

# **GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

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**The Annual Parish Meeting of Gt. Bealings was held in the Bealings Village Hall on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Charles Barrington (Chairman) (CPB), Colin Hedgley (CH), Sally Johnson (SJ), Paul Norris (PN), Martin Cripps (MC), Anthony Sheppard (AS), Rob Munn (RM)

**In attendance:** Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council (DPK); Robin Vickery, Suffolk County Councillor (RV), Norman Porter (NP) and 7 residents of the Parish.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from John Carter-Jonas and Margaret Wilson.

### **2. Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising

### **4. County Councillor's Report**

RV itemised the various committees etc that he has been appointed to. He mentioned that he is encouraging the Planting of Oak Trees across the County as a memorial to those who lost their lives in WW1, especially members of the Suffolk Regiment. He reported that he has attended many Parish Council meetings and events and the main concerns he has encountered are issues relating to Highways. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website. CPB advised RV that the PC has had no response to the detailed letter sent to the Highways Engineer in early April regarding the proposed speed limit extension in Boot St. RV said that a new leader of SCC will shortly take up his position and he will be having a personal meeting with him at which he will raise the matter of Boot St. CPB said that the PC will write direct to the new leader stating dissatisfaction that the PC is not even getting a reply to its correspondence.

### **5. District Councillor's Report**

Colin Hedgley spoke about the forthcoming merger of SCDC and Waveney DC. The number of Councillors will be reduced from 90 to 55, and Great Bealings will be in Fynn Valley Ward which will have two Cllrs. He advised that the Adastral Park development is to go ahead, also the re-development of the Melton Hill site and the refurbishment of Deben Leisure Centre is almost complete. MC queried why local contractors were not used in the latter scheme. CH was unable to answer this but will find out. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

### **6. Chairman's Report**

**Review of Year** –Charles Barrington began by expressing his thanks to his Councillor colleagues and to the Clerk for their support during the year. He reported that now the Neighbourhood Plan had been 'made', it is now statutorily a part of SCDC's Local Plan and must

be consulted when planning applications come forward. During the financial year 2017/18 10 planning applications were received of which 4 were approved and 6 objections were submitted. He spoke about the sensitive cases which had been dealt with. He thanked CH for the funding for the defibrillator which is now in place on the outside of the Village Hall. He also covered the Emergency Plan, the Wind Farm project, Boot Street Bridge, Fynn-Lark News, a Parish Care initiative, and the forthcoming Beacons of Lights project on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The full report is on the PC's website.

## **7. Community Reports**

**(a) Village Hall Management Committee** – Charles Barrington read the report submitted by Margaret Wilson of a busy year for the Village Hall which continues to be well used. Current projects include the replacement of the remaining single glazed windows. Bookings for the sports court and Village Hall can now be made via the Lt Bealings Parish website. Appreciation was expressed from the Trustees for the funding for the defibrillator and the donations from the two Parish Councils. The full report is on the Parish Council's website.

**(b) Fynn-Lark News Report** – Norman Porter reported that the magazine continues to thrive and expressed thanks to all the people associated with the production. The main concern is that all these volunteers have no understudies. He would like to arrange a small party gathering for them in the near future. He said that the magazine is now financially stable and the objective of being able to fund a whole year ahead has been achieved. A full copy of his report is on the Council's website

## **8. Boot Street Bridge**

## **9. EastAngliaONE Wind Farm**

These matters had been covered earlier in the meeting, and there was nothing further to report.

**10/11. Any Other Business and Questions** - There was no other business and no questions and the Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signature..... Chairman