

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 7 September 2009

Present: Mrs F Evans, Mr P Carr, Mrs F Hopkins, Dr C Rowe and Mrs M Wilson

Also Present: Mr P Bellfield, County Councillor, Mr I Jowers, District Councillor, and Justin Moss, Police Community Support Officer

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Mr K Beaumont and Miss D Williams.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2009

These were signed as a true record.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

LGR:

It was noted that the Secretary of State's decision on the future structure of local government in Suffolk, due on 15 July, had been delayed by a successful legal challenge to the consultation process. It was not yet known if leave to appeal would be allowed and there was therefore no new timetable for progress.

It was agreed to amend the order of the Agenda in respect of items 4 -7.

4 Highways

Traffic in The Street

A parishioner had raised concerns about the speed of traffic in The Street around 7.30am. CSO Justin Moss offered to arrange for speed guns to be used early morning and evening to address this.

LDF: Martlesham Housing Proposals

Mr Bellfield commented that there was concern that the proposals would generate more traffic on the A12 and A1214. The removal of more traffic lights on the A1214 was being considered to try to improve traffic flow, obviating the need for motorists to seek an alternative route along Playford/Martlesham Road.

Maintenance

The damaged sign by the level crossing had been reported for repair.

Footpaths

A copy of the agreement for the permissive footpath had been received. It was noted that SCC had offered training to rights of way workers.

Trees

Mrs Cook had not identified any suitable site for new trees at Sinks Pit but was discussing replacement trees for the Village Hall. She had accepted an invitation to take part in a Suffolk Traditional Orchard survey.

5 Police

PCSO Moss said that he was pleased to meet the Parish Council and that he intended to come to all meetings if possible. PC Richard Wright was still the local police officer for the parish.

PCSO Moss reported that there had been one crime in the parish since the last meeting, criminal damage to a driving aid mirror at the end of a driveway. There had been a marked increase in thefts and burglaries from insecure property in parishes nearby and he urged residents to secure premises and property.

PSCO Moss had displayed SNT contact information on each of the Parish Council noticeboards.

Information about the SNT meeting on 24 August had been circulated to Councillors. It was noted that the mobile police station would visit next on 30 September and the Benefice Magazine had been asked to publicise this.

6 Bealings School Parking

Mrs Hopkins reported that the Working Party had met, with officers from SCC, and considered:

- A top or low level footpath from Holly Lane to the Church – neither option was deemed practical or affordable at present
- A white line on the roadside from Holly Lane to the Church. SCC had agreed to provide this, to deter parking on this stretch of road, and the police were aware of it. The road edge would be skirted/cleaned first to provide maximum width. The PCC had expressed concern about the implication for Sunday parking and been advised to discuss this with the police.
- A Newsletter to parents highlighting all of the parking issues identified. This had been drafted and awaited approval by the School governors.

A resident had suggested that an alternative car park be provided on farmland off The Street. Mr Jowers advised that it was unlikely that planning permission would be given for the site. It was noted that the site also flooded and that the Friends of Bealings School were considering another alternative parking location.

Mrs Hopkins advised that the School wished to be a member of the Working Party. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to this and the School be invited should another Working Party meeting be planned.

It was noted that advice from SCC was awaited concerning sand delivery following the removal of the sand box from the Holly Lane junction. SCC had advised that the junction was gritted as it was the first convenient turning point for a lorry after it had gritted the level crossing.

7 Planning

Ipswich LDF

Mr Carr reported on the meeting held on 21 July and advised of the relevance of two Core Strategy proposals:

CS10: Ipswich Northern Fringe: This included “Any development will maintain an appropriate physical separation of Westerfield village from Ipswich”

CS20: East-West Transport Capacity: This included “the Council will actively encourage key partners to investigate the possibility of a northern bypass, to address the issue of:

- (i) central east-west movement;
- (ii) movements within and around the north of Ipswich; and
- (iii) the capacity of the A14, particularly around the Orwell Bridge.”

A question had been asked as to whether there was a link between the two strategies. No further information was available and development of the Strategy would be linked to government targets for housing and employment. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the link to the IBC Core Strategy and Policy documents be sent to Councillors
- that any comment to IBC on the documents would be agreed at the next meeting

Suffolk Coastal LDF

It was noted that consultation on revisions to the LDF Settlement Policy and Housing, including increasing the number of new houses to be built at Martlesham to 2,000, was now likely to start at the end of September. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that when the consultation document was published the link would be sent to Councillors
- that any comment to SCDC on the document would be agreed at the next meeting

Application

C09/0811: The Old Stores, The Street – Conversion of The Old Stores to two dwellings

It was noted that SCDC had given permission for this development.

8 Finance

Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

Income: Nil

Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- SALC Leadership Skills Training: £103.50
- Suffolk ACRE Services: Insurance Policy Premium: £223.36
- Subscription to Local Councils Update: £65

It was noted that this resulted in a current account balance of £57.01p and that the second half of the precept would be received at the end of September.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there would be consideration of further renewal of the annual

subscription to Local Councils Update at the Parish Council meeting to be held in July 2010.

8 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

Circulation 2009/06 had been returned to the Clerk. There were no matters arising from this. In respect of items circulated by email it was **RESOLVED**:

- not to add Councillors' email addresses to the Rural Services Network mailing list
- not to subscribe to the NALC Direct Information Service
- that no response would be sent to the SCC Waste Core Strategy (Final Consultation)
- that the Chairman and Mr Carr would attend the SALC Suffolk Coastal Area meeting on 14 September

FE, PC

9 Correspondence

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that Mrs Hopkins and the webmaster, Mrs Shaw, would represent the Council at a meeting being arranged by Gt Bealings Parish Council to discuss Action 4 of the Parish Plan, concerning the development of the Benefice Magazine to improve communication with parishioners **FH**
- that Mrs Wilson would represent the Council at the Suffolk ACRE AGM on 24 September 2009 **MW**
- that the EADT would be sent meeting dates and a link to the website in response to a request for copies of minutes and/or reports from Council meetings
- that Mrs Wilson would represent the Council at the HomeStart AGM to be held on 28 September 2009 **MW**
- that the invitation to the Suffolk Coastal District Police Public Meeting be passed to Miss Williams **DW**
- that the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
 - SPS Suffolk View
 - Local Councils Update Issue 118
 - Clerks and Councils Direct September 2009
 - Environment Agency: Coastlines Summer 09
 - SCC Community Transport information and changes to bus timetables (which had also been displayed on the noticeboards)
 - SALC: The Local Councillor Issue 3 2009

It was noted that:

- Information from SCDC on Outdoor Playspace Contributions had been passed to Mrs Shaw as Playing Field Project Officer. Mrs Shaw had advised that the project would be applying for the Play Space balance (£216.50p) but that the Sports Group balance (£158.63) would be left to accumulate and/or used by Playford.
- Information from SCDC on Customer Focus Groups had been passed to the Benefice Magazine for publication
- A meeting had been arranged for 9 October as a result of SCDC asking whether the Village Hall was a more suitable polling station location in view of access concerns at the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall.
- a local resident had expressed interest in becoming a Councillor if a

vacancy arose

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be on 9 November 2009.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.40pm.