

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**The Annual Parish Meeting of Gt. Bealings was held in the Bealings Village Hall on Monday,
8th May 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

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

In attendance: Dee Knights, Clerk to the Council; Rita Drake; Geoff Drake; Phil Holmes, Alun Jones, Sue Prentice, Peter Prentice, Sarah Carter-Jonas, Caroline Saunders, James Firebrace

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Rob Munn, Margaret Wilson and Norman Porter

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 16th May 2016

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Quiet Lanes – This initiative has ground to a halt, as SCC have very little funding for this project. Robin Vickery commented that emphasis is being placed on coastal areas. On his recommendation, the PC will write to David Chenery and invite him to a future Council meeting to discuss our issues.

4. County Councillor's Report

Charles Barrington congratulated Robin Vickery on his recent re-election as County Councillor for the Carlford Division. Robin Vickery reported on how he has spent his Locality Budget and Highways Budget, with an emphasis on speeding in villages but he has also contributed to several defibrillators for villages. He advised that BT have accelerated their programme for rolling out faster broadband in our area. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

5. District Councillor's Report

Colin Hedgley outlined the individual responsibilities of the three District Councillors for the Woodbridge Ward. He provided an overview of the SCDC key challenges and achievements for 2016/17, including the forthcoming Deben Leisure Centre redevelopment, the Cycling on the Prom trial in Felixstowe, and the Walking Festival. He outlined some of the projects supported by his District Councillor's Enabling Community Budget, notably including the new defibrillator to serve both Little and Great Bealings and the 20/20 speed limit in Little Bealings. He advised that his budget has been increased this year. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website. Cllr Hedgley concluded by advising the meeting that SCDC have just announced a series of Local Plan workshops throughout the area for parish representatives to attend and give their views on planning policy and relevant local issues.

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 announced that the Neighbourhood Plan was formally made on 23rd March and is now statutorily a part of SCDC's Local Plan and must be consulted when planning applications come forward. During the calendar year to 31st December, 14 applications were received of which six related to Wood Barn Cottages. Other than the WBC applications, all were approved. Of the six refused, four went to appeal, two were subsequently dismissed by the Inspector and two are still pending. He thanked Colin Hedgley for the funding that has enabled us to purchase a defibrillator to be placed on the outside of the Village Hall, which will happen very shortly. He also covered the Emergency Plan, the current Wind Farm project, the Northern Bypass, the Fynn-Lark News, the Parish care initiative and the PC's plans for the WW1 Beacons of Light event on 11th November 2018. The full report is on the Parish Council'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 including several completed refurbishment projects and a new booking system. 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 – Charles Barrington summarised the report submitted by Norman Porter which gave a comprehensive report on the commercial aspects of the Newsletter detailing the improved financial situation. A full copy of his report is on the Council's website

8. Boot Street Bridge

Charles Barrington outlined the proposals which had been made in respect of a priority system at the bridge, whether one is required at all, and the PC's wish to extend the speed limit. He asked for views from the residents present, so that the PC could make a decision at the Council meeting tonight.

Several residents expressed the view that there should be no priority and a discussion was held about the incident in 2011 involving two cars. SCC have had an electronic traffic monitoring device at the site recently, and it was suggested that it would be useful if they could provide us with a breakdown of the information recorded.

Martin Cripps expressed his dismay that the old bricks from the damaged bridge had not been salvaged, and the appearance of the bridge now is unsatisfactory.

9. EastAngliaONE Wind Farm

An update on this had been given in the Chairman's review. Concern was expressed at the recent incidents in Playford when lorries had not followed the designated routes. The PC are closely monitoring the current activities and will contact Scottish Power immediately anything untoward occurs.

10/11. Any Other Business and Questions - There was a brief discussion about potholes and no questions and the Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signature..... Chairman