

Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at the Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 14th January 2014.

Present: Mr Eric Barnett, Mr John Carter-Jonas, Mr Martin Cripps, Mr Julian Haywood Smith, Mr Colin Hedgley, Mrs Sally Johnson and Mr Paul Norris.

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council, District Councillor Tony Fryatt and PCSO Justin Moss

1. Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Peter Bellfield

2. Declaration of Members' Interests in any items on this Agenda

There were no declarations of interests.

3. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 12th November and 4th December 2013

These were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes of 12th November 2013

None

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Eric Barnett asked about commemorating the outbreak of the First World War? He has discussed this with Norman Porter who feels there ought to be something done as a Benefice under the auspices of the Church towards the end of July. Cllr Fryatt mentioned that grants are available for the Centenary and he will send details to the Clerk. The concrete base of the War Memorial is cracked and needs repairing, perhaps this is something that the grant money could fund.

5. Report by District Councillor Tony Fryatt

Cllr Fryatt reported that SCDC are still discussing budgets. The Spa Pavillion in Felixstowe still has no buyer a year after being put up for sale. The planning application for Sinks Pit, Little Bealings as a commercial vehicle and plant hire operator really has nothing about it which one could object to and in terms of planning policy it is an acceptable site.

Signed
Chairman

There is to be a judicial review for Adastral Park in the coming week. The up shot of the meeting on Localism before Christmas is that SCDC are trying to stimulate initiatives and activities in the community. To this end Cllr Fryatt has been given a Localism budget of £4,000 (£2,000 of which must be spent before April) which we can apply for. Sally Johnson suggested that it might be worth applying for a grant for storage facilities at the Village Hall. There were no questions for Cllr Fryatt.

6. Report by Police

PCSO Justin Moss having emailed his report before the meeting highlighted the main points:- in December there were two thefts reported at Seckford Hall; the mobile police station's next visit to the village is on 4th February 2014 and one speed check has been carried out along Boot Street in January. There were no questions for PCSO Justin Moss.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported that he and Charles Barrington will be meeting with Sunila Osborne from Community Action Suffolk on Monday next week (20th January). They will be discussing the results from the Housing Needs Survey and in particular the need expressed for 3 or 4 affordable houses in the village.

Charles Barrington, as Secretary of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, has asked the Parish Council if they support the commissioning of a full ecological survey of Great Bealings by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The cost should not exceed £2,000. Colin Hedgley supported this proposal, seconded by Julian Haywood Smith. It was **RESOLVED**

- To inform Charles Barrington that the Parish Council support the commissioning of a Report at a cost not exceeding £2,000.

8. Planning

1 & 2 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road

SCDC have approved these plans.

There was a discussion about this application exercising it's Permitted Development Rights once again and Cllr Fryatt reported that SCDC are being criticised for seeking to remove Permitted Development Rights hence the success of this application once again. Paul Norris said that it sets an unfortunate precedent for Planning in the village.

Signed
Chairman

Woodend, Grundisburgh Road

This planning application has been withdrawn whilst a tree survey is carried out.

9. Highways

The new Notice Board is in place and the “Think 30” stickers have been distributed in Boot Street; thanks to Colin Hedgley for organising this. Malcolm Gooch will be delivering more Speedwatch forms this week. Derek Oldham of SCDC Highways has been given the green light from the Environment Agency for works to the bund in Boot Street. He will let us have a firm cost for the work and the Chairman will then discuss this with the residents of Lower Street who will be asked to fund the works.

Councillors raised concern over the condition of part of Woodbridge Road (200 yards approx. past the junction with Rosery Lane). There have been two accidents at this spot (neither which have been reported to the police) and it is reported that the deteriorating condition of the road edges has contributed at least in part to these accidents. The Clerk was asked to advise the Highways Department as a matter of urgency.

10. Standing Orders

The Model Standing Orders were adopted.

11. New Councillors/Clerk

The Clerk’s resignation was received and it was **RESOLVED**

- To advertise the vacancy in the Benefice Newsletter

It was also **RESOLVED**

- to advertise for a new Councillor

12. Finance

i. Reporting/Authorisation of cheques.

Cheque No 308	£55.90	K. Isaaks (Think 30 stickers)
Cheque No 309	£18.00	Hire of Angela Cobbold Hall
Cheque No 310	£496.00	J. Hearle (New Notice Board)
Cheque No 311	£481.16	S. Cartwright (Salary)
Cheque No 312	£48.99	P. Holmes (web hosting/domain reg)
Cheque No 313	£9.62	“Great Bealings” Parish sign

Signed
Chairman

13. Any Other Business

Paul Norris raised the point that the clause in the Standing Orders which states that a Councillor cannot be present either in his own right as a parishioner or in his right as a Councillor if he/she has an interest in a matter such as a planning application of a neighbour.

14. Date of next meeting: 11 March 2014

The meeting ended at 9pm

Signed
Chairman