

Minutes of Little Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 9 November 2009

Present: Mrs F Evans, Mr K Beaumont, Mr P Carr, Mrs F Hopkins, Dr C Rowe, Miss D Williams and Mrs M Wilson

Also Present: PCSO Moss and Mrs J Shaw, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Council

A minute's silence was held at the beginning of the meeting in memory of Mr John Theodosius, a former Chairman of the Parish Council

**Councillor
Actions**

1 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

It was noted that neither Mr Bellfield nor Mr Jowers was able to attend.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 September 2009

These were signed as a true record.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Polling Station:

It was noted that SCDC had visited to consider whether the Village Hall was a more suitable polling station location in view of access concerns at the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall. SCDC had asked that the proposed change be publicised in the Benefice Magazine before a decision was made.

Suffolk ACRE AGM

Mrs Wilson reported on her attendance on this. The papers would be circulated to members.

Bealings School Parking

Mrs Hopkins advised that the newsletter to parents had been circulated and had had the desired effect. Cars were no longer being parked at the west end of Sandy Lane or on The Street in the area of the white line. It was considered useful if a reminder could be given by the School before the School play on 11 December, and the newsletter repeated each year for the new intake.

SALC AGM

Mr Carr reported on his attendance on this. It had been informative and included inspirational presentations by two villages who had won Village of the Year awards.

Parish Plan Action 4: Communication – The Benefice Magazine

Mrs Hopkins reported on a meeting she had attended, at which it was agreed that the Benefice Magazine would be published on Parish Council websites, as well as being distributed to households. It had been agreed to set up an e.community newsgroup to share information and this was now operative. An item in the next Benefice Magazine would invite local residents to join it.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Council would join the newsgroup
- the Council's Agendas and approved minutes would be distributed via the newsgroup

4 Chairman's Report on Meetings Attended

SALC

The Chairman reported that she had attended the SALC Area meeting on 14 September. She had been elected Vice Chairman and was therefore now also a member of the SALC Executive. She had attended her first Executive meeting. Discussion had included dissatisfaction with legal advice given by NALC. SALC had arranged for local councils to consult Prettys for advice directly.

SCDC

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Area meeting held on 21 October at which the Council consulted on its proposed objectives.

The Chairman's report would be circulated to members.

5 County Councillor's Report

It was noted that Councillor Bellfield had sent apologies that commitments to other meetings meant he was unable to attend. He had advised that SCC was currently focussing on medium and long term financial savings. He sent his best wishes for Christmas to the Council.

6 Highways

Traffic in The Street

CSO Justin Moss had not yet been able to arrange for speed guns to be used early morning and evening to address a concern about speeding in The Street, but still intended to do so.

Footpaths

Mr Ball had completed cutting for 2008 and submitted an invoice for £147, less than the budget figure of £202.40p. Funding had been received from SCC for the submitted amount.

7 Police

PCSO Moss reported that there had been five crimes since the last meeting, two thefts, two burglaries and one incident of criminal damage. Halloween and Bonfire Night had not resulted in any incidents in the parish. There was concern that nearby residents had not known about one of the burglaries and and there had been no local enquiries. It was noted that information had been received via the e.community newsgroup and that the police direct service sent texts, phone messages and emails to subscribers.

PCSO Moss had enquired about including a report the Benefice Magazine and had the contact details for the editor. It was noted that he could either submit a report directly or details could be included in the Parish Council notes. He intended to prepare a report for each Parish Council meeting and to attend whenever possible.

Miss Williams reported on her attendance at the SNT meeting on 23 October.

An increase in local crime – albeit from a very low base – had been noted, a proportion of which was related to thefts from unlocked cars and premises. There had been concern at inadequate communication and public involvement in determining police priorities; the mobile police van was seen as a means of addressing this. The priority concerning ‘safe places to play’ had resulted in visits to the John Belstead Playing Field. An Antiques Roadshow arranged by the SNT had attracted visitors. The SNT report for October had been circulated to members and it was noted that Sgt Richardson had moved to a new post and a new SNT Chairman was awaited.

It was noted that the Parish Plan included an Action to reinvigorate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. PSCO confirmed the Council should approach Community Watch Liaison Officer Anne Powell to discuss this. It was **RESOLVED**:

- to subscribe to police direct requesting emails of incidents in the parish
- to investigate reinvigorating Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the parish

8 Christmas Message

A Christmas Message from the Chairman to parishioners to be included in the Benefice Magazine was considered. It was **RESOLVED**:

- that the Benefice Magazine be asked to include the message

9 Planning

IBC and SCDC LDFs

Details of these had been circulated to Councillors. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- the Chairman would attend a meeting proposed by Waldringfield Parish Council to discuss the current LDF consultation and the implications of a planning application for housing by BT. F
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Applications

C09/1608: The Weald, Martlesham Road – Erection of Extension and New Roof Structure to form First Floor Accommodation. Erection of Cart Lodge

C09/1632: Ascalon, Playford Road – Erection of Two Storey Extension to Garage to form a Self Contained Annexe, Erection of a Single Storey Link and Alterations to Existing Access

C09/1633: The Ride, Martlesham Road – Erection of Single Storey Extensions

ESCC 22 1952: Tree Works at Tanglewood, Martlesham Road – Repollarding of approximately 30 sweet chestnut trees

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that there was no objection to these applications.

8 Finance

Audit for 2008/09

It was noted that the auditors had completed the audit and had not raised any matters which required an ‘issues arising’ report. It was **RESOLVED** that:

The annual return be approved and accepted by the Council and the notice of conclusion of the audit advertised as required.

Income and Expenditure

The Chairman reported the following income and expenditure:

Income:

SCDC: Second half of the precept: £2,750

SCC: P3 Funding: £147

Expenditure:

Cheques were signed as follows:

- BBDO Stoy: Audit Fee: £138
- Clerk's Salary and Expenses: £860.34p
- Mr G Ball: P3 Cutting: £147

It was noted that this resulted in a current account balance of £1,808.67, with a payment anticipated to SORR (£15) and from Gt Bealings Parish Council (£7.85p).

Budget for 2010/11

The Council considered a draft budget for 2010/11. It was noted that the Village Hall Management Committee had requested an increase in the annual donation to the John Belstead Playing Field from £250 to £500. This was the amount given by Gt Bealings Parish Council.

Mrs Shaw advised the Council that the Playing Field was running at a loss as, while subscriptions covered insurance costs, bookings did not meet maintenance costs. Costs were high in view of the grassed areas to be maintained. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- as the Playing Field was well used and the Playground very popular, the donation from the Parish Council be increased from £250 per year to £500 per year
- the precept for 2010/11 be set at £5750
- that the following donations be made during 2010/11:

Village Hall	£250
Playing Field	£500
Benefice Newsletter	£100
CATS Ltd (subject to confirmation of use by parishioners)	£25

resulting in revenue and capital budget summaries as follows:

2009/10: Year End Revised Outcome

Total receipts	£5865
Total payments	£5391
Reserves to carry forward to 2010/2011	£1947

2010/11: Estimates

Total receipts	£5998
Total expenditure	£5941
Capital Projects (none identified)	£0
Reserves to carry forward to 2011/12	£2004

8 Matters Arising from Circulated Items

Circulation 2009/07 and 2009/8 had been returned to the Clerk. There were

no matters arising from these or from items circulated by email.

9 Correspondence

It was **RESOLVED**:

- that proposed recipients of Christmas Parcels would be passed to Woodbridge and District Lions Club
- requests for funding from two charities did not comply with the Council's policy for donations
- an email would be sent to CGM, advising that the Council had incurred the inconvenience and expense of £1.16p to retrieve a CGM mailing from the Post Office, due to insufficient postage
- that the Chairman would attend the Kesgrave Annual Reception on 4 December 2009
- that the following correspondence would be circulated to Councillors:
 - Local Councils Update Issues 120 and 121
 - SALC mailing
 - SALC: The Local Councillor Issue 3 2009
 - Citizen Magazine (2): Unlock Democracy

10 Date of Next Meeting

It was **RESOLVED**:

- to alter the date of the next meeting of the Council to Monday, 4 January 2010.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.20pm.