

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
(www.greatbealings.co.uk)

**The Annual Parish Meeting of Gt. Bealings was held in the Bealings Village Hall on Tuesday,
12th May 2015 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

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

In attendance, representing the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – Adrian Melrose, James Firebrace, Sue Prentice

Also in attendance: Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council, Mr Norman Porter and 5 residents

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 6th May 2014

The minutes were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Chairman's Report

Eric Barnett announced that this would be his final report as Chairman as he had decided to stand down after 20 years in post. He summarised the work during the year of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, and the work of the volunteers on the Speedwatch campaign. There were several major planning applications during the year. The Parish Council objected to every application in respect of Wood Barn Cottages, but the District Council permitted these. Another objection was made regarding the demolition of Meadow Cottage, but the District Council approved this together with the large replacement dwelling. We proposed several roads in respect of the Quiet Lanes project, but this has now been put on hold by Suffolk County Council for financial reasons.

To conclude, Eric Barnett expressed his thanks to his fellow Parish Councillors and to the Clerks who have supported him over the years during his tenure as Chairman.

5. Neighbourhood Plan

Charles Barrington made a presentation to the meeting on the Neighbourhood Plan which the Working Group has been preparing for two years. He explained that Great Bealings is the first "Other Village" to come before SCDC with a Neighbourhood Plan. The following topics were covered:

- Why write a Plan
- Why is it the right thing to do
- Objectives and scope of the Plan

- What have we achieved
- How do we know it will be supported
- Questionnaire responses
- Strategy and approach
- Landscape Protection Areas (LPAs)
- Local Heritage Assets (LHAs)
- Design guidelines
- Third party validation
- What happens next
- Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats

James Firebrace went into further detail on LPAs and circulated some papers detailing the criteria for the evidence needed. A brief discussion took place including a question and answer session.

6. District Councillor’s Report

In his new role as District Councillor, Colin Hedgley summarised the new political make-up of SCDC with a reduced number of Councillors. He explained that SCDC must make considerable financial savings over the next few years. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council’s website.

7. Other Reports

Benefice Magazine Report – delivered by Norman Porter

Norman Porter gave a comprehensive report on the commercial aspects of the Magazine, together with details of events in the Benefice during the previous year. A full copy of his report is on the Council’s website.

Village Hall Management Committee’s Report – read by the Chairman

Eric Barnett read the report submitted by Margaret Wilson of a very busy year for the village hall, a full copy of which can be viewed on the Council’s website.

12PT, Speedwatch and SAVID

Colin Hedgley summarised the work of the Twelve Parishes Together (12PT) forum, Speedwatch, and SAVID, Full copies of all these reports are also on the Council’s website.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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Chairman