Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7pm on Monday 2 November 2026

Present:

Cllr C Cheeseman (Chair), Cllr I Ransome, Cllr P Carr and Cllr M Garnham
In attendance: Wendy Cook, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley and six 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 Chair), Cllr K Price and Cllr M Wilson

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to accept the apologies for absence

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

There were no Declaration of interests

3. Public Participation Session

A resident spoke on Item 7 (Planning) and praised the Parish Council for avoiding excessive planning meetings and making use of delegated powers. However, he reminded the Council of its duty when considering planning applications and the importance of basing its decisions solely on material planning considerations.

4. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 2 September & 21 September 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 I Ransome reported that East Suffolk Environmental services had returned to a property in Hall Road and following analysis of the data recoded confirmed that the noise/vibration affecting the property was 31.5Hz. ESC EP are in contact with TRU and their noise consultant to seek a solution. Cllr I Ransome will attend the next meeting on 26th November 2026

5.2 ESC Community Partnership

Cllr P Carr attended the meeting in October. The topics were the illegal use of E Scooters and E Bikes. Funding was given to Enable Fitness and residents of Martlesham for spring bulbs. The Community Partnership has given away £15,942 to date. The next meeting is 19th January 2027.

5.3 Village Hall Management Committee
Cllr H Saagi was absent from the meeting so no report.

5.4 SAVID
Cllr M Garnham informed the Parish Council that the next meeting is TBC.

5.5 Local Government Reorganisation Forum
Cllr I Ransome attended this online forum. The speaker was the Chief Executive from NALC.

5.5 Clerk Update
The Clerk has reported that the annual AGAR will be going digital and that she is attending a training forum later this month.

6. Local District and County Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Colin Hedgley spoke about Sinks Pit stating that the Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group has made a difference to people living in the Village. He also spoke about the ongoing issues with refuse collection in East Suffolk Council, Local Government Re-organisation and a new play area at Woodbridge. The full report can be read online at www.playfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications

DC/26/3464/FUL Conversion of existing barn to create 4 x 2 bedroom dwellings Beacon House, Playford Road, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6ND

After a brief discussion

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council raised concerns regarding the entrance to the development from Hall Road, noting that bins are already placed at this location on collection days and that the addition of four properties could exacerbate the situation. The Council considered that the visual impact of the proposed properties would be minimal, as they are tucked away from view, and had no further comments to make.

DC/26/3717/TPO | W3 of TPO No. 22 / 1952 1no. Horse chestnut - Reduce large lateral branch over driveway by 6 metres to pollard head, 1no. Horse chestnut - Overall crown reduction by up to 2 metres, The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6LX

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council had no comments to make

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

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

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

DC/26/3462/TPO Oak Mount Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX, A2 of TPO No. 22 / 1952 1no. Fir (T1 on plan) - Fell 1no. Monterrey cypress (T2 on plan) – Fell - Dealt with under delegated – Pending

DC/26/3040/FUL, Belisha House Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX Retrospective Application - Erection of Summerhouse in rear garden - Dealt with under delegated – Pending

Outstanding Enforcement:

ENF/26/0389/DEV Tanglewood, Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 6LX Possible Breach of Control: Erection of a fence

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

8. Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Examiners report has been completed. The Plan is going through its final stages and it is hoped that the referendum could be February 2027. There will be no additional cost to the Parish Council for this as it is covered in the costs already paid.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That if required up to £100 could be spent on publicity material to promote the referendum and remind people to vote.

9. Highways

9.1 Highways

Nothing to report

9.2 Footpaths
Nothing to report

9.3 Second SID Purchase
After a brief discussion

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That purchasing a second SID would be beneficial to the Village and that CIL money could be used for payment.
- That purchasing an additional Westgate SID would be the most practical option, as the Parish Council is already familiar with the equipment, software and operating instructions, and reporting procedures would remain consistent with those currently in use.
- Cllr M Garnham would get a quotation for a second SID and solar panel
- That Second SID purchase be on the Agenda for the January Parish Council meeting.

10. Finance

10.1 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Approval of Finance Schedule
Income received from Barclays – Interest on Savings account, Great Bealings Parish Council - Insurance Village Sign and East Suffolk council – second half Precept.

Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's Net Salary for September 2026: Agreed in Budget (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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- HMRC £173.46

It was **RESOLVED:**

- that the following expenditure be incurred:

- Clerk's net salary for November 2026: Agreed in Budget (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
- Clerk's net salary for December 2026: Agreed in Budget (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
- Clerk's Expenses £14.15
- CAS Ltd £227.50
- One Suffolk Hosting £58.33

10.2 Budget for 2026/27

The Clerk presented the draft budget and proposed that Precept raise by £500 to £14,750 for 2027/28

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the figure of £14,750

10.3 Asset Register Review

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the Asset Register as drafted

10.4 Asset Register Risk Assessment

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the assessment as drafted

10.5 Business Risk Assessment

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To approve the assessment as drafted

10.6 Donation to Royal British Legion

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To donate £25 to the Royal British Legion
- That the Parish Council purchase a new wreath, as the existing wreath is now showing signs of age and deterioration.

11. Generator for the Village Hall Rest Centre – Emergency Plan

After some discussion

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- There was a need to consider the provision of a generator for use at the Village Hall, which serves as the Rest Centre.
- The Clerk would write to the Village Hall Committee to establish whether they would be in favour of having a generator and, if so, would approach Great Bealings Parish Council to enquire whether they would be willing to contribute towards the cost.
- Cllr I Ransome would investigate whether the Village Hall's existing solar panel system could be utilised in the event of a power outage.
- The provision of a generator would be included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

12. Dates of Meetings from April 2027 to March 2028

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The Council will meet on 4 January, 1 March (Annual Parish Meeting, followed by Council meeting), 17 May (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 5 July, 6 September and 1 November 2027 and on 10 January and 6 March 2028 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Council Meeting)
- Additional meetings, if required by business to be transacted, be held on 1 February, 5 April, 7 June, 2 August, 4 October, 6 December 2027 and 7 February 2028

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 4 January 2027 in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 7 December, if required by business to be transacted.
There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.44pm.