

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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The Annual Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Angela Cobbold Hall on Tuesday, 13th March 2012 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr Eric Barnett (Chairman), Mr John Carter-Jonas, Mr Julian Haywood Smith, Mrs Sally Johnson, Mr Paul Norris, Mr Craig Robertson and Mr Robin Sadler.

Also present for the meeting: Mr Tony Fryatt, Mr Peter Bellfield, Mr Philip Watkins, Ms Joanna Young, Mrs Gillian Benjamin (Suffolk ACRE), Mr Norman Porter and 20 members of the public (approx.)

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

At the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman introduced Mr Philip Watkins from Eastern Edge and Ms Joanna Young from Scottish Power Renewables. They had come to the meeting to answer questions on the cable corridor for the East Anglia Offshore Windfarm. Residents from all of the three villages, Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford were interested to learn of the developments which substantially affect them. This second stage of consultation ends on 30th March 2012 however comments will be accepted after this time. A question and answer session took place. For more information go to www.eastangliawind.com.

Next on the Agenda was the review of the Parish Plan and Mrs Gillian Benjamin gave a brief introduction on how we might progress it before a simple brain storming exercise where she asked those present to jot down what topics they would like to see discussed at the meeting scheduled for 25th April 2012. She intended to take these notes away and incorporate them in the presentation for April.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Jenny Shaw

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 15th March 2011

These were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

Signed
Chairman

4. Report from the Village Hall Management Committee

Mrs Jenny Shaw had sent her apologies and asked the Clerk to report that the VHMC was grateful for the contributions received from the Parish Council. They were also pleased to learn that we are holding a Jubilee Street party at the Village Hall and Playingfield. The VHMC gave a special thanks to Mr Eric Barnett for his excellent Quiz evenings and to Mr Robin Sadler for advising on applying Sempatap to improve the warmth at the hall and also for his practical help with draught-proofing. Mr Julian Haywood Smith was thanked for promoting and administering the Sports Court. Thanks was also given to Mr Peter Bellfield, our County Councillor. A more detailed account of the Village Hall Management Committee's report can be viewed on the website.

5. Report from Mr Norman Porter of the Benefice News Team

Mr Norman Porter gave a report on the Benefice Magazine's activities over the year. He reported that this was the 4th year they had accepted advertising to help provide a free magazine for every household. The magazine is also available on-line. Thanks was paid to Mr Tim Llewellyn, their Designer and Mr Phil Holmes for maintaining the email news service. Last year there was a shortfall of £300 approx but this year the finances were looking better. Mr Tony Fryatt suggested that the Suffolk Foundation could offer grants and might be worth approaching about financial help for the Newsletter. A detailed report can be seen at www.greatbealings.co.uk.

6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reflected on the year's activities; a book exchange had been set up in the telephone box book – thanks to Mrs Zoe Firebrace. Mr Robin Sadler has been beaver away on research for a community wind turbine and we are still trying to resolve traffic calming in Boot Street; thanks were due to Mr Paul Norris for his efforts in negotiating with SCC. In addition the Parish Council has dealt with eight planning applications of which Regency House continues to exercise our minds! The Parish Plan is due to be updated and then there is the concern over the proposed cable routing for East Anglia ONE windfarm. Thanks to the Clerk for her continued support and hard work during the past year.

7. County Councillor Peter Bellfield's Report

County Councillor Peter Bellfield reported that it has been a tough year. SCC are on track to save £42 ½ million. 1,400 staff have left the County Council, mainly back line people, very few frontline staff; they anticipate that a further 2,660 staff will be leaving as services are taken over by the private sector etc. No decision has been made yet on mobile libraries. There continues to be a high demand for super-fast broadband – residents are asked to log onto the website www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband.

Signed
Chairman

Mr Paul Norris asked Mr Bellfield if he could lend some pressure to progress the Boot Street traffic calming proposals. Mr Norris felt frustrated that the “goal posts” had been moved - costings have increased. The Chairman thanked Mr Bellfield for his report, a full copy of which can be found on the website.

8. District Councillor Tony Fryatt’s Report

Mr Tony Fryatt confirmed that the District Council had received £186K from central government due to the Council Tax freeze. The situation continues to be very tight however joint working with Waveney District Council is playing a key role in keeping costs down. JHS asked what stage is BT’s application at? Mr Fryatt reported that the latest consultation round on the LDF proposals should take until the end of October 2012.

9. Any Other Business and Question Time

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed
Chairman