

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday 21st May 2007 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	Vice Chairman
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mr Paul Norris	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk
Mr Ivan Jowers	District Councillor

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Geoff Drake
Mr George Rufford

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs Emily Lynch.
The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

The Chairman advised that there was no formal declaration of interest. This was written in the "Declarations of Interest" book.

3. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

There had been 6 nominations for 8 places. It was therefore left to the Chairman to nominate 2 new councillors by co-option. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith was put forward, proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler. The next person for co-option was Mr John Carter-Jonas who was proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr Ken Willcox. Both members then signed the Declaration of Acceptance form which was witnessed and counter-signed by the Clerk, Mrs Sarah Cartwright.

Signed

Chairman

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr Eric Barnett was proposed as Chairman for the forthcoming year by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith; and Mr John Carter-Jonas seconded this proposal.

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith was put forward for the position of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year. Mr Ken Willcox proposed and Mr Eric Barnett seconded this proposal.

Mrs Sarah Cartwright was put forward for the position of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer. Mr Eric Barnett proposed and Mr Ken Willcox seconded this proposal.

In her absence Mrs Emily Lynch was put forward for the position of Footpath Officer. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith proposed and Mr John Carter-Jonas seconded this.

The Chairman said he was happy to carry on as Village Hall Representative. This was proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas.

Mrs Sally Johnson said she was prepared to carry on as Tree Warden. This was proposed by Mr Robin Sadler and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2007

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising from the minutes.

7. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD - PROGRESS

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith gave a report on the parish playing field. The initial stage 1, of installing the zip wire had been completed and stage 2a was now well under way with the ordering and assembling of play equipment for the lower half of the field. Funding was at or about £100k which is two thirds of the total amount needed. The remaining £50k was hoped to come from the Big Lottery Fund and the parishes will know if the bid is successful by the end of July. All in all it was thought the play equipment would be up and running during the school holidays.

Stage 2b, levelling and building the multi-sports courts is also being commissioned now, and will be completed during the Autumn. Stage 3, is subject to the remaining funding. This comprises final landscaping and turfing of the football pitch, the circular bicycle path, and trim trail equipment.

Signed
Chairman

A question was asked from the floor – “What is the position of funding for maintenance/running costs?” Mr Julian Haywood-Smith stated that this had been factored into the funding proposals, with some money already received for this very important aspect. The tennis court element will become an income generator with membership of a club paying to use these facilities. Volunteer members of the two villages were already engaged in overseeing regular inspection of the new equipment, under the supervision of the Village Hall Committee and Project Teams.

8. PARISH PLAN

Councillors were asked to nominate two representatives for the Steering Group. Mr Robin Sadler and Mr Paul Norris were nominated. Mr Robin Sadler was unable to attend the meeting on the 22nd May and for this Mr Julian Haywood-Smith agreed to attend.

9. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

A copy of the Model Code of Conduct along with a “Register of Member’s Interest” was given to each of the Councillors to complete and read. In the mean time the Model Code of Conduct was adopted. Proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

10. FINANCE

The following cheques were authorised:-

£20 CATS
 £20 Grundisburgh News
 £20 SARS
 £20 Benefice News
 £250 Village Hall Management Committee

Council were advised that the Clerk’s salary will go up by 3% approx though NALC had not yet released the exact pay scale. A cheque for £407.64 was then signed for the Clerk’s salary for 3 months. This was proposed by Mr Paul Norris and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler.

The Statement of Accounts for 2006/07 were signed and approved. Approval of the Annual Return was proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

Signed

Chairman

11. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from SCC stating it's opposition to the Unitary Council for Ipswich. It was agreed to write and support the County Council's view on this.

A letter had been received from Suffolk Coastal Services who were, once again, rallying people to do a "Litter Sweep" – Litter Action – Spring Clean Suffolk 2007. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith said he still had some black bin liners from the litter sweep last year. Councillors were assigned parts of the village to pick up the litter.

A letter had been received from East of England Regional Assembly inviting a Councillor to attend a "Regional Gypsy and Traveller Public Engagement Event". Although interest was expressed no one was able to attend this event on 29th May.

C07/0175/FUL 1 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6NX. Erection of 2-storey side & rear extensions.
Permission has been granted by SCDC.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sergeant Debbie Lydford gave a report on behalf of WPC Vic Gilmore. This report outlined that there had been 8 crimes, 2 of which were detected. It also gave a new telephone number. To report a crime please call 01986 835300. For an emergency always call 999. For a copy of this report please contact the Clerk.

Mrs Sally Johnson mentioned that the hedge around the war memorial needed cutting back. The Clerk was to look at the roster to see whose turn it was to carry out this task.

The Clerk was asked to get in touch with SCC re the 40mph limit from Rosery Lane to the hump backed bridge in Boot Street. At the same time a critical comment was made over the speed some buses were driven on the roads in the parish.

Mr Paul Norris pointed out that the work on the corner of Grundisburgh Road has had a detrimental visual impact on the surrounding area. The Clerk was asked to write to the Council to see if they were responsible for the work.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next Meeting will be held on 16th July 2007 in Bealings Village Hall.

Signed
Chairman