

Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at Bealings Village Hall

Present: Sue Prentice (Chairman) (SP), Colin Hedgley (CH), Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Regan Scott (RS), Caroline Saunders (CS) and Trevor Harris (TH)

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Elaine Bryce (EB)

2. Declarations of Interest

LNPI, District Cllr – CH.

3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying

None

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2023

The minutes were approved for signature.

5. Clerk/Councillor Updates not on agenda:

There was nothing to report on Quiet Lanes or the Grundisburgh Road junction

6. Public Participation Session

No members of the public present

7. Reports by:

(i) **County Councillor Elaine Bryce** – No report was available at the time of the meeting, but was subsequently received and was circulated to Cllrs and is attached to these minutes.

(ii) **District Councillor Colin Hedgley** –

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. CH verbally reported on the new voter ID system for the forthcoming elections and the increase of 2.81% on the ESC portion of Council Tax. He said that the local Speedwatch programme will start again at end March/beginning of April.

8. Planning Applications:

(i) **DC/23/0363/FUL – Seckford Hall** – Demolition of ancillary buildings and the erection of new buildings including a new accommodation block in the sandpit area, a dining hall extension, accommodation lodges and storage buildings, and a new associated landscaped masterplan.

Cllrs thought that this was an impressive and innovative approach which was warmly welcomed. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to support this application.

(ii) **DC/23/0319/LBC – Seckford Hall** – Listed Building Consent – Erection of new dining hall extension and greenhouse

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to support this application.

(iii) **Any other applications** – None

(iv) **Decision Updates :**

DC/22/2330 – Cherry Tree Cottage – application withdrawn

DC/22/3120 – Chalfont – application permitted by ESC

DC/22/4658 – Rosery Farm Cottage – solar panels - application permitted by ESC

DC/22/3705 – Rosery Farm Cottage – swimming pool – still awaiting decision by ESC

9. Other Planning Matters:

(i) Enforcement Matters

ENF/22/0069/USE – Water Meadow, Lower Street – The ESC Enforcement Officer reported that some clearance has been completed but some items remaining. The site will continue to be monitored

(ii) Review of Neighbour Plan

SP reported she had received a positive response from ESC. She will provide an update at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May.

(iii) Neighbourhood Plan Policy Usage Statistics

SP commented that these statistics do not compare whether the PC supported or opposed the application. She will write to the ESC author of the report.

(iv) Consultation on Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document

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There are no comments to be submitted on either of these Consultations

(vi) Other Planning Matters

DC/22/2871/FUL – Retrospective application re domestic treatment plant at Stone Cottage, Lower Street – SP summarised the developments so far regarding this application and outlined the points that the representative of the PC should make in the time available at the ESC Planning Committee on 28th March, in order to continue our objection. A Freedom of Information request has been received for all PC correspondence on this matter which will be dealt with in the statutory 20 working days.

10. Highways and Footpaths

- (i) **SAVID/SID** – JCJ advised that the SID on Lodge Road is still functioning and does appear to have a positive effect on traffic speed

(ii) Footpaths

- (a) **Permissive Licence for Footpath between Little Bealing and Great Bealings** – the Licence for this footpath between the land owner and SCC had expired in 2017 and now the bridge is in need of repair. LtBPC had raised this matter with SCC who have agreed with the land owner to set up a new Licence and repair, or possibly replace, the footbridge which is not safe. In the meantime notices advising of temporary closure of the footpath have been put up at both ends.

- (b) **Other** – FP11 - RS reported that the vegetation on the narrow part in front of Cherry Tree needs cutting back. The SCC Footpath Officer will investigate this to see if this can be included in the annual cutting programme.

FP12 - Four boards of the footbridge over the River Fynn have been replaced, but SCC has declined to take any action regarding the barbed wire, despite complaints from the public.

11. Environmental Issues

- (i) **Trees** – JCJ met with Nigel Rolph who is in favour in principle of planting more trees, but no agreement was made as to where they could be sited. SP suggested JCJ has a word with the representative of Strutt and Parker, Lord Cranworth's agents.
- (ii) **East Suffolk Blooms** – ESC are donating packs of bulbs to community groups, the Clerk will submit an application for the PC

12. May Coronation Event

SP has prepared the poster for this event which will take place on 7th May. SP/SJ will take this forward in conjunction with representatives from LtB in what is a positive sign of joined up working.

13. Finance and Admin:

- (i) **Authorisation of payments** – The following payments were authorised; proposed by SP and seconded by CH

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
-	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	52.13
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.03.23)	March salary	276.11
027	HMRC (dated 06.04.23)	March PAYE	69.00
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.04.23)	April salary	281.24
028	HMRC (dated 06.05.23)	April PAYE	70.30
-	SAVID	Annual payment	50.00
-	Bealings Village Hall Trust	Room hire 2022/23	87.00

(ii) Other Finance and Admin matters

- (a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature
 (b) Other matters - none

14. Correspondence

- (i) **Fynn Valley Walk** .- Following a query from a resident about possible additional shooting near a footpath on Lord Cranworth's farms, the Clerk has been assured by the agents that nothing additional is proposed other than that which is already licenced.
- (ii) **Meet Your MP** – The PC has been invited to hold a virtual meeting with Dr Dan Poulter, however it was decided that there is nothing pressing to be discussed.
- (iii) **Newest Green County Communities Network** – it was agreed not to sign up for these communications
- (iv) **Litter Picking** – The Clerk will arrange with ESC for some plastic sacks and litter sticks

15. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm – Annual Parish Meeting at which refreshments will be provided, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

16. It was agreed to hold the July meeting on Thursday 27th July at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed.....
 Chairman