

Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 10th January 2017

Present: Charles Barrington (Chairman), Colin Hedgley, Martin Cripps, Mrs Sally Johnson, Anthony Sheppard, John Carter-Jonas, Rob Munn

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; Suffolk County Councillor Robin Vickery

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Paul Norris

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

There were no interests to declare

3. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 8th November 2016

These were approved and signed as a true record

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

- **Water Meadow** – Cllrs noted with satisfaction a letter written by an Environment Agency officer to the landowner, following site visits. However, some Cllrs thought that the exemption specified would not be applicable. A letter will be sent to the officer making this point and asking to be kept informed.
- **Quiet Lanes** – Colin Hedgley had written to Robin Vickery asking him to obtain an update on this initiative. Robin Vickery will find out and respond.

5. Reports

(i) County Councillor Robin Vickery

- **Boot Street Bridge** – Robin Vickery spoke about SCC's planned improvements to the approach to the bridge. Cllrs confirmed their agreement to these proposals which has already been communicated to SCC. However, after discussion it was agreed to ask Robin Vickery to request that the 30mph speed limit be extended further than proposed to the Woodbridge side of Rosery Lane, or if this is not possible, to make this section 40mph. Robin Vickery will convey this request to SCC.
- **SAVID** - Robin Vickery reported that he is funding SAVID to cover the cost of a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be shared amongst villages
- **Hasketon Road** – Robin Vickery is also funding two new 'HGV Unsuitable' picture signs at the entrance to Hasketon Road. The PC has already been approached about this by David Chenery of SCC. He will be advised that the PC is fully in support of this, a copy will be sent to Robin Vickery.

(ii) District Councillor Colin Hedgley

Cllr Hedgley reported on the following items

- Capital Programme
- Budget
- Merger
- Sizewell C meeting
- Beach Hut Consultation
- Enabling Communities Budget
- Car Park Improvements – Melton Riverside

Cllrs questioned the latter item and the arrangements made for staff parking at the new SCDC HQ. Concern was expressed that this car park would be taken up by staff leaving no space for the public in this amenity area. Cllr Hedgley will report back to the next meeting. His full report is attached to these minutes.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

The date of the referendum has been set for 9th February. Charles Barrington has circulated a letter he proposes to send to each household, plus an item to go in the Fynn-Lark News. These were agreed. Charles Barrington has accepted an invitation to attend the count. Martin Cripps queried the wording that will appear on the referendum slip. Charles Barrington will find this out and advise Cllrs.

The Clerk will arrange for a reminder to be circulated on the email news at the beginning of February.

7. Planning

- (i) Wood Barn Cottages – An appeal has been submitted in respect of DC/16/2216. A letter detailing PC's objections has been sent to the Planning Inspector
- (ii) Other Planning Matters – no items to report

8. Highways

(i)and(ii) – Boot Street Bridge and Hasketon Road were discussed earlier in the meeting. A further matter relating to Hasketon Road was raised – Anglian Water have caused damage to the corners of the roadside. Charles Barrington has their contact details and will forward a report to them

- (iii) Other Highways matters – Fly Tipping

A report has been received of some tyres left at the side of Lodge Road. The Clerk will report this to Suffolk Norse

9. Speedwatch

A request has been received from Westerfield PC (who are the new administrators of the scheme) for payment of £50 in respect of both this year's and next year's subscription – an increase of £25. It is hoped to reduce this amount for future years. This request was agreed.

Colin Hedgley spoke about the SID sign discussed earlier. He advised that he has given £500 towards this from his SCDC Community Budget. Two volunteers will be required to put up and take down the signs. Some suitable places will need to be identified and

submitted to the Police so they can decide where the posts should be fixed. Charles Barrington, Colin Hedgley and John Carter-Jonas will meet to decide this.

10. Fynn-Lark News

Following the proposal discussed at the last meeting to increase the amount donated to Fynn-Lark News, Playford PC have agreed to do this but Little Bealings PC have declined as they had made a donation elsewhere. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with an additional donation of £50 and to write to Little Bealings to express the PC's disappointment at their decision.

11. Defibrillator

The Clerk has circulated details of three models of defibrillators, plus two quotations, one of which is from the East Anglian Ambulance Service Trust (EAST). It was agreed to proceed with the quote from the EAST for a defibrillator with universal adult/paediatric pads and a heated thermostatically controlled cabinet at a price of £1455. An additional amount of approximately £200 will be needed for installation by a qualified electrician. Colin Hedgley will now apply for this amount from his SCDC Community Budget.

12. Finance

- (i) The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Sally Johnson and seconded by Martin Cripps

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
486	East Anglian Air Ambulance	Donation	50.00
487	Mrs D.P. Knights	Office Expenses	13.27
488	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.01.17)	January salary	143.83
489	H.M.R.C. (dated 06.02.17)	January PAYE	35.80
490	Mrs D.P. Knights (dated 28.02.17)	February salary	143.83
491	H.M.R.C. (dated 06.03.17)	February PAYE	35.80
492	Fynn-Lark News	Donation	50.00
493	Speedwatch	Subscription	50.00

The PC also agreed that payment may be made for the defibrillator once funding has been allocated.

- (ii) The proposed budget for 2017/18 was approved - proposed by Colin Hedgley and seconded by John Carter-Jonas
- (iii) The precept was set for £4545 which will show as a 0% increase on Council Tax bills, proposed by Colin Hedgley and seconded by John Carter-Jonas.
- (iv) The Bank Reconciliation was signed by Charles Barrington

13. Correspondence

- (i) **East Anglia ONE** – Charles Barrington and other Cllrs had attended the local Information Event and as a result, he has circulated a draft letter to Scottish Power (SP) with some queries. This letter was approved by Cllrs. SP will be arranging a joint briefing session with Little Bealings to be held in the Village Hall in the near future.
- (ii)

At the Information Event, John Carter-Jonas had expressed his concern that no passing places are proposed for Lodge Road. SP are going to email him with their views on this point. He has done the photos of the roads and will now do the videos.

Following the PC's request for volunteers to act as monitors of the scheme when it is in progress, five residents have come forward, a very pleasing result. Their role will be discussed at the next PC meeting and the Clerk will invite them all to attend.

- (iii) **Trees** – This matter is still pending, Charles Barrington will pursue it.

14. Date of next meeting – 14th March 2017 at 7.00pm

Signed
Chairman