

**Minutes of Great Bealings Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Angela
Cobbold Hall at 7.45pm on Tuesday, 6th May 2014.**

Present: Mr Eric Barnett, Mr Julian Haywood Smith, Mr Colin Hedgley, Mr John Carter-Jonas, Mrs Sally Johnson, Mr Martin Cripps and Mr Paul Norris.

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council.

Also present: Mr Tony Fryatt, District Councillor, Mrs Sarah Cartwright

1. Election of Chairman

Mr Colin Hedgley nominated that Mr Eric Barnett stand as Chairman for the following year. This was seconded by Mr Martin Cripps. The Chairman completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and the meeting continued.

2. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Mr Peter Bellfield

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

There were no formal declarations of interest. This was noted in the Declarations of Interest book and signed by the Chairman.

4. Election of Officers:-

Vice Chairman – Mr Colin Hedgley – proposed by Mr Eric Barnett, seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas

Footpath Officer – Mr Martin Cripps – proposed by Mr Julian Haywood Smith, seconded by Mrs Sally Johnson

Tree Warden – Mr John Carter-Jonas – proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson, seconded by Mr Paul Norris

Village Hall Rep – Mrs Sally Johnson – proposed by Mr Julian Haywood Smith, seconded by Mr Colin Hedgley

5. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 11th March and 23rd April 2014

These were signed as a true record.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

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7. East Anglia One Wind Farm

Mr Eric Barnett read a report received from the Director, Mr Philip Watkins, the full copy of which will be put on the Great Bealings website. The Secretary of State has to make a decision before the end of June 2014. Mr Tony Fryatt said he had still not had a decision on funding for the ducting.

Public Information Days are to be held in June for East Anglia Three, full details are on our website

8. Planning

Seckford Hall:

DC/13/25/2575/FUL and DC/13/2576/LBC – External alterations to The Courtyard

DC/13/2537/LBC – Internal alterations re ladies toilet

DC/13/2538/LBC - Internal alterations to the Courtyard

Decision notices have been received notifying of full planning permission and Listed Building Consent

9. Highways

Mr Eric Barnett reported that the bund has been done but it is considered that the height needs to be raised slightly at the Boot Street end. The Parish Council will act as paymaster but all residents on the riverside of Lower Street have agreed to share costs. The last estimated figure was about £1,000 which will be approx. £100 each.

Mr Colin Hedgley expressed concern that the flashing sign on Boot Street was not working properly. He will contact Highways about this.

Mr Eric Barnett asked Mr Tony Fryatt if his locality fund would finance another sign. Mr Fryatt will consult with Mr Peter Bellfield, Mr Paul Norris suggested that any new sign should be of the type which gives an exact read-out of speed.

Mr Martin Cripps asked for the roundels to be repainted. Mr Hedgley will ask Highways about this also.

Volunteers are still waiting to be trained on Speedwatch. Mr Malcolm Gooch will be contacting the Clerk.

Mr Martin Cripps' accident site has still not been repaired, although there are now some cones there. Mr Eric Barnett asked the Clerk to enquire of Mr Derek Oldham as to what are his up to date list of priorities for Great Bealings, and also to ask if the Google Map is still available to show exactly where problems are.

Signed

10. Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Charles Barrington had covered this item earlier at the Annual Parish Meeting. The next stage is the printing and distribution of the questionnaires. All councillors agreed to assist with the distribution to households. Mr Paul Norris suggested that they collect them as well. Mr Eric Barnett agreed and will discuss this with Mr Barrington. The cost will come out of the Neighbourhood Plan budget.

11. Co-option of Mr Charles Barrington

Mr Colin Hedgley proposed that Mr Charles Barrington be co-opted to fill the vacancy for a Councillor on the Parish Council. This was seconded by Mr Paul Norris. It was **RESOLVED:**

- that Mr Barrington be elected a Councillor of the Parish Council

12. Finance

The following cheques were authorised:

Cheque No 320	£57.60	SALC re Clerk's training
Cheque No 321	£7.00	Eric Barnett re photocopying
Cheque No 322	£20.03	Mrs D Knights re stationery
Cheque No 323	£120	SALC subscription
Cheque No 324	£17	NALC re LGR subscription
Cheque No 325	£15.30	Mrs D Knights travel expenses
Cheque No 326	£33.30	Mrs D Knights re training expenses
Cheque No 327	£129.60	Mrs D Knights April salary
Cheque No 328	£32.40	HMRC re April PAYE
Cheque No 329	£129.60	Mrs D Knights May salary (dated 28 th May 2014)
Cheque No 330	£32.40	HMRC re May PAYE (dated 6 th June 2014)
Cheque No 331	£129.60	Mrs D Knights June salary (dated 28 th June 2014)
Cheque No 332	£32.40	HMRC re June PAYE(dated 6 th July 2014)
Cheque No 333	£30	Suffolk Preservation Society

Signed

Statement of Accounts 2013-2014 and adoption of Annual Return

The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2013/14 were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Mr Colin Hedgley proposed we adopt these and this was seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. These had been internally audited by Mr Paul Gardiner and were now ready for the external auditors BDO Stoy Haywood. It was agreed that a cheque for £20 would be issued to Paul Gardiner in his capacity as internal auditor.

The first half of the precept has been received.

13. Correspondence

Following a letter received from Suffolk Coastal Services, councillors agreed to carry out the usual annual litter pick. This will be done by the end of May and Mrs Sally Johnson agreed to be the delivery point for the sacks and gloves.

A letter has been received from the Suffolk Preservation Society giving details of their organisation and inviting the Parish Council to become a member. Mr Tony Fryatt advised that this organisation has recently been re-shaped and is a worthwhile cause. It was proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr Eric Barnett that we accept this invitation at a cost of £30 per annum.

Mr Martin Cripps asked if the Parish Council could get any assistance from the District Council regarding the matter concerning Mr Root, as Mr Paul Norris has had to consult with his solicitor. Mr Tony Fryatt said that there would be support if the Standards Committee get involved.

14. Any Other Business

Mr Eric Barnett asked who is responsible for the War Memorial and hedging this month. Mr Colin Hedgley and Mrs Sally Johnson agreed to do it. Mr Barnett asked Mr Paul Norris about the cracked concrete surround. Mr Norris said he will look into putting down some new paving.

15. Date of next meeting: 8th July 2014 – to be chaired by Mr Colin Hedgley

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed
Chairman