

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at
7.30pm on Tuesday, 13th January 2015**

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

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; District Councillor Tony Fryatt;
County Councillor Peter Bellfield

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Krista Robertson, Suffolk Police

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

There were no interests to declare

**3. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 11th November 2014, 25th
November 2014 and 8th December 2014**

These were approved and signed as a true record

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

War Memorial – The Clerk reported some insurance figures received from CAS based on the valuation from F. Masters, Stonemasons. Members felt that the valuation was rather high. There are currently contractors working on the church, and Charles Barrington will ask them to provide a quotation for a complete rebuild of the war memorial next time they working in the area. Paul Norris will provide an estimate for the work on the plinth next week, together with some other names that can also be asked.

5. Reports

Report by District Councillor Tony Fryatt

Cllr Fryatt reported that he is chairing a major exercise concerning Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies, the consultation is in progress and ends on 27th February. Parishes who have, or are preparing Neighbourhood Plans will be treated separately. . In November the Government decreed that for any development under 10 houses, Section 106 payments do not have to be made so SCDC are in the process of paying back some money already collected.

Report by County Councillor Peter Bellfield

Cllr Bellfield reported that SCC have acquired nine more gritters, bringing the total to 39. The Energy for Waste Plant is up and running and was

completed on time and within budget. A Youth Employment Office has opened in Ipswich – the first in the country, to assist 16-24 year olds in getting employment. SCC have put £10million into high speed broadband and are pushing mobile operators to improve coverage in Suffolk. He reported on a letter he had sent recently to the Highways Department, which the Clerk had circulated to Parish Councillors. He especially drew attention to his proposal for a maximum 40mph limit in the villages around the outside of Ipswich. The Chairman asked about speed limits on individual roads if the proposal is not accepted and Cllr Bellfield said that cost is the major obstacle. If the current proposal regarding Quiet Lanes is developed further, it will not be under the auspices of the Rights of Way Committee. However, it doesn't look as if it will go ahead as most of the volunteers have resigned. In reply to Cllr Fryatt's question about Speedwatch, Cllr Bellfield said that the co-ordinator now had an assistant. Great Bealings PC will continue with it.

Police Report

The police reports showed one crime in November and two in December

6. Neighbourhood Plan

The next meeting of the Sub-Committee is on 26th January and an updated timeline has been developed. The next step is bringing together the drafting of the various sections. Charles Barrington mentioned that we have received huge support from SCDC. As yet, he has not been able to clarify whether we lose the balance of funding if we do not spend it by the end of the financial year, he will check on this.

7. Planning

(i) DC/14/4132/FUL – Erection of two storey side extension and alterations – Garrods Hill, Lodge Road, Great Bealings

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Council has no objection to this application, but it was stipulated that the materials used must match the existing.

(ii) DC/14/1941/PN3 – Appeal against refusal of planning permission for conversion of existing former agricultural barn to one residential dwelling and change of use of adjacent curtilage to garden area

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Council objects to this application and maintains the views expressed previously

(iii) Other Matters

The Chairman will circulate to Parish Councillors the document on Site Allocations referred to in Cllr Fryatt's report

8. Highways

The Clerk will write to the SCC Saxmundham office about the lack of adequate drainage at the junction of the B1079 with the Bealings/Tuddenham Road, and also the problem of flooding on the road near Rosery Farm. Martin Cripps reported that the two drainage culverts either side of the humpback bridge on Boot St have still not been emptied.

9. Finance

(i)The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Charles Barrington and seconded by Martin Cripps

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
368	P E Holmes	Web hosting	25.00
369	Cancelled		-
370	D P Knights	Printer Cartridge	8.99
371	D.P.Knights (dated 28 th Jan)	January salary	141.09
372	HMRC (dated 6 th February)	January PAYE	35.27
373	Cancelled		-
374	HMRC (dated 6 th March)	February PAYE	33.11
375	D.P.Knights (dated 28 th Feb)	February salary	132.44

(ii)The budget for 2015/16 that had been circulated was approved; proposed by Colin Hedgley, seconded by John Carter-Jonas

(iii) Precept for 2015/16

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The precept remains unchanged at £4,400; proposed by Colin Hedgley, seconded by John Carter-Jonas

10. Correspondence

New Payscale - Councillors noted the new payscale for the Clerk which came into effect on 1st January 2015.

Transparency Code – The Clerk summarised the requirements of the new draft Transparency Code which is likely to become effective from 1st July 2015.

Emergency Plan – The Chairman has been asked unofficially by a member from Little Bealings PC whether we could produce a joint Emergency Plan. The Clerk will make a formal approach to Little Bealings to ask if they would be interested in doing this.

11. Any Other Business – The Clerk will write to Eric Richardson and thank him for his work in repairing the damaged notice board.

12. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

Signed

Chairman