

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in Bealings Village Hall at 7.15pm on Monday 6 September 2021

Present:

Mr I Ransome (Chairman), Mr M Garnham, Ms D Head and Ms H Saagi

In attendance:

Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Colin Hedgley and the Reverend Gary Jones.

1. Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

The Chairman advised of the resignation of Dr C Hopkins on 5 September 2021.

Apologies were received from Mr D Hunter who was away on business and Mrs M Wilson for health reasons. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence.

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

2. Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 July 2021

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of this meeting.

4. Clerk and Councillors' Updates

The Chairman reported that:

- he had attended the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) AGM on 29 July, where the main speech had been about the delivery of the Covid19 vaccination programme in the county. There was a vacancy on the SALC board. He would attend the next SALC East Area meeting on 30 September.
- in view of Dr Hopkins' resignation he would also attend the next East Suffolk Council (ESC) Community Partnership meeting on 11 October.

Ms Saagi reported that the SALC cyber security event she had planned to attend had been cancelled due to low interest.

The Clerk reported:

- Anglian Water had surveyed The Street in respect of the installation of the new sewer and had written to residents in the area.
- A decision was still awaited from the War Memorial Trust in respect of a works grant. The PCC was applying for a Faculty.
- No further information had been received from the Angela Cobbold Hall Trustees about the request for a grant and it was understood that sufficient funds for the project had been secured from other grants and donations.
- The resident who had been the Village Recorder for virtually 50 years had resigned and the Suffolk Local History Council had sought the Council's assistance in finding a replacement. The position would be advertised.

5. Planning

5.1 Policy: Neighbourhood Planning

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- as no Councillor was able to undertake the role of chairman of a Steering Group the Chairman be authorised to approach others outside the Council to undertake the role.

5.2 Update on Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority, Previous Applications and Enforcement Matters

DC/21/1698/TPO Work/Felling of Trees – The Chestnuts Martlesham Road

DC/21/2402/FUL: Construction of a three bay cartlodge - Pipits Hill Martlesham Road

DC/21/2505/FUL: Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access - Former High Rigg Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (renewal of DC/18/2610/FUL)

DC/21/2223/FUL: Construction of a one and a half storey rear extension - Four Winds The Street

DC/21/2524/FUL Construction of self build 3 bedroom detached dwelling at No 1 Holly Lane

ESC had approved these applications.

DC/21/1714/FUL: Proposed erection of 1No. new residential dwelling with attached garage – Land north of Martlesham Road and adjacent to The Old School House Martlesham Road

ESC had advised that it intended to approve this application.

The last two applications had prompted the Council to ask ESC to explain the basis for the approvals, including the application of SCLP5.4 to the parish, and an officer had been invited to meet with the Council. A response was awaited.

It was noted that the outcome of a survey carried out by Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, into the level of satisfaction among local parish councils with planning application decisions made by ESC, would be considered at a SALC Joint Area Forum meeting to be held on 21 October and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Chairman attend the Forum on the Council's behalf.

SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund - Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

This application would be considered at a Planning Committee meeting on 23 September and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Chairman would represent the Council at that meeting.

Enforcement

The Council had raised an enforcement matter with SCC, in respect of the replacement of concrete batching plant at Sinks Pit. SCC Cllr Elaine Bryce advised that she had raised the matter with a Cabinet member. It may be that the development also fell under the remit of ESC.

Appeals

AP/21/0026/REFUSE: Appeal against decision of ESC to refuse planning permission for change of use of a vacant public house to residential use - The Admiral's Head, Sandy Lane

AP/21/0017/LAWFUL: Appeal against decision of ECS to refuse Certificate of Lawful Use - The Chestnuts Martlesham Road Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LX

The dates for final appellant comments for both applications had expired, but no determination dates were given on the Planning Inspectorate website.

Applications

DC/21/3584/FUL: Erection of a 4 Bay Garage - Bealings Holt Martlesham Road

DC/21/3402/FUL: Erection of garage - The Chestnuts Martlesham Road

The Council had determined responses to consultations on these applications under delegated authority and had not objected to the proposed developments.

Sizewell C Potable Water Consultation

The Council had determined to join other parish councils in signing a joint response to the consultation under delegated authority, expressing deep concern about the potable water supply.

DC/21/1010/VOC Variation of Condition No(s) 3 on application DC/15/5055/FUL - Change of use in Kesgrave Quarry from mineral use to associated parking and access routes for adjacent Trucks R Us Headquarters

DC/21/1079/VOC Variation of Conditions 6, 7, 8 & 10 of DC/19/2666/FUL - Construction of 2 No. new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment. - Variation to operating hours. Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Kesgrave

DC/21/1471/VOC Variation of Conditions 4 and 22 of DC/15/4908/FUL- Erection of new headquarters building for vehicle hire operator comprising workshop, offices, associated parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage, workshop and sales of vehicles and machinery (revised scheme to DC/15/2107/FUL and DC/14/4251/FUL) - Variation to operating hours. Sinks Gravel Pit Main Road Kesgrave

The site visit had been carried out and the Chairman would represent the Council again when the applications returned to ESC Planning Committee for determination.

6. Reports from Local District and County Councillors

These reports had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting and various items were highlighted by the District and County Councillors. The reports would be published online.

7. Highways

7.1 Speed Data for Playford Road

Data for speed checks carried out in 2017 and 2020 had been received as a result of a Freedom of Information request made to Suffolk Police with the assistance of SAVID. It was noted that there had been an increase in the number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mr Garnham would consider with SAVID whether the data would assist with obtaining more speed enforcements visits.

7.2 Use of Speed Indicator Device (SID) in The Street

The SID had been used at two locations during August and the perception was that it had slowed traffic. The data showed a top speed of 45mph by one vehicle. It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Garnham:

- keep the padlocks and post extensions needed for the device installation between uses in the parish and raise a security installation issue with SAVID and SCC
- ask SAVID if the SID use rota could be altered so that it was in the parish during School termtime

7.3 Automatic Number Plate Recognition Scheme

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Council would apply to join the Scheme for one site within both the 30mph and the 20mph zones and Mr Garnham would discuss the best sites for the application with SCC

7.4 Deer Caution Signage for Martlesham Road

Ms Bryce advised that she was awaiting costings for signs from SCC officers, with a view to funding installation from her budget allocation.

7.5 ESC Road and Traffic Safety Workshop

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that either the Chairman or Mr Garnham would attend this ESC Community Partnership initiative on 16 September.

7.6 Footpaths

The Chairman advised of the Footpath Wardens' report on work carried out on public footpaths and it was **RESOLVED**:

- that, due to reports of dog fouling on various routes, small signs be purchased for attaching to signposts/waymarker posts to remind owners to clear up after their dogs.

7.7 Sand Spreading in The Street

It was noted that Mr Finch had confirmed that he would be able to do this again this winter for the Council, if required by the weather.

8. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Ms Saagi represent the Council in discussions with Great Bealings Parish Council about a joint event to be held at Bealings Village Hall to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

9. Finance

9.1 Review of Banking Arrangements

It was noted that the standing order had been set up and the direct debit was in hand, but a response from Barclays Bank about a Savings Account was still awaited. It may be that an option of quarterly cheque payments for PAYE would be more expedient than direct debit, meaning that after the September payment, the next payment would be due in January (for the third quarter of October, November and December).

9.2 Internal Control Report for the First Quarter

It was noted that this had been carried out by Mr Hunter and no issues had arisen.

9.3 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

There was no income. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred, leaving a current account credit balance of £3208.21:

S111 and S112 LGA 1972:

- Clerk's net salary for August 2021: £338.99
- Clerk's expenses: £17.04
- Pay As You Earn (PAYE) for August: £84.60
- Clerk's net salary for September 2021: £338.99
- PAYE for September: £84.60
- Clerk's net salary for October 2021: £338.99

S111 LGA 1972:

- Business Services at CAS Ltd: Insurance Premium: £154.28

- that, as requested by one of the Footpath Wardens, a strimmer head be purchased for the Council's brushcutter if necessary
- that the Council's annual subscription to Zoom be renewed at a maximum cost of £150 plus vat

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be at 7.15pm on Monday 1 November 2021 in Bealings Village Hall and would need to comply with any 'Covid secure' requirements for attendance in place at that time. If necessary as a result of business to be transacted, a meeting would also be held on Monday 4 October.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.03pm. The Chairman thanked those who had attended the meeting.