

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7pm on Monday 1 September 2025

Present:

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

In attendance: Wendy Cook, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Colin Hedgley, Cllr Ben Evans (Chairman Playford Parish Council) and 4 residents/members of the public (for all/part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. Apologies for Absence

- There were no apologies for absence

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

- There were no declarations of interest made

3. Public Participation Session

- A resident spoke about item 10, Tree Warden
- A resident spoke about item 12. dog waste bin and objected to having a waste bin installed in Sandy Lane
- Cllr Ben Evans spoke about Devolution and reported that the subject is on the agenda at the next Playford Parish Council meeting on 3 September and that Cllr Dan Clery and Cllr Colin Hedgley would be in attendance to answer questions.
- A resident asked the Parish Council if Devolution could be included on a future agenda for the next meeting.

4. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 7th July 2025

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meetings as drafted.

5. Updates from Clerk and Councillors

5.1 ESC Community Partnership

Cllr Carr was unable to attend the last meeting

5.2 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr H Saagi reported that the Hall has now been redecorated and that the new blinds are due to be installed. She also told the Parish Council that the recent fete had been a success.

5.3 SAVID

Cllr M Garnham reported that the next meeting is due to be held on the 11th September. Some data has been from the SID and it looks like the speed of traffic through the village has seen a decrease.

5.4 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group

Cllr I Ransome reported that the next meeting will be held on the 18th September (this will be an in-person meeting and not held online as previous meetings) An article has been published in the Fynn Lark News about Sinks Pit and the complaints procedure to TRU.

5.5 Town & Parish Planning Forum

Cllr C Cheeseman and the Clerk attended the last Town & Parish Planning Forum, there was a talk about the importance of having a tree warden. This was followed by an interesting presentation about Sizewell and the new developments throughout Suffolk that relate to Sizewell.

6. Local District and County Councillors' Reports

County Councillor Elaine Bryce spoke about Westerfield Quarry and the recent planning application. She also mentioned new and improved bus services coming to the area. Cllr Bryce also reported on the new council boundary proposals, stating that she was not in favour of Suffolk being split into three council areas. This would see Little Bealings and surrounding villages being grouped together with Ipswich and be known as South Suffolk. The District and Borough have not released any information as to what impact these proposed changes will have on council tax rates. (for Cllr Bryce's full report – www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported that a planning application for Westerfield Quarry is now available on the Suffolk County Council's website and that you don't have to live in Westerfield if you wish to send in an objection. He also reported that there have been a few missed bin collections recently and that if your bin had not been collected correctly then you should report this to Customer Services at East Suffolk Council. He also mentioned that there have been some dangerous trees and over hanging branches that have caused issues. Cllr Hedgley also gave his opinion on having a Unitary Authority. He is not in favour of three unitary councils and does not agree that Little Bealings should fall under Ipswich in the future and will be voting against it. He said that there is more information on one unitary authority on the Suffolk County Council website "One Suffolk" and the plans for the three system unitary authorities are on the East Suffolk Council website "Shaping Suffolk Together". He said that he will be talking about this subject more in future meetings. (for Cllr Hedgley's full report – www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to include Devolution on the next agenda and to consider responding to upcoming public consultation on the subject, possibly in co-operation with Playford and other Parish Councils as views aligned

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications

None Received

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

The following applications have been approved:

DC/25/2022/TPO|1no. Beech (T1 on plan) - Crown raise to 5 metres and crown thin by 15%|Magna House Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX

The following applications are Pending Consideration:

DC/25/2736/FUL | Retrospective Application - Proposed detached 2 bay cart lodgeThe Chestnuts Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX

DC/24/2759/FUL | Proposed extensions & alterations. (ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space proposal) | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (Previous application DC/21/4162/FUL valid until 2 November 2024)

The following application has been withdrawn:

DC/25/2549/FUL | Re-alignment of existing access driveway, associated landscape/hedgerow modifications Land To The South Grove Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk

The following application has been appealed:

DC/23/2095/VOC: Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage - Change approved drawings to reflect amendments to design | Woodside Martlesham Road

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of East Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage

Enforcements:

DC/21/4162/FUL | Woodside Martlesham Road

A site visit has been completed by ESC Enforcement regarding the potential use as a builder's yard. However, at this time there is no update

8. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr H Saagi reported that they were going through the many comments made during the consultation period and stated that most of the comments received were favourable. She also stated that cost of completing the Neighbourhood Plan had all been paid and that no further costs would be incurred.

9. Emergency Plan

Cllr C Cheeseman reported that a draft Emergency Plan had been completed by the working party and circulated to Councillors. This still requires more work, including a list of main contacts.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Clerk would write a piece for the Fynn Lark News asking for volunteers who have equipment or skills that could help in the event of an emergency in the village.
- And that there should be a list of vulnerable residents included, so that they could be offered help quickly if required. (Any lists held by the Parish Council would have to comply with data protection).

10. Tree Warden

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Colin Hopkins and Francis Mutimer would become the Tree Wardens for Little Bealings

11. Meeting with Patrick Spencer MP

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Cllr C Cheeseman would arrange for the Parish Council to host a meeting for Patrick Spencer MP with local residents on 11th November 2025, 6-7pm.

12. Dog Waste Bin

Following on from comments received about having a dog waste bin located in Sandy Lane where the road meets footpath meets footpath 2

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council did not feel there was a need to have a waste bin at the end of Sandy Lane.

The Landowner of the second location in Michael's Mount has agreed that a waste bin can be sited at this location.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Clerk would find out some more information from East Suffolk Council to see how far down the footpath this could be placed and to also write to the neighbours of where the proposed bin would be located.

13. Westerfield Quarry

Correspondence had been received from the Westerfield Stop the Quarry Campaign.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council was not in a position to support the Campaign financially, however if people wished to object to the development then they should make comment on the Planning application.

14. Insurance Renewal

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That as there was no increase in premiums to renew the insurance again with Zurich

15. Noticeboard

The Parish Council has received a number of quotes and options for replacing the noticeboard, however because of the size of the pillar the board will need attaching to is not a set size nothing 'off the peg' will fit.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to make enquiries to see if the existing noticeboard could be renovated.

16. Highways

16.1 Highways

Nothing to report

16.2 Footpaths

The Footpath that runs from Playford Mount to Holly Lane has been ploughed and is impassable. This has been reported to Suffolk County Council, ref 00532597

Footpath Wardens have reported an issue with Footpath 11 adjacent to Hall Road. The path is very overgrown and is virtually impassable. This was reported to Suffolk County Council on 17/8/25 (ref 00531268). This footpath is on the cutting schedule for twice a year but has not been completed at all this year.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to chase Suffolk County Council to see when the work would be completed.

17. Finance

17.1 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Approval of Finance Schedule

There has been no income received

Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's Net Salary for July 2025: £566.40 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
- Clerk's net salary for September 2025: £660.00 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order) – this includes national pay award and back pay

- Clerk's net salary for October 2025: £585.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
- Zurich Insurance: £300
- PFK: £315 + £63 Vat
- Ian Ransome, Expenses: 84.99
- Wendy Cook, Clerk's Allowance: £312
- Internal Audit: £25
- SAVID: £50.00

17.2 Savings Account

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to set up a new savings account with Barclays

17.3 Payment for Internal Auditor

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For payment of £25 be made for the Internal Audit

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 3 November 2025 in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 6 October 2025, if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.54pm.