

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.00pm on
Thursday 23rd September 2021**

Present: Sue Prentice (Chairman) (SP), Colin Hedgley (CH), Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Rob Munn (RM), Caroline Saunders (CS)

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council, Elaine Bryce (EB) – Suffolk County Councillor,

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Regan Scott

2. Declaration of Interest

LNPI, District Cllr – CH

3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying

No declarations

4. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 6th July and 29th July 2021

The minutes were approved for signature.

5. Outstanding Items

- (i) **Talking bench** – SJ advised that the proposed three steps leading up to the bench need concreting in, she will find a local contractor to do this, and also install a handrail. CH confirmed that the money remaining in the Parish Planters can be used for this purpose.
- (ii) **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons** – SP confirmed that the PC would not be having a beacon, but instead a joint celebration event will be organised with Lt. Bealings PC who have nominated a representative for a Steering Group. CS and SJ volunteered to be involved with this.
- (iii) **Community Support Scheme** – DPK reported that Anthony Sheppard is working with St Marys Woodbridge PCC who are taking over the New Horizons Club which will be available to residents of Gt. Bealings

6. Reports:

- (i) **County Councillor, Elaine Bryce** – EB had submitted a report which had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. There were no questions on this. She advised Cllrs that she is on a Policy and Development Panel to discuss fire response times. She asked Cllrs to let her know if they had any feedback on this matter.
- (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 householder who was fined after fly-tipping of black plastic sacks, and complaints that have been made about the cost charged at waste-tips to dispose of rubble – this will not be reduced.

7. Planning Applications:

- (i) **DC/21/3993/FUL – Regency House, Lower Street – Retrospective application for timber outbuilding for storage of garden maintenance equipment**
SP reported on comments received from two residents. The building is on a flood plain and not within the curtilage of the property. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to object to this application on the basis of prospective harm to neighbouring properties and the possibility of environmental pollution.

(ii) **DC/21/4194/FUL – Holywell, Grundisburgh Road – Erection of new fence on front boundary**

It was **RESOLVED** to support this application

(iii) **Decision Updates:**

DC/21/2671 – Brookend – application permitted by ESC

DC/21/3045 – Land next to Lavender Cottage – awaiting decision

8. Other Planning Matters:

A resident has expressed concern about the state of two construction sites in Lower Street. As this is ‘work in progress’ there is no action the PC can take at the moment, but the matter will be kept under observation.

9. Review of Neighbourhood Plan

SP reported that the requested grant has been received and the report by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust is due by the end of September, then the drafting can begin. The money must be spent by the end of March 2022.

10. Highways

- (i) **SAVID/SID** – SP has completed the ANPR form and located a suitable position for the camera but this needs the permission of the nearest householder.
EB reported that she has made enquiries about the possibility of extending the 30mph limit in Lodge Road and has been advised by SCC Highways that it is unlikely to meet the necessary criteria. She will find out what these are and advise the Clerk. A report and speed survey would be needed.
CH attended a Community Partnership meeting on road safety. It was concluded that the needs of small villages are getting swamped by the requirements of larger communities. There will be a further meeting, solely for the smaller villages. It was noted that the inertia from SCC Highways is problematic.
- (ii) **Quiet Lanes** – SP has received a map of where the posts will be which is being progressed by SCC
- (iii) **Other Highways matters** – none
- (iv) **Footpaths** – a resident has reported a problem concerning fly-tipping on bridleways, which have not been actioned by ESC despite having been reported. The PC will also submit a report. The website will be updated with details of how to report fly-tipping.
SP is in communication with SCC about the Discover Suffolk scheme, in which plaques will be attached to fingerposts. A risk assessment must be completed first.

11. Trees:

- (i) **Queen’s Green Canopy**
CS reported on the briefing she had attended with SALC. JCJ has ordered 3packs of 50 trees from the Treewarden’s Network – these are a variety of native trees, and will be planted along Rosery Lane. These come with stakes and guards. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the planting and upkeep. SP reported that Charles Barrington has some self-sown native field maples growing in his garden which can be dug up if anyone would like them. Please contact the Clerk.
- (ii) **Other matters** – none

12. Finance and Admin

(i) The following payments were authorised; proposed by SP and seconded by SJ:

| Chq No | Payee | Description | Amount £ |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| - | Mrs D P Knights | Office Expenses | 63.94 |
| - | Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.09.21) | September salary | 247.56 |
| 005 | HMRC (dated 06.10.21) | September PAYE | 61.80 |
| - | Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.10.21) | October salary | 247.56 |
| 006 | HMRC (dated 06.11.21) | November PAYE | 61.80 |
| 007 | Information Commissioner | Data Protection Fee | 40.00 |
| - | Business Services at CAS Ltd | Insurance Premium | 171.84 |
| - | SALC | CS Training sessions | 60.00 |

(ii) Other Finance and Admin matters:

(a) **Bank Reconciliation** – this was approved and signed

(b) **Other** – none

13. Vacancy for Parish Councillor – There have been no enquiries regarding this

14. Correspondence

(i) **Walking Through History** – Norman Ported has advised that the book will be launched at two open evenings on 27th and 30th October

(ii) Meet your MP events

An invitation has been received from Dr Poulter’s office for the PC to host a virtual “Meet your MP” event. The Clerk will circulate a message via the e-newsletter asking residents if there are any particular issues they would like to raise.

15. Date of next scheduled meeting – Tuesday 9th November.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....
Chairman