

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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

**In attendance:** Mrs Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; Suffolk County Councillor Robin Vickery, Eric Barnett, John Midwinter, Regan Scott, Ted Herrington

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

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

Charles Barrington and John Carter-Jonas declared an interest in the Lodge Road access point for the Windfarm works.

**3. To approve the Minutes from the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

These were approved and signed as a true record

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

- **Water Meadow** – The Environment Agency have confirmed that the exemption specified is appropriate, but no registration has been requested. Rob Munn has spoken to the Planning Department at SCDC who are sending an enforcement officer to inspect the site. If the work being undertaken is deemed an engineering project, it will need planning permission.
- **Quiet Lanes** – Robin Vickery will raise this issue at a meeting this week with SCC. Charles Barrington will send him full details of our proposals.
- **Defibrillator** – Colin Hedgley has been successful in securing funding of £1500 from his SCDC Community Budget. The PC expressed their thanks for this funding. This amount is expected to be paid this week, then the defibrillator can be ordered.
- **Trees** – Charles Barrington still has this matter pending

**5. EastAngliaONE Windfarm**

It was agreed that the presentation given by Scottish Power on 6<sup>th</sup> March was unsatisfactory and did not deal with any specific details. As traffic is a critical issue, the PC needs to get its views expressed to SCC urgently, as they are currently liaising with Scottish Power on a Traffic Plan. Robin Vickery will try to arrange a meeting with the SCC Portfolio Holder, James Finch, and a Liaison Group was appointed to take this forward, comprising Eric Barnett, Sarah Carter-Jonas, Rob Munn, John Midwinter, John Wittgreffe, Ted Herrington (representing Playford), and Alan Gamble (representing Lt Bealings). John Carter-Jonas confirmed that he has photographed and videoed all affected roads in Gt Bealings.

Charles Barrington intends to revert back to Scottish Power and request a second, better, presentation at a meeting chaired by the PC, to answer questions specific to our villages, which we will submit to them. He asked all Cllrs and volunteer observers to let him have their own particular questions that they would like covered.

## 6. Reports

### (i) County Councillor Robin Vickery

Robin Vickery reported on the forthcoming County Councillor elections to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May. SCC have finalised their budget for 2017-18 and there will be a 3% rise in Council Tax to cover social care. A further £10 million is to be spent on road surfacing concentrating on preventative rather than reactive work. Education standards are improving due to the “Raising the Bar” initiative. Better broadband is gradually being rolled out by BT.

### (ii) District Councillor Colin Hedgley

Cllr Hedgley’s report had been circulated to Cllrs and covered the following items

- Deben Leisure Centre Redevelopment
- Felixstowe Pier Plaza
- Beach Hut Review Consultation
- Support Armed Forces Day
- New Volunteering Website
- Standards
- Litter Pick
- NHS Equipment

His full report is attached to these minutes.

## 7. Planning

- (i) **Wood Barn Cottages** – The appeal in respect of DC/16/2216 has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector. A new appeal has been submitted in respect of DC/16/3427. A letter detailing the PC’s objections has been sent to the Planning Inspector.
- (ii) Other Planning Matters – Footpath Diversion – An Order has been made by SCDC for diversion of the footpath alongside Meadow Cottage.

## 8. Highways

- (i) **Boot Street Bridge** – Robin Vickery has asked SCC Highways to extend the 30mph speed limit to the Woodbridge side of Rosery Lane. SCC have proposed a priority system at the bridge in favour of westbound vehicles and Cllrs debated which way would be preferable. It was agreed that SCC must inspect the level of traffic on that road at peak times, and that once the extended speed limit is in place, it would be best to not have a priority system, especially given the particular concerns of the residents at the bridge end of Boot Street. Martin Cripps will prepare a letter to be sent from the PC.
- (ii) **Other Highways Matters:**  
 Hasketon Road – Martin Cripps has spoken with Richard Garnham who had already set up meetings with Anglia Water. They have resurfaced and filled in potholes and the rest of the damage will be repaired  
 Junction of Lower St/Kiln Lane – Rob Munn reported the problem of cars parking here. He will write to SCC Highways about this.

## 9. Neighbourhood Plan

The referendum result of 96 voting in favour and 3 against, was a welcome endorsement of the work done by the Working Group and the Parish Council over the last four years. The Plan will now be “made” by SCDC and will become part of the development plan for the district with additional policies specific to the NP area.

## 10. Report on Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Meeting

Rob Munn had attended this meeting held recently by SCC. He has succeeded in getting the Water Meadow in Lower Street added to the Strategic Flood Risk Register.

## 11. Finance and Admin

- (i) The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Martin Cripps and seconded by John Carter-Jonas

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
494	Phil Holmes	Website Hosting Costs	25.00
495	Mrs D.P. Knights	Office Expenses	26.59
496	Bealings Village Hall Trust	Hire of Hall and Committee Room	61.25
497	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.03.17)	March salary	143.83
498	H.M.R.C. (dated 06.04.17)	March PAYE	35.80
499	Mrs D.P. Knights (dated 28.04.17)	April salary	148.94
500	H.M.R.C. (dated 06.05.17)	April PAYE	37.20

- (ii) The Bank Reconciliation was signed by Charles Barrington  
 (iii) Nominated Charities - £150 has been allocated for expenditure next year. It was agreed to keep this in hand against the cost of installing the defibrillator

## 12. Correspondence

- (i) **WW1 Beacons of Light** – Charles Barrington advised Cllrs that the PC has registered to be involved in this event which will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. It will be a joint PC/PCC event.  
 (ii) **Out of Control Dogs** – this is a problem which has been highlighted in the parish and is caused by one individual. Cllrs were advised that if anyone sees this happening, they should contact the Police

**13. Date of next meeting** – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm, immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed .....  
 Chairman