to follow up with SCC since he is the affected party

(iii) **Other Highways Matters**

Road Safety Measures – CH reported that the money that was hoped would be available to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) has now all been spent. However, a used one has been obtained from David Chenery. There are still insurance problems to be sorted out, but it is essential we get our free poles put up as soon as possible. JCJ will progress this.

The SAVID group of PCs are asking Cllrs to provide a list of road safety improvements, some of which will be selected to be submitted to Highways. They will then lobby them for action. CH will suggest extending the speed limit in Boot St.

8. EastAngliaONE Windfarm

(i) **Temporary Signs**

These have now been taken down

(ii) **Other Matters**

JCJ will ask Sarah CJ to remind Scottish Power that they promised to participate in another public consultation meeting to be hosted by GBPC

9. Public Space Protection Orders Consultation – Dog Controls

It was agreed that we do not need to respond to this Consultation

10. Finance and Admin

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

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
520	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	35.00
521	D P Knights (dated 28.09.17)	September salary	148.94
522	HMRC (dated 06.10.17)	September PAYE	37.20
523	D P Knights (dated 28.10.17)	October salary	148.94
524	HMRC (dated 06.11.17)	October PAYE	37.20
525	D P Knights	Office expenses	2.75
526	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Additional Insurance Premium	6.19
527	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Renewal of Annual Insurance	188.82

- (ii) Circulation of News Items – DPK enquired whether Cllrs still required circulation of all the various items of news that were received, in particular those received from Rural Services. It was confirmed that these should continue
- (iii) Bank Reconciliation – this was approved and signed

11. Correspondence -There were no further items for discussion

12. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 14th November at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

Signed
Chairman