

**Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th March 2022 at Bealings Village Hall**

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

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council,

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Elaine Bryce

2. Declarations of Interest

LNPI, District Cllr – CH. CH declared an interest in the Planning Application at Item 8 and will not participate in the discussion or vote

3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying

None

4. To approve the Minutes from the Meetings held on 6th January 2022

The minutes were approved for signature.

5. Clerk/Councillor Updates not on agenda:

- (i) **Talking Bench** – SJ advised that the contractor had been unable to fit in the work on the steps. She has sent round an e-newsletter requesting someone to take on this job.
- (ii) **Parish Councillor Vacancy** – There has been no progress with this

6. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present

7. Reports by:

- (i) **County Councillor Elaine Bryce** - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. There were no queries arising from the report which will be circulated to residents via the e-newsletter.
- (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 on some of the projects that had been funded during the year by his and Tony Fryatt's Locality Budgets. The new budget period commences on 6th April 2022. He also commented on the problems caused by incorrect recycling. He has asked the ESC Cabinet Member for the Environment to consider producing a chart explaining all the various recycling symbols that appear on packaging.

8. Planning Applications

- (i) DC/22/0423/FUL- Change of use from a granny annexe to a holiday cottage – The Stables, Playford Mount.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to support this application

(ii) **Decision Updates :**

DC/21/3993 – Regency House and DC/21/3045 – Land next to Lavender Cottage – both still awaiting decision
 DC/21/5258 – Light Hill – application permitted by ESC
 DC/20/4032 – Barn A, former Wood Barn Cottages – conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house – Appeal against ESC refusal dismissed by Planning Inspectorate.

9. Other Planning Matters:

(i) Enforcement matters:

(a) **Croft Cottage** – SP advised that she had submitted a report to ESC about the drainage issues.

This matter is still outstanding.

(b) **Water Meadow** – SJ reported that she had been advised that a resident had submitted a formal complaint about the dumping of more rubbish on this land. This now includes rubble and metal items. CH will alert the ESC officer who dealt with this matter a while ago.

(ii) Review of Neighbourhood Plan

Following the public presentation in January which was attended by very few residents, SP has concluded that there is little interest in the village about participating in this review beyond what is absolutely necessary to ensure that the Plan continues to have legal effect. She suggested that the re-draft should go ahead for public consultation as soon as possible, which was agreed by Cllrs.

(iii) ESC Consultation on Review of Local Validation List

Cllrs decided that the PC has no comments on this.

(iv) Other matters

(a) **ESC Town and Parish Councils Workshop**

Cllrs decided to not send a delegate to this

(b) **Sizewell C**

RS reported on a meeting he had attended. The plans are now with the Secretary of State and a decision is not expected until the autumn

10. Community Governance Review in East Suffolk

It was **RESOLVED** to request that the number of Parish Councillors to serve Gt Bealings be reduced from eight to seven. The Clerk will submit this response to ESC.

11. Water Quality of the River Lark

The PC was contacted by Woodbridge Town Council inviting us to join an initiative they have commenced into monitoring the quality of the River Deben and its tributaries for E-Coli and Nitrate levels. Some testing has now been done in the River Lark which has shown higher than acceptable levels of E-Coli. SP will be taking some more samples at Boot St Bridge over the next four weeks and will contact Grundisburgh about testing the water quality above the sewerage treatment works. She recommended that the PC purchases its own testing equipment so we could join the Deben Climate Focus Area and will report further to the next PC meeting.

12. Review of Community Partnership Priorities

The priorities of the Community Partnership is to be reviewed at the next meeting. CH stated that he wants to keep road safety issues as a No. 3 priority. The smaller villages are now being invited to become core members so that they can vote on issues. SP will ask for GtB to become a core member. CH is already a core member.

13. Highways and Footpaths

(i) **SAVID/SID** – CH reported that SAVID have acquired another SID to distribute. JCJ has managed, with difficulty, to get some information from the SID in Lodge Road. CH offered to put him in touch with two people who can assist in extracting the information and also deciphering it.

(ii) **Quiet Lanes** – The posts and signs have been ordered for all the designated lanes, except for Lower Street where we are having difficulty with identifying suitable positions for the poles at the southern end of the road. The signs for the other roads should be in place by the end of April.

- (iii) **Community Partnership - Road Safety Forum**
CH attended a recent meeting, and the minutes have been circulated
- (iv) **Community Partnership- Road and Traffic Safety Funding**
CH reported that he has acquired a Speed Camera solely for use by GtB, now some signs must be purchased.
- (v) **Other Highways matters** – an advertising sign has been placed on the triangle at the bottom of Rosery Lane which is a hazard. CS will ask for it to be removed
- (vi) **Footpaths** – RS reported that a new Code of Conduct has been published. SP is has received the “Discover Suffolk” plaques to fix to finger-posts and several Cllrs volunteered to help fit them.

14. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration

CS summarised the events that have been planned. She has applied for a grant from the Co-op for a marquee. Tickets will be sold which will include some food. The VHall has plenty of spare chairs that can be used and tables are also available. Several volunteers have offered their assistance.

15. Trees:

- (i) **Queen’s Green Canopy** – 140 trees have been planted along Rosery Lane and Lodge Road. SP expressed her thanks to all who took part and especially to JCJ for organising it. More will be planted in the autumn.
- (ii) **Other matters-** CS has collected the Treebilee oak and plaque from ESC. Permission has been obtained from the VHall for it to be planted at the bottom of the playing field.

16. Finance and Admin

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

| Chq No | Payee | Description | Amount £ |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| - | Mrs D P Knights | Office Expenses | 10.35 |
| - | Mrs D P Knights (dated 26.03.22) | March salary | 247.56 |
| - | Mrs D P Knights | Salary arrears April2021-March2022 | 52.68 |
| 010 | HMRC (dated 06.04.22) | March PAYE | 74.90 |
| - | Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.04.22) | April salary | 257.07 |
| 011 | HMRC (dated 06.05.22) | April PAYE | 64.20 |
| - | SAVID | Annual payment | 50.00 |
| - | John Carter-Jonas | Tree stakes | 24.90 |

(ii) Other Finance and Admin:

- (a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature
- (b) It was noted that there is still £300 left in the Parish Planters fund. The tree stakes will come out of this and SJ will purchase some shrubs for the area near the talking bench. More bulb planting will be done in the autumn.

17. Correspondence – none

18. Date of Next Meetings - The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May at 7.00pm followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The date for the July meeting was fixed for Tuesday 26th July.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed.....
Chairman