

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Present:** Charles Barrington (Chairman) (CPB), Colin Hedgley (CH), Mrs Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Rob Munn (RM), Martin Cripps (MC)

**In attendance:** Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council plus 2 representatives of The Friends of the Admirals Head

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Anthony Sheppard, Paul Norris and Suffolk County Councillor Robin Vickery (RV)

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

LNPI, District Cllr – CH.

**3. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

These were both approved and signed as a true record.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes**

(i) **Trees, planting etc** – DPK reported that £20 has been received from Suffolk Norse following the litter pick the PC did in the Spring. This money is for the Parish Planters fund. MC reported that the Suffolk Tree Warden Network is supplying 50 new small trees which will be planted before Christmas. The Cranworth Estate has given permission for the planting of 7 new limes on the Avenue of Limes which runs from Boot St Bridge to the Church. Two dead oaks will be replaced on the Millenium Footpath. Funding for the trees and the Parish Planters came from District Cllr Colin Hedgley's Enabling Communities Fund. The balance of this will be utilised in the Spring and some sites have been identified.

(ii) **Water Meadow** – CH advised that no illegal action is taking place. He will check environmental issues related to waste dumping with ESC.

**5. (i) Report by Suffolk County Councillor Robin Vickery (RV)**

No report had been received from RV. MC asked the Chairman to write to the SCC Chief Executive and enquire who else we can approach for support given RV's absence for several meetings.

**(ii) Report by District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH)**

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. CH verbally reported on the new recycling rules for cartons and the recent successful prosecution for dog fouling. He had attended the first Community Partnership Workshop, which will have funding available for local community issues e.g. a help system for lonely residents. He mentioned that the County Ward Boundaries are being reviewed, and the consultation has been extended to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. JCJ will do some research on this matter.

## 6. Planning Applications

- (i) **DC/19/4066/FUL – Rosery Cottage Barn, Lodge Road – Retrospective Application Erection of open-sided lean-to, insertion of 14 x rooflights and 2 x woodburner flues**

The Council **RESOLVED** to strongly object to this application, and to support enforcement action by ESC.

- (ii) There were no other applications

(iii) **Decision Updates :**

DC/19/2700/FUL – Croft Cottage, Lower Street – permitted by ESC

DC/19/3681/FUL – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road – withdrawn by applicant

DC/19/3688/PIP – Land to north of Boot Street – refused by ESC

## 7. Other Planning Matters:

- (i) **East Suffolk Planning Referral Process** – Cllrs had been sent a letter earlier in the year from the Senior Planning Officer at ESC, and this was followed by some further papers circulated by CH. CH emphasised that the PC's decision must be either 'support' or 'object; the phrase 'no objection' will not be taken into consideration. If the PC's views are different to the case officer's, the application will be referred to the Planning Committee.
- (ii) **Town and Parish Council Forum – January 2020** – This will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> January and two PC representatives will attend. Cllrs agreed some items for the agenda which the Clerk will submit.
- (iii) **DC/19/3987/CON – Red House Farm Development, Tuddenham Rd, Ipswich** – CPB drew Cllrs' attention to this application for part of the Ipswich Garden Suburb, which will have potential traffic consequences for Gt Bealings. The PC will not be commenting but individual Cllrs have an opportunity to do so if they wish.

## 8. Highways

- (i) **Boot Street Bridge - Extension to Speed limit**  
SCC has advised that it now supports the PC's case for a lower speed limit eastwards and has provided some initial cost estimates for obtaining the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. CPB had requested some further detailed information so the matter could be discussed tonight, but has not received this. He will follow this up.
- (ii) **SAVID/SID** – An appeal has been received from the Secretary of SAVID for a one-off donation of £100 from each participating parish for the year 2020/21. The current annual payment is £50. This was agreed by Cllrs.
- (iii) **Other Highways** – CH reported that the finger post at the top of Holly Lane has been removed, he will investigate what has happened to it.

## 8. Finance and Admin

- (i) **Insurance Renewal** – CAS have revised the insurance policy to include a set value for assets, avoiding the need to report each individual item. The premium is now for a reduced rate of £180.88 for one year or £171.84 per year for a 3-year undertaking. Cllrs agreed to accept the latter amount.
- (ii) The following cheques were authorised; proposed by MC and seconded by JCJ

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
2001	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	37.03
2002	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.11.19)	November salary	184.23
2003	HMRC (dated 06.12.19)	November PAYE	46.00
2004	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.12.19)	December salary	165.26
2005	HMRC (dated 06.01.20)	December PAYE	41.15
2006	StopIpswichNorthernBypass	Donation	200.00
2007	Lt Bealings PC	Village Sign Insurance	5.16
2008	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Insurance Premium	171.84

- (iii) **Draft Budget 2020/21** – ESC had advised that a precept of £4700 can be requested to reflect a 0% increase on the PC element of Council Tax. However, this was insufficient to meet the PC's expected expenditure next year. Cllrs agreed to a 2.5% increase, which results in a precept of £4820.
- (iv) **Code of Conduct** – AS is working on this and a revised version will be submitted to the Annual Meeting in May. In the meantime, NALC are working on a revised model Code which will be published in June 2020.
- (v) **Other Finance and Admin matters** – The second precept instalment has been received, and the Bank Reconciliation which had been circulated was approved and signed.

## 10 Correspondence

- (i) **Future of Fynn Lark News** – A meeting to discuss this will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> November. CH will be attending and will represent Gt Bealings. It was agreed that he should recommend that FLN continues in its present form
- (ii) **Rough Sleepers** – ESC have requested some figures, CH advised that he has already reported that there are none
- (iii) **Friends of the Admirals Head (FoTAH)**

The Vice Chairman and another representative of the FoTAH presented some financial facts and figures about the efforts which are taking place to raise the finance necessary to put in a bid to purchase the AH. £450K is the amount considered necessary in order for a viable bid to be made. Explanations were provided as to what is involved, including each of the 3 local PCs obtaining a PWLB loan which would be repaid over a number of years. This would entail a referendum to cover all residents.

The representatives then left the meeting and a lively discussion followed. It was agreed that the idea of a referendum would be supported, but several conditions on its format were agreed, including the form of words, the need for each parish to be counted separately, the effect on all rate bands in terms of an increase in precept, and the requirement that a third party should validate the count. Assuming the referendum was supportive, the maximum that Cllrs would support would be a loan of £10,000 repayable over 10 years. These facts will be communicated to the FoTAH and to Lt Bealings PC.

**11. Any Other Business**

CPB reported on the recent spate of burglaries on Lodge Road. The police were aware but have no resources to attend PC meetings and advise as to protective action. Guidance in relation to security of sheds is available on the Suffolk Police website, and CPB commented that battery operated shed alarms and movement sensitive lighting can be purchased at very reasonable cost on the internet.

**12. Dates of Meetings for 2020**

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Meetings in Village Hall  
(NB. The Bank Holiday is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman