

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held by video conference at 6.00pm on
Tuesday 7th July 2020**

Present: Charles Barrington (Chairman) (CPB), Anthony Sheppard (AS), Martin Cripps (MC), Rob Munn (RM), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ)

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK), Clerk to the Council; Fiona Powell, GoToMeeting organiser

1. Resolution to exclude the public from this meeting

CPB proposed a motion that the public be excluded from this meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting to consider a complaint against the council for reasons of confidentiality

2. Apologies for Absence

Colin Hedgley and Sally Johnson

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

Paul Norris had declared an interest in the main item on the agenda, and did not attend the meeting
CPB stated that he had declared an interest in the previous meeting at which a planning application was discussed, and will be referred to in this meeting

CPB and JCJ both declared an interest in Planning Application DC/20/2215/AGO

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th May and 1st June were approved for signature

5. To consider a complaint against the Council

A letter had been received concerning the Parish Council's handling of a recent planning application. This was discussed and details of a response were agreed.

It was **RESOLVED** that a draft letter of response would be prepared and circulated for comment to the Cllrs present at the meeting, after which the Clerk will forward a formal letter from the Chairman to the complainant.

AS stated that the current model Code of Conduct is unsatisfactory in the way it deals with Conflicts of Interest. This has been recently amended by NALC and a revised version is currently out for consultation. The Parish Council will respond to this consultation by the due date of 17th August, following which the matter will be further discussed at the next PC meeting on 1st September at which Cllrs can agree to modify the final NALC document to suit our needs.

6. Authorisation of Cheques

The following cheques were authorised, proposed by MC and seconded by JCJ:

Chq No.	Payee	Description	Amount £
2038	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	30.59
2039	Mrs D P Knights(dated 28.07.20)	July salary	221.41
2040	HMRC (dated 06.08.20)	July PAYE	55.30
2041	Mrs D P Knights(dated 28.08.20)	August salary	171.96
2042	HMRC (dated 06.09.20)	August PAYE	42.80

The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature

7. Items for information only

(i) Boot Street – Extension of speed limit

For the benefit of Cllrs and the PC's records, CPB summarised the considerable progress that had been made since the last meeting. This is detailed in the synopsis report attached to these minutes.

(ii) Planning Applications

The following applications had been determined under delegated authority:

(a) DC/20/2257/VOC – Croft Cottage, Lower Street – Proposed replacement dwelling – relocation of the dwelling 1.75m to the side (west) to that already approved to allow easy removal of the static caravan on completion of the dwelling

This was supported, subject to confirmation from ESC that the new siting should not be any closer to the verge of Lower Street than the currently approved ground plan, and that the new site should not result in the new building being any higher than the existing proposal

(b) DC/20/2215/AGO – Lodge Road – wider field entrance providing safer access from Lodge Road public highway onto arable field

The PC had not been consulted by ESC about this application and the Clerk is trying to find out why. The application was supported, and it was pointed out that the drawings were incorrect, and that such an access should not be used as a basis for further agricultural development on the site.

8. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 1st September 2020

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05pm by thanking Fiona Powell for providing the video conferencing facility.

Signed.....Chairman