

## **Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall at 8.20pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

### **Present:**

Cllr C Cheeseman (Chairman), Cllr I Ransome, Cllr K Price, Cllr M Wilson and Cllr P Carr  
In attendance: Wendy Cook, Clerk to the Council

### **Also present:**

Suffolk County Councillor Elaine Bryce, District Councillor Colin Hedgley, and 8 residents/members of the public (for all/part of the meeting)

The Chairman welcomed those present.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr H Saagi (Vice Chairman) who was on Holiday and Cllr M Garnham who was unwell

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apology 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 the closure of Boot Street in Great Bealings and the knock on affect it was having on Holly Lane.

The applicant spoke about item 7.1 DC/26/0103/FUL Galleon House Martlesham Road Little Bealings IP13 6LX, Rear extension creating orangery with bar and dining space, internal modifications to create larger kitchen and additional toilet. External addition of an outdoor kitchen with landscaping and fire pit. Explaining the need for the works

### **4. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 5 January 2026**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to approve the minutes of the meetings as drafted.

### **5. Updates from Clerk and Councillors**

#### **5.1 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group**

Cllr M Garnham attended the last meeting. Cllr I Ransome reported that there were still noises coming from the site, however these are new whining noises. East Suffolk Council have installed noise monitoring equipment in a property near to the site and the results from this will be available to the Sinks Pit CLG. Rebecca Brooks, Principal Environmental Protection Officer at East Suffolk Council, explained that the Noise Abatement Notice had been withdrawn as the original 'wall of sound' that came from the site is no longer there.

However, she is aware of other sounds coming from the site and will keep monitoring the situation.

### **5.2 ESC Community Partnership**

Cllr Carr reported that the next meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **5.3 Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr M Wilson reported that the Pop up Pub due to happen in March had been moved to April

### **5.4 SAVID**

Cllr M Garnham was absent from the meeting so no report.

### **5.5 Clerk Update**

The Clerk spoke about Assertion 10 and is on track to complete her CiLCA course within the time frame.

## **6. Local District and County Councillors' Reports**

District Councillor Colin Hedgley noted we are still awaiting a decision about the Planning Application for Westerfield Quarry and that the application will not be considered by Suffolk County Council's Development & Regulation Committee before the County Council elections on 7th May. On Devolution, the plan to postpone the County Council elections has now been reversed and these will take place in May 2026. That will have a knock-on effect for the District Elections. The new Local (District) Councils will be in place from May 2028. The Mayoral Election should take place in 2028. Of course anything could change. Planning is undergoing some major changes from this government with the aim of speeding up the delivery of new homes. East Suffolk has had their built homes figure increased from 905 to 1660. Cllr Hedgley also spoke about Planning Enforcement. 2026 will see the introduction of a new bin collection system. Little Bealings should start receiving the new style bins at the end of March. The details can be viewed on the East Suffolk Website. Just enter Better Recycling. He also spoke about Boot Street Bridge and the damage was caused a couple of weeks ago by two vehicles not giving way. The damage was extensive and has caused the bridge to be closed for the time being. Diversions are in place with some signage. However, since the collision both the County Councillor and Cllr Hedgley have been involved in liaising with Highways in order to gain information on the planned repair and reopening. Signage is one area that requires improvement now. The incorrect placing had caused a lot of confusion and probably unnecessary vehicular movement down Holly Lane.

Full report can be found at [www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Suffolk County Councillor Elaine Bryce reported she has been incredibly busy with highways matters and has been pressing officers to review and monitor diversion routes whilst the Boot Street bridge in Great Bealings remains closed. She was pleased that Highways are undertaking daily inspections and pressing to ensure that the works are completed as quickly and as effectively as possible. She fully recognises the disruption caused when drivers either try to circumvent the diversion routes or move safety barriers to suit their own preferred plans!! She is also working closely with Highways about the planned closure of the B1079 at Grundisburgh and can report that this road closure will now not be happening. Cllr Bryce also spoke about Westerfield Quarry and Devolution and maintains her stance for favouring the One Suffolk model. Full report can be found at [www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## 7. Planning

### 7.1 Planning Applications

**DC/26/0103/FUL Galleon House Martlesham Road Little Bealings IP13 6LX, Rear extension creating orangery with bar and dining space, internal modifications to create larger kitchen and additional toilet. External addition of an outdoor kitchen with landscaping and fire pit.**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council has no comments to make and no objections at this time.

**DC/25/4851/FUL 10 Holly Close Little Bealings IP13 6PL, Retention of Change of use of outbuilding to part time holiday let**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council has no comments to make and no objections at this time.

Enforcements

**ENF/25/0422/DEV | Possible Breach, erection of fence. High Rigg, The Street, Little Bealings IP13 6LT**

An Enforcement Officer has visited the site and determined that the fence is not within the scope of permitted developments as it exceeds 1 metre adjacent to a highway. The height will therefore need to be reduced or planning permission obtained.

Approved

**DC/25/3662/FUL | Proposed Detached Garage/Cart Lodge. Fernlea, Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, IP13 6LX**

**DC/25/4656/VOC | Variation of condition Nos. 2, 4, 8 and 14 of DC/22/2984/FUL Construction of one detached dwelling and garage – change of approved drawings to reflect amendments to design and layout. Woodside, Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, IP13 6LX**

Pending

**DC/25/3957/FUL | Construction of a self-build dwelling. Part Land Rear Of Grove Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk**

**DC/25/4773/FUL | Detached garage and cart lodge building. The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, IP13 6LX**

**DC/25/3774/ARM | Approval of Reserved Matters for Parcel W2; compliance with conditions 8,10,24,30a,67 and partial discharge of conditions**

**13,14,16,25,26,27,28,32,42,49,50,62 of DC/24/2810/VOC (as varied from DC/23/3984/VOC as varied from DC/20/1234/VOC) (original planning permission DC/17/1435/OUT - Outline planning permission for up to 2000 dwellings, an employment area of 0.6ha (use class B1) primary local centre comprising use class A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3, 02) secondary centre (comprising possible use class A1, A3 and A4), a school, green infrastructure (including Suitable Accessible Natural Green space (SANGs) outdoor play areas, sports ground and allotments/community orchards), public footpaths and cycleways, vehicle accesses and associated infrastructure), Land East Of, Adastral Park, Martlesham Heath, Martlesham, Suffolk**

**SCC/0170/25SC | Transport improvements to the A12 from Junction 58 (Seven Hills, Ipswich) to Woods Lane Roundabout, Woodbridge including the upgrade from a single carriageway to dual carriageway between A12 / B1438 and the A12 / B1078, Construction and operation of a Mobility Hub and Associated Infrastructure, Construction of a new pedestrian bridge and other highways and pedestrian improvements. A12 between Junctions 58 (Seven Hills) and Woods Lane Roundabout, Woodbridge,**

## **8. Neighbourhood Plan**

An issue has arisen due to a small boundary overlap with Great Bealings. The Parish Council is being advised by the Consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to contact the consultant to ask him to draft the wording to send to Great Bealings Parish Council to get the issue resolved.

## **9. Emergency Plan**

Cllr C Cheeseman reported that the Emergency Plan was now complete and asked for volunteers from the Parish Council to be contacts.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That once the names had been added to the Emergency Plan, to approve the plan as drafted.

## **10. Dog Waste Bin**

The Dog waste bin has now been installed.

## **11. Policy updates**

### **11.1 Data Protection Policy**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the Policy as Drafted

### **11.2 IT Policy**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the Policy as Drafted

### **11.3 Privacy Statement**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the Statement as Drafted

### **11.4 Grant Awarding Policy**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the Policy as Drafted

## **12. Website**

### **8.1 Website Privacy Notice**

The Clerk has produced a privacy notice for the website and the webmaster will publish on the website in the appropriate place.

### **8.2 Accessibility**

The webmaster has been working through the website to ensure that it complies with WCAG 2.2 AA. The Parish Council expressed thanks to her as this is a big job to complete.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For CAS to run an assessment/report as a cost of £108 for the webmaster to process.

## **13. Highways**

### **14.1 Highways**

Cllr Ransome expressed his concerns about the amount of motorists speeding along Playford Road and the state of the verges.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to write to both Suffolk Police and Suffolk Highways expressing the Parish Councils concerns

### **14.2 Footpaths**

Nothing to report

### **14.3 Road Safety**

Several of the Councillors have expressed concerns about the increased traffic through the village as a result of the closure of Boot Street in Little Bealings.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- For the Clerk to write to Suffolk Highways expressing the concerns and asking for better signage and that Holly Lane is not a suitable diversion route.

## **15. Finance**

### **15.1 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure**

#### **Approval of Finance Schedule**

Income received from NS & I £154.75 and from HMRC VAT refund £2244.38

Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's Net Salary for January 2026: £581.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
- Clerk's Net Salary for February 2026: £581.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:
  - Clerk's net salary for March 2026: £581.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
  - Clerk's net salary for April 2026: £581.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
  - ACH £30
  - Strimmer Service £65

### **15.2 Savings Account**

The NS & I savings account is now in the process of being closed and the funds moved to the new Barclays Savings account.

### **15.3 Internal Audit for 2025/26**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To appoint Helen Quantrill as Internal Auditor

### **15.4 Assertion 10 (AGAR)**

The clerk has been working through the requirements to comply with the new Assertion 10 section of the AGAR. All Councillors have been sent a copy of the new IT policy and understand and are aware of the importance of the content of this document.

### **15.5 Deben Climate Group request for funds**

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To donate £100 under LGA s.137 (half of the money requested)
- To send the Deben Climate Group a copy of the Grant Awarding Policy to complete if they require additional funds in the future.

## **16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 7.00pm on Monday 11 May 2026, but a meeting will be held on Monday 13 April 2025 if required by business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

