

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7pm on Monday 5th January 2026

Present:

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

In attendance: Wendy Cook, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

District Councillor Colin Hedgley, and 6 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 M Wilson

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

The applicant spoke about item 7.1 DC/25/3957/FUL | Construction of a self-build dwelling. Part Land Rear Of Grove Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk and read a personal statement to the Parish Council

A Resident also spoke about item 7.1 stating that they were in favour of the development

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4. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 3 November 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 attended a meeting in December. He reported that there was representation by the Police at the meeting as they wished to engage more with the Parishes. He gave an update on how some of the grants had been spent and briefly spoke about other projects that have been supported by the ESC Community Partnership in the area. There is still £1650 of unspent grant money in the budget. The next meeting is on 17 March.

5.2 Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr H Saagi reported there had been a meeting in November. She also mentioned the 'pop up pub' on 6 February and 20 March.

5.3 SAVID

Cllr M Garnham attended the 6 November meeting. He collected the Road Safety Awareness Week banner which was displayed on the fence at Lux Farm.

5.4 Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group

Cllr M Garnham attended a meeting on the 3 September. He reported that The Noise Abatement Notice had been withdrawn. However, Rebecca Brooks from ESC said that another Notice could be issued. Rebecca Brooks has been invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to explain more and answer questions. The next meeting is 4 June if required.

5.5 Clerk Update

The Clerk has now submitted her second unit of her CiLCA course and is on track to complete the course within the time frame.

6. Local District and County Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported that the bin collections had been postponed due to bad weather. That a decision about the Planning Application for Westerfield Quarry was still pending. On Devolution, Cllr Hedgley reminded the Parish Council that the cut off date for sending in individual comments to the Minister for Local Government is January 11 2026. And urged anyone who hasn't yet commented to do so. He stated that he would prefer the One Suffolk system as opposed to the three Suffolk proposal put forward by East Suffolk Council. As he does not wish to see Little Bealings become part of Ipswich. He also said that 2026 will see the introduction of a new bin collection system. Full report can be found at www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

7. Planning

7.1 Planning Applications

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

Statements from the Planning Agent and from residents had previously been circulated to the Councillors. After a brief discussion

It was **RESOLVED**:

Although the Parish Council is generally unable to support developments outside the settlement boundary and cluster policies, it does not object to development at this site. If the planning authority were to consider an exception is justified in this case it asks that, in addition to considering the impact on neighbouring properties, particular regard is also given to the impact on views from the countryside since this is an important consideration in relation to proposed developments set out in the Parish's draft Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council draws attention to the fact that the recently built new neighbouring property situated next door to Grove Cottage on the Street is not shown on the site plan for this application.

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

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council has no further comments at this time.
- That the Clerk would write to ESC Planning to query this application as an appeal is outstanding for this development.

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

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That as the proposed site of the detached garage and cart lodge is in front of the natural build line of the existing properties that the applicant consider the position of this new addition.

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It was **RESOLVED**:

- That although the Parish Council does not object to the development it asks that due consideration be given to the timely provision of supporting infrastructure. In particular, the Council asks that schools, medical facilities, and other essential services are completed and operational in advance of, or in line with, occupation, so that they are available when required by residents of this substantial development.

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,

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council has no comments at this time.

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

Enforcements

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

The following applications are Pending Consideration:

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)

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

DC/25/3774/ARM | Approval of Reserved Matters for Parcel W2. Land Eat of Adastral Park, Martlesham Heath, Martlesham

8. Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to East Suffolk Council.

9. DEVOLUTION

Cllr Cheeseman reached out to neighbouring villages Great Bealings and Playford to form a joint response for the two proposals.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That the Parish Council approved the draft response
- once both Great Bealings PC and Playford PC have responded, Cllr Cheeseman will submit the joint response within the deadline

10. Emergency Plan

Cllr C Cheeseman reported he had a meeting with representatives from the Rapid Response Team (RRT) who are willing to support the village if there is need to do so.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- That Cllr C Cheeseman would update the draft Emergency Plan once he has received further information from RRT.
- For Emergency Plan to be approved at the next meeting.

11. Dog Waste Bin

There hasn't been any objections to the proposed location

It was **RESOLVED**:

- The Clerk will order a dog waste bin for the site and for it to be paid for using CIL money.

12. Noticeboard

A new noticeboard has now been installed in The Street. The Parish Council wishes to thank the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church for supplying and installing the new noticeboard.

13. Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements – 2 March

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To book the village hall for the APM

14. Highways

14.1 Highways

Cllr Garnham gave an update on the SID and its movements around the Parish

14.2 Footpaths

Nothing to report

15. Finance

15.1 Income and Authorisation of Expenditure

Approval of Finance Schedule

No income received

Expenditure had been incurred as follows:

- Clerk's Net Salary for November 2025: £581.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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- HMRC employer contributions third quarter: £232.89 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the following expenditure be incurred:

- Clerk's net salary for January 2026: £581.90 (S111 and S112 LGA 1972) (standing order)
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- All Saints Church: £22.50

15.2 Savings Account

It was **RESOLVED**:

- To transfer the full balance of the NS&I savings account to the new Barclays account once statement received from NS&I

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 2 March 2026 in Bealings Village Hall, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting, but a meeting will be held on Monday 2 February at 7pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall if required by the business to be transacted.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.49pm.