

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**The Annual Parish Meeting of Gt. Bealings was held by on Tuesday 10th May
2022 at 7.00pm at Bealings Village Hall**

Present: Sue Prentice (Chairman) (SP), Colin Hedgley (CH) John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) Regan Scott (RS), Caroline Saunders (CS), Trevor Harris (TH)

In attendance: Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council (DPK), Elaine Bryce– Suffolk County Councillor, Peter Prentice -Bealings Village Hall Trust, Norman Porter – Fynn Lark News, Eric Barnett, Martin Cripps

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sally Johnson, Margaret Wilson and Julian Haywood-Smith

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 19th April 2021

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising

4. District Councillor's Report

CH summarised how Councils have coped with meetings during the pandemic, and he stated that himself and Tony Fryatt work across 17 Parish Councils with more than 7,000 constituents, ably assisted by Elaine Bryce. He spoke about Planning Applications and speeding problems, and he listed some of the items that had received grants from the District Councillors' Enabling Communities Budget. The full report is on the PC's website

5. Chairman's Report - Review of Year

SP spoke about the Community Governance Review being carried out by ESC, and reported that the PC has requested that their number of Cllrs be permanently reduced from eight to seven, which is the current number in situ. She mentioned a proposal from Martlesham PC for a minor boundary change*. She said that during the financial year 2021/22, 9 new Planning Applications were received of which 7 were supported and permitted, 2 objections were submitted of which 1 was refused and the other is still outstanding. An appeal re the former Woodbarn Cottages was refused by the Inspector. The drafting of the revisions to the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) are under way and further consultations will occur with residents and ESC. The PC is not proposing any changes other than those necessary to ensure that the revised Plan continues to meet the strategic objectives of ESC's Local Plan.

SP talked about the tree planting programme and thanked JCJ for his work on this initiative as Tree Warden. A donated Jubilee oak tree will be planted by the Talking Bench in Lower Street at 4pm on 2nd June and residents are invited to attend. Footpath signs in the Parish have had QR plaques attached as part of the Discovering Suffolk initiative and water quality testing in the River Lark from Boot Street bridge has taken place following Woodbridge Town Council's concerns about the Deben.

Thanks were expressed to CH, TH, Martin Cripps and Anthony Sheppard for their commitment to the Speedwatch campaign in the Village. Five lanes have been designated as Quiet Lanes and we are waiting on SCC to erect the poles for the signs. A Jubilee BBQ Party on Sunday 5th June is being arranged in conjunction with LtBPC. The full report is on the PC's website.

**NB. This proposal has now been withdrawn*

6. Community Reports

(a) Village Hall – Peter Prentice presented a report for the Bealings Village Hall Trust. A disruptive year due to Covid was followed by an award of a Bounce-back Grant from ESC for the new chairs and surround sound speakers for the new TV. Working parties of volunteers took place on the Playing Field and Sports Court during the year but contactors had to be called to repair the Huck (spinning net) and the Zip Wire and to clear some overhanging branches. A grant was received from the District Councillors for refurbishment of the Committee Room. Future projects are to replace the guttering/facia, doors and entryway. Appreciation was expressed from the Trustees for the donations from the two Parish Councils. The full report is on the PC's website.

(b) Fynn-Lark News Report – Norman Porter reported on the healthy financial position and mentioned that an additional sub-editor is required. He mentioned the favourable comments received and the frequent increased number of pages in the magazine. Grateful thanks were expressed to advertisers and the Parish Councils for their financial support, and to the commitment and efficiency of the workers with the magazine. The full report is on the PC's website.

7. Any Other Business

RS mentioned that a private contractor is advertising the possible opportunity for villages to have full fibre cables installed to improve broadband speeds. SP said that the PC could not endorse any product or company but could circulate information about this. Elaine Bryce has some details which she will send to us.

Norman Porter spoke about the Pealathon – the ringing of the church bells on 4th and 5th June. He will liaise with CS about advertising it on Facebook. He is also asking people to donate flower arrangements to brighten the church, and is proposing to produce a commemorative book.

8. Questions

There were no questions and the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Signature..... Chairman