

Minutes of Great Bealings Annual Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 8.30pm on Tuesday, 12th May 2015.

Present: Eric Barnett, Colin Hedgley, John Carter-Jonas, Mrs Sally Johnson, Martin Cripps, Paul Norris, Charles Barrington, Anthony Sheppard

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

1. Election of Chairman

Eric Barnett nominated that Charles Barrington stand as Chairman for the following year. This was seconded by Colin Hedgley. The new Chairman thanked Eric Barnett for his past service to the Parish Council. He completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and the meeting continued.

2. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

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 – Colin Hedgley – proposed by Charles Barrington, seconded by Sally Johnson

Footpath Officer – Martin Cripps – proposed by Charles Barrington, seconded by Colin Hedgley

Tree Warden – John Carter-Jonas – proposed by Charles Barrington, seconded by Colin Hedgley

Village Hall Rep – Sally Johnson – proposed by Charles Barrington, seconded by Colin Hedgley

Charles Barrington asked John Carter-Jonas to investigate what powers the PC have regarding trees.

5. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 3rd and 16th March 2015

These were signed as a true record.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Clerk raised the ongoing matter of the quotations regarding the war memorial. Charles Barrington will pursue the contractors for a quotation for both the rebuild and the work required on the plinth.

7. Planning

DC/15/1399/OUT – Land opposite Croft Cottage, Lower Street – Charles Barrington advised Councillors that the PC now has until 26th May to submit comments to SCDC, following the meeting to discuss this on 19th May. He will circulate a copy of the letter sent on behalf of the Action Group.

8. Highways

Two large potholes need reporting to SCC – between Rosery Farm and Birds Hill, Great Bealings and outside Fynn Bridge House, Little Bealings. The Clerk will liaise with Lt Bealings Clerk reading the latter. Martin Cripps asked that SCC be praised for the high quality of the work recently done on Grundisburgh Road and Hasketon Road.

9. Neighbourhood Plan

Charles Barrington said that in future the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group should be circulated to all Councillors. A separate website is being set up and there will be a link to it from the PC website.

10. Finance

The following cheques were authorised, proposed by Sally Johnson and seconded by John Carter-Jonas

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
390	Suffolk Assn of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	123.00
391	Mrs D P Knights	Office expenses	23.49
392	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.05.15)	May salary	132.44
393	HMRC (dated 06.06.15)	May PAYE	33.11
394	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.06.15)	June salary	132.44
395	HMRC (dated 06.07.15)	June PAYE	33.11
396	Little Bealings PCC Fabric Fund	Hire of Angela Cobbold Hall 19.05.15	18.00
397	Bealings Village Hall Trust	Donation	750.00
398	Benefice News	“	150.00
399	Disability Advice Service	“	60.00
400	S.A.R.S.	“	20.00
401	C.A.T.S.	“	20.00
402	Homestart	“	50.00
403	Paul Gardiner	Audit Fee	25.00

Statement of Accounts 2014-2015 and adoption of Annual Return

The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2014/15 were approved by Councillors. Eric Barnett proposed we adopt these and this was seconded by Sally Johnson. The Chairman will sign the Annual Return when he has had time to examine it more closely, as it had only been received back from the auditor on 10th May. The accounts had been internally audited by Mr Paul Gardiner and were now ready for the external auditors BDO Stoy Haywood.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk prepare a simplified statement just showing normal expenditure against the 2014/15 budget.

Cheque Signatories

The present signatories are Eric Barnett, Colin Hedgley and Sally Johnson who have full authority to sign cheques. Dee Knights is also a signatory but only for the purpose of administering the accounts with Santander. It was agreed that these should remain and that Charles Barrington be added as a signatory. The Clerk reported that Santander have on their records an additional unknown signatory of E Lynch. Sally Johnson said that this would have been Emily Lynch who had been on the PC some time ago. It was agreed that this name should be removed with immediate effect.

Precept - The first half of the precept for 2015-16 has been received.

11. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss

12. Any Other Business

None

13. Date of next meetings: 19th May and 7th July 2015

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed
Chairman