

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**The Annual Parish Meeting of Gt. Bealings was held in the Bealings Village Hall on Monday,
16th May 2016 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Charles Barrington (Chairman), Colin Hedgley, Sally Johnson, Paul Norris, Martin Cripps, Anthony Sheppard.

In attendance: Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; Neil Winship, Quiet Lanes Initiative; Eric Barnett; Norman Porter; Rita Drake; Geoff Drake; Will Self; Richard Burgess; Mark Ward; Sue Ward.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from John Carter-Jonas

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 12th May 2015

The minutes were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. County Councillor's Report

Colin Hedgley reported the recent death of Peter Bellfield and advised that he had represented the Parish Council at today's funeral. He summarised the report submitted by County Councillor Christopher Hudson. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

5. District Councillor's Report

Colin Hedgley provided an overview of the SCDC key challenges and achievements for 2015/16, including the Devolution proposals for East Anglia, the sale of Melton Hill, SCDC's new offices, the new Customer Services in local libraries and the continuing free collection of brown bins. He outlined some of the projects supported by the County Councillors' Community Enabling Budgets. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

6. Chairman's Report

- (a) Review of Year** – Charles Barrington announced that Eric Barnett has resigned as a Parish Councillor and he thanked him for his valuable service and support over the many years that he has been both Councillor and Chairman. During the year the Parish Council has reviewed the Standing Orders and all procedures. 21 planning applications were received during the year, 16 of which were supported and 5 objected to. Of these five, two were refused by SCDC. The Neighbourhood Plan is in its final stages, an Emergency Plan is being prepared and the Parish Council is involved in the Quiet Lanes initiative. These items will be covered in more detail shortly.

To conclude, Charles Barrington expressed his thanks to his Councillor colleagues and to the Clerk for their support during the year.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan – This is now at Stage 4 out of 7. Stage 5 is the appointment of an independent examiner and receipt of his report, Stage 6 is the referendum which hopefully will take place in the autumn, and Stage 7 is for the Plan to be formally “made”, at which point it becomes a statutory document. Charles Barrington expressed his thanks to all members on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party for their tremendous input.

(c) Quiet Lanes - Neil Winship gave an interesting presentation explaining the concept of the Quiet Lanes initiative and the features and benefits. It is definitely “pro-walkers” but not “anti-motorist”. If designated as a Quiet Lane, it is easier to impose a Speed Order or a Use Order. It does not change the legal status of the highway but encourages drivers to behave more considerately. SCC are the relevant authority. The following roads have been proposed:

- Seckford Hall Road – from Bird’s Hill to the Seckford Golf Course
- Rosery Lane
- Lower Street
- Hasketon Road
- Grundisburgh Road

Notice will be sent to all residents living along the routes, also to the Fire and Police Authorities. Objections must be received within 21 days.

Support has already been received from some residents of Hasketon Road, and Councillors expressed their own support for this initiative which will be formally discussed at the following Parish Council Meeting

7. Community Reports

(a) Village Hall Management Committee – Dee Knights read the report submitted by Margaret Wilson of a busy year for the Village Hall including several completed and future refurbishment projects for both the Hall and the site. The full report is on the Parish Council’s website.

(b) Benefice Newsletter Report – Norman Porter gave a comprehensive report on the commercial aspects of the Newsletter detailing the financial problems and the actions being taken to resolve them, following some recent meetings. He also outlined some of the plans for the Queen’s 90th Birthday Party Celebrations on 12th June. A full copy of his report is on the Council’s website

8. Great Bealings Emergency Plan

Cllr. Anthony Sheppard reported on the progress made in his preparation of an Emergency Plan for the parish. He outlined man-made risks and talked about natural risks. The Plan will basically be a Risk Assessment with action points and lists of organisations and individuals who can be called on to help in various ways in event of an emergency. People most at risk are the elderly and the disabled. When completed, the Plan will be made widely available and will be published on the Council’s website.

There were no questions or Any Other Business and the Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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Chairman