

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 7 April 2025

Present:

Cllr I Ransome (Chairman), Cllr C Cheeseman, Cllr P Carr, Cllr H Saagi, Cllr M Wilson and Cllr M Garnham

In attendance:

Miss W Cook, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

Two residents/members of the public (for part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Price, County Councillor Elaine Bryce and District Councillor Colin Hedgley

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest in Matters on the Agenda and Dispensation Requests

A declaration of interest was made as follows:

Cllr H Saagi: Other Registrable Interest as Trustee of Bealings Village Hall in Agenda item 9.1 request from Village Hall trustees for CIL money for new blinds

Cllr M Wilson: Other Registrable Interest as Trustee of Bealings Village Hall in Agenda item 9.1 request from Village Hall trustees for CIL money for new blinds

3. Public Participation Session

A Resident spoke on the following item:

DC/25/0972/ARM|Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/24/0689/OUT - Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - New single family dwelling with associated amenity space and car parking space Grove Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LT

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 March 2025

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the minutes of the meeting as drafted.

Cllr C Cheeseman proposed to remove Item 6 from the agenda as recent incoming correspondence had not been reviewed by all councillors. It was felt that the Parish Council needed more information from the School as to what the role involved before the Parish Council considered this request. This was agreed by all.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to remove Item 6 from the Agenda and for the Clerk to write to the school for more information

5. Updates from Clerk and Councillors

5.1 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group

Cllr I Ransome attended the meeting and reported that East Suffolk Council Environment Protection were re-evaluating the original noise abatement notice and whether a second investigation is required due to complaints arising from the west of the site.

The Work of the Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group is coming to an end and ESC EP would like complaints to be handled as 'business as usual'. However, not all complaints are received directly to TRU for immediate investigation. Cllr I Ransome suggested that a separate entry into the Fynn Lark News would remind all local residents on how to report complaints and that this would possibly be a joint LBPC/TRU entry. It would also be useful if ESC EP contributed to this entry.

5.2 Sizewell C Transport Forum

Cllr I Ransome raised questions about the level crossing in Little Bealings that is due to be closed during November, December 25 and January 26 and how this will impact the Village. Included in the Sizewell rail project there is an option to build an acoustic barrier along the line behind properties in Martlesham Road and Beacon Lane. The Parish Council were not informed of the original planning application for this and were not invited to comment.

The Sizewell C Project does not include work on the Little Bealings level crossing or track. Network rail has not said what works they intend to do during the closure. Cllr I Ransome will attend the next meeting.

5.3 Deben Climate Centre

Cllr I Ransome spoke with a representative at the Deben Climate Centre who test the water quality in the rivers Fynn and Lark and their latest report has been circulated. He asked if the Parish Council were interested in getting involved? Cllr C Cheeseman said that he believes that the water quality varies depending on how much rainfall there had been. The Parish Council did not feel a presentation was required.

5.4 Devolution

There is now lots of information coming through to the Parish Council about Devolution. Cllr I Ransome said that SALC are due to publish some more user-friendly information that could be used on the Parish Council website and that they are going to send out a questionnaire.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Cllr I Ransome and the Clerk would fill out the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council

5.5 Clerk's Forum

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council will be liable to Employers National insurance from the start of the new financial year. She is due to start her CILCA course on 16 April.

6. Item Removed from Agenda

7. Neighbourhood Plan

A draft copy of the Neighbourhood Plan had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr H Saagi reported that the Angela Cobbold Hall had been booked for the 10th of May and that the eight-week consultation period will begin.

It was **RESOVLED**:

To accept the Draft Neighbourhood Plan once the minor corrections had been made

8. Planning

8.1 Applications

DC/25/0753/FUL|Construction of rear single storey flat roof extension, single storey flat roof porch and remodeling of bay to front. Minor internal alterations.|The Weald Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the development

DC/25/0972/ARM|Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/24/0689/OUT - Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - New single family dwelling with associated amenity space and car parking space. DC/25/1046/FUL| Retrospective Application - temporary siting of caravan/mobile home during building operations for a period of 1 year |Grove Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LT

The Parish Council agreed that the new plans for this development were much improved.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That there was no objection to the development

8.2 Update on Applications

Cllr I Ransome reported that the development at Woodside, Martlesham Road is due to go to the referral panel on 8 April

DC/24/4508/DRR (Discharge of Requirement 39 (Rail Noise Mitigation Plan) of Sizewell C Development Consent Order| Rail Noise Mitigation Plan East Suffolk Line Little Bealings To Sizewell Suffolk).

The Parish Council had not been consulted on this application. A new access road has been built to the site, however the Parish Council has been unable to ascertain who is using the site and for what purpose?

It was **RESOLVED**:

- Cllr I Ransome will follow up with East Suffolk Council Planning

9. Finance

9.1 CIL Request – Village Hall

Cllr H Saagi and Cllr M Wilson left the meeting in accordance with their declaration of interest.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council were happy to approve £1968 for the new blinds/curtains from CIL money

Cllr H Saagi and Cllr M Wilson returned to the meeting.

9.2 CIL – Notice Board

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council were happy to approve the use of CIL money for new notice boards. And that the Clerk will write to the property owner to get permission to change the notice board on the wall in The Street.

Exclusion of the Public

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to exclude the public from the meeting for consideration of part of the next item in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Standing Order 3d and S1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960: under the Data Protection Act 1988 the Council has obligations as to how it uses personal data

10. Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer contract of employment

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Left the meeting.

After the public and Clerk had returned to the meeting it was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council has increased the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer hours from 6 per week to 7.5 from 1st April 2025.

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer returned to the meeting

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 12 May 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.05pm.