

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on
Tuesday 6th July 2021**

Present: Sue Prentice (Chairman) (SP), Colin Hedgley (CH), Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Rob Munn (RM), Regan Scott (RS)

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council, Elaine Bryce (EB) – Suffolk County Councillor, Steve Condon (SC) and one resident

Introduction

SP welcomed EB to her first meeting of the PC in her new role as Suffolk County Councillor. SP advised Cllrs that SC was attending the meeting as a resident as he had recently had to resign as Parish Councillor due to work commitments.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declaration of Interest

RM declared an interest in the Planning Application on the agenda and will not take part in the vote. LNPI, District Cllr – CH

3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying

No declarations

4. Planning Application – Brookend, Lower Street, - proposed 3 car cart lodge in front of house

The applicant (RM) briefly outlined the details of the application, then left the room while this was discussed. The PC **RESOLVED** unanimously to support this application.

5. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 1st May and 1st June 2021

The minutes were approved for signature.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

(i) **Talking bench** – SJ advised the PC that there would now be three steps for easier access. There is also a ramp entrance further along

(ii) **Queen's Green Canopy** – This will be discussed at the end of the meeting under Agenda Item 13

7. Reports:

- (i) **County Councillor, Elaine Bryce** – EB had submitted a report which had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. She verbally commented on the review to be carried out on Suffolk's SEND services, the free Park and Cycle scheme which will operate from the Martlesham Park and Ride, school transport, and she advised Cllrs that Suffolk is in the top cohort of the country for number of vaccinations.
- (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 a new campaign for correct recycling, as 24% of recycling material is rejected for being put in the wrong bin, and the restoration of routine dental services. He advised that he is now on the Health Security Committee at ESC. He reported that all but 4 rough sleepers have been removed from the streets, most of these were in Lowestoft. Free parking for vaccination staff has been extended, and ESC have launched a new funding scheme for projects to promote biodiversity. This led to a brief discussion about some areas in the village which could possibly be included. SP asked Cllrs to let her have some suggestions.

Item 10 – Highways was taken at this point in the Meeting

8. Planning Applications:

- (i) There were no other new applications. The application regarding the change of use of the Admiral's Head has been appealed. It was agreed that the PC had nothing more to add to previous comments, which will be forwarded to the Inspector by ESC.
- (ii) **Decision Updates:**
 DC/21/1273 – Rosery Farmhouse – permitted by ESC
 DC/21/1798 – Kiln Farm – permitted by ESC
 DC/21/1591 – Barn C, Woodbarn Cottages – awaiting decision
(NB. Since the meeting, ESC have permitted this application)

9. Other Planning Matters:

- (i) **Enforcement matters** – ESC have advised that one of the cases reported did not constitute a breach of control, but there was no news on the second case. DPK will chase this with ESC
- (ii) **Review of Neighbourhood Plan** – RM reported on a recent meeting with ESC – the review will probably not have to go to referendum and will take at least a year. Suffolk Wildlife Trust will be doing a report. SP will complete a grant application form to apply for funding.
- (iii) **Sizewell C Consultation** – RS updated Cllrs on the latest developments in the planning application. He recommended that the PC does not need to respond to the latest consultation.

10. Highways

- (i) **Boot Street Bridge - Extension to Speed limit** – The 30mph is now operational and all signs are up
- (ii) **SAVID/SID** – CH spoke about the imminent ANPR camera scheme and where this might be viable in GtB. It could possibly be installed on the SID pole but it would only be in situ for a week. Cllrs agreed that in principle it would be a good idea and the best location would be near the church entrance. SP will fill in the form that CH had supplied and circulate it for comments.
 An email has been received on behalf of some residents requesting consideration of an extension to the 30mph limit on Lodge Rd from the GtB village sign to Seckford Hall Road, and SP asked EB if she could assist in this matter. EB said that the main problem would be budget, but she will have a preliminary conversation with the relevant team in Highways and report back to the PC. An ANPR camera is not suitable along this stretch as it is de-restricted.
- (iii) **Quiet Lanes** – The signs have been put up and the formal notice has been published in the local press. SP will report to the next meeting
- (iv) **Other Highways matters** – RS raised the matter of overgrown signs which need reporting to SCC, but this should wait until the hedge cutting has taken place. Thanks were expressed to Peter Prentice for cutting back an overgrown footpath. SP reported that SALC will be holding a special event on footpaths.

11. Befriending Scheme

SC reported that he and Anthony Sheppard (AS) had a meeting with the Steering Committee and the scheme has formally been renamed 'Community Support'. There will be a survey in each village. A notice will go in Fynn Lark News and a questionnaire will be circulated. Funding will be required. AS has asked for a link person now that SC is no longer a Cllr, and SP will advise him that there is no-one at present but we wish to be kept up to date on progress.

12. Finance and Admin

(i) The following payments were authorised; proposed by SP and seconded by SJ:

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
-	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	33.91
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.07.21)	July salary	247.56
003	HMRC (dated 06.08.21)	July PAYE	61.80
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.08.21)	August salary	247.56
004	HMRC (dated 06.09.21)	August PAYE	61.80

(ii) **Other Finance and Admin matters:**

- (a) **New Bank Account** – DPK reported that the opening of the account with Unity Trust Bank had gone smoothly despite the obstacles put in the way by Santander. Online payments were working well.
- (b) **Bank Reconciliation** – this was approved and signed
- (c) **Other** – RS and SP reported on the New Councillor Training Modules they had attended with SALC. After DPK had raised the subject, Cllrs confirmed that they are all happy for their phone numbers and email addresses to continue to be published on the PC's website.

13. Correspondence:

- (i) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons** – It was agreed in principal that it would be a good idea to celebrate this event. SP will contact the Chairman of LtB PC regarding a joint event
- (ii) **Fingerpost Plaques** – SCC are initiating a project called Discovering Suffolk which will involve installing plaques on to existing fingerposts. SP volunteered to be the contact for this and DPK will notify the officer at SCC.
- (iii) **Festival of Suffolk 2022** – Following a letter received from the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, it was decided not to participate in this event, but to concentrate on the Jubilee
- (iv) **Queen's Green Canopy** – JCJ has contacted Lord Cranworth's representative about planting an avenue of oak trees down Rosery Lane and is awaiting a reply. We can get trees from the Suffolk Treewarden Network and there is also some money remaining in the Parish Planters fund. JCJ is awaiting further details. A working party was agreed – SP, RS, JCJ and SJ

14. Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 7th September at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed.....
Chairman