

## **Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

**Present:** Sue Prentice (Chairman) (SP), Colin Hedgley (CH), Sally Johnson (SJ), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Regan Scott (RS), Caroline Saunders (CS)

**In attendance:** Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council, Elaine Bryce (EB) – County Councillor, Charles Barrington (CPB)

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

Apologies were received from Trevor Harris

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

LNPI, District Cllr – CH.

### **3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying**

None

### **4. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 9th November and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

The minutes were approved for signature.

### **5. Clerk/Councillor Updates not on agenda:**

**Talking Bench** – SJ advised that she has secured a contractor to provide some steps, which will hopefully be done in January.

### **6. Reports by:**

- (i) **County Councillor Elaine Bryce** - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. It included information about future additional funding from SCC to prevent flooding and fix footpaths and pavements. SP mentioned that there are a large number of rotten posts on footpaths, which will be identified in due course when the PC conducts a survey, and it would be useful to know what level of resources the PC could expect to receive. EB will make enquiries. RS commented on regular flooding in Grundisburgh Rd due to the non-removal of parked cars when maintenance work is carried out.
- (ii) **District Councillor Colin Hedgley** - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. In addition, CH verbally reported that ESC propose to raise the price of the green bin collection in the next financial year, and that they will be setting up a new company to replace Norse for the collection of waste bins etc.

### **7. Planning Applications**

- (i) There are no applications to be considered

- (ii) **Decision Updates :**

DC/21/3993 – Regency House, DC/21/3045 – Land next to Lavender Cottage,  
DC/21 – Light Hill, are all awaiting decision by ESC

### **8. Other Planning Matters:**

- (i) **Enforcement matters:**

**Croft Cottage** – SP reported that she had received several complaints from residents about runoff water from the site flooding the road and causing sand and soil to enter the drains. She had been informed that the planning application had included provision of a drainage channel bordering the road to prevent this problem, but this has not been installed. She will make further enquiries and, if

appropriate, submit a report to ESC. She also stated that she had been told that the lighting problem has been investigated, but has not yet been fully resolved.

(ii) **Other matters** - None

**9. Parish Councillor Vacancy** – There has been no progress with this

### 10. Highways and Footpaths

- (i) **SAVID/SID** – JCJ reported that he has still been unable to obtain any data from the SID on Lodge Road as this is a very difficult procedure. Once he has succeeded, he and CS will study the results against the SCC criteria for a speed limit extension
- (ii) **Quiet Lanes** – SP reported that she and SJ are still trying to identify a suitable post location for Lower St, but the other posts will be in place soon.
- (iii) **Community Partnership - Road Safety Forum**  
CH briefly reported on the recent meeting, and confirmed that he will attend the next one in February
- (iv) **Community Partnership- Road and Traffic Safety Funding**  
CH reported that he has applied for funding for GtB to have its own camera, to enable more Speedwatch sessions.
- (v) **Other Highways matters** – in response to a question from RS, EB confirmed that it is Suffolk Highways who are responsible for cleaning road signs
- (vi) **Footpaths** – SP is still awaiting the “Discover Suffolk” plaques

### 11. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration

CS and SJ advised members that several volunteers have come forward to offer assistance with this event. Before the PC’s March meeting, they will have identified a rough idea of some of the up-front costs.

### 12. Trees:

- (i) **Queen’s Green Canopy** – JCJ confirmed that the pack of 150 mixed native trees has been received. A date will be arranged in the near future for the planting in Rosery Lane and Lodge Road
- (ii) **Other matters** – DPK reported that ESC have launched a Treebilee Project by which they will donate 200 oak trees to Town and Parish Councils, and GtB have registered interest in obtaining one of these.

### 13. Finance and Admin

(i) The following payments were authorised; proposed by SP and seconded by JCJ

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
-	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	10.80
-	Mrs D P Knights	Presentation expenses	8.34
-	Bealings Village Hall Trust	“ “	11.25
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.01.22)	January salary	297.84
<b>010</b>	HMRC (dated 06.02.22)	January PAYE	74.40
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.02.22)	February salary	176.16
<b>011</b>	HMRC (dated 06.03.22)	February PAYE	43.80
-	Fynn Lark News	Magazine postage to Clerk	7.00
-	Phil Holmes	Website registration fee	35.99

(ii) **Budget and Precept 2022/23**

A request has been received from the Trustees of the Angela Cobbold Hall (ACH) for an annual grant from the PC to cover running expenses. CH reported that he had made a donation to the ACH following information that they would be self-sufficient and would expect to be in profit. He considered that the figures supplied were too approximate and he would like to see more justification as to why additional funding is required. This was agreed by Cllrs and further information will be requested.

A draft budget for £6400 and provisional precept amount had been previously discussed at the PC meeting in November. It was proposed by CH, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed that this budget be adopted for the year 2022/23.

It was **RESOLVED** to implement a precept of £7500, which would cover the budget and include a £1200 transfer to reserves, as agreed in January 2021. This equates to an increase of approx. 26% which would be an increase of 22p per week for a Band D property (£11.84per year).

(iii) **Other Finance and Admin** – the Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature

**14. Correspondence** – SP and CH will attend a Community Partnership Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**15. Date of Next Meeting** - Tuesday 8th March at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.40pm and was followed by a Public Consultation on Review of the Neighbourhood Plan

Signed.....  
Chairman