

**Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th January 2023 at Bealings Village Hall**

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Elaine Bryce (EB) and Trevor Harris

2. Declarations of Interest

LNPI, District Cllr – CH.

3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying

None

4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2022

The minutes were approved for signature.

5. Clerk/Councillor Updates not on agenda:

There was nothing to report

6. Public Participation Session

No members of the public present

7. Reports by:

(i) **County Councillor Elaine Bryce** – A report has been received and is attached to these minutes

(ii) **District Councillor Colin Hedgley** –

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to these minutes. CH verbally reported on the work of the Community Partnership, and he and SP updated Cllrs on the previous day's meeting. Road Safety Week was a great success and our area was the best in England for installing signs and implementing Speed Watch sessions. Members of the public are encouraged to report to SCC details of any trees or hedges blocking road signs

8. Planning Applications:

(i) **DC/22/3120/FUL – Chalfont, Boot Street** – To remove old bathroom and make into family room, form new bathroom by converting garage, install bi-fold door in rear elevation. Outside: Clad and render, then paint (colour stone)

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

(ii) **DC/22/4658/FUL – Rosery Farm Cottage** – Installation of 3 rows of solar panels each 65m long with 7m between rows

Some concern was expressed about the overall size of this scheme and its impact on the valley, but it was **RESOLVED** to support this application, by a vote of 5 for and 1 against.

(iii) **Any other applications** – None

(iv) Decision Updates :

DC/22/3120 – Garrods Hill – Installation of solar panels – approved by ESC
 DC/22/2330 – Cherry Tree Cottage, DC/22/2871 – Stone Cottage and DC/22/3705 – Rosery Farm Cottage swimming pool, are all still awaiting decision by ESC.

9. Other Planning Matters:**(i) Enforcement Matters**

ENF/22/0069/USE – Water Meadow, Lower Street – The ESC Enforcement Officer has given the landowner until 11th January to comply with the requirements of the planning enforcement. The Clerk will enquire as to progress. It was commented that nothing appeared to have changed.

(ii) Review of Neighbour Plan

SP reported that this is still with ESC

(iii) Other Planning Matters – none**10. Highways and Footpaths**

(i) SAVID/SID – JCJ advised that the SID is working again

(ii) Quiet Lanes

(a) Update – SP said there was still no decision about the post in the bottom part of Lower Street, but she will now put the signs on the top post

(b) Near miss on Hasketon Road – a resident reported a near miss involving horse riders and a speeding motorist in Hasketon Road. It is clear that some motorists are disregarding the signs. The PC has referred the issue to EB, with the request that she raises with SCC the possibility of introducing a policy whereby reduced speed limits are applied to all roads designated as Quiet Lanes

(c) Road Safety – SP informed Cllrs that the Community Partnership have allocated some funding to a new initiative to deliver workshops to schools about road safety.

(iii) Land at Grundisburgh Road junction – This is work in progress – some more planting has been done but it has been decided that the proposed fruit trees are not viable.

(iv) Footpaths – RS reported that he had registered on the website the issues with footpaths FP 11 and 12 in the Lark Valley. He has noted that the report has been accepted and is being investigated.

11. Environmental Issues

(i) Trees – JCJ will be meeting with Nigel Rolfe on the 13th January to discuss tree planting etc

(ii) Water – RS said that the Grundisburgh sewage treatment works is actually in Gt Bealings. SP acknowledged this and said that regular water samples are taken above and below both treatment works

12. Finance and Admin:

(i) Authorisation of payments – The following payments were authorised; proposed by SP and seconded by CH

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
-	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	5.40
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.01.23)	January salary + back pay for April-October	409.59
020	HMRC (dated 06.02.23)	January PAYE	102.40
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.02.23)	February salary	276.11
021	HMRC (dated 06.03.23)	February PAYE	69.00
-	Fynn Lark News	Magazine postage for Clerk	7.00
-	Phil Holmes	Website Domain fee	30.00

(ii) Budget and Precept for 2023/24

A draft budget for £6960 and provisional precept amount had been previously discussed at the PC meeting in November. It was proposed by SP, seconded by JCJ and unanimously agreed that this budget be adopted for 2023/24

It was **RESOLVED** to implement an unchanged precept of £7500, which would cover the budget and include a £600 transfer to reserves, as agreed in January 2021.

(iii) Other Finance and Admin matters

- (a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature
- (b) Other matters - none

13. Correspondence

May Coronation – CS reported that it has now been agreed to move the date of the Plant Fair to Saturday 22nd April (venue permitting) in order to distance the two events. It is proposed to have a joint village celebration (with Lt.B) on Sunday 7th May so as not to clash with people being able to watch the event on TV. An idea has been put forward to base the activities on what happened in the villages in 1911 for the coronation of King George VI and Queen Mary. SP, CS and SJ offered to assist and will make contact with Lt.B.

Headway Suffolk Mobile Shop - The PC has been approached by the charity Headway who are proposing visiting the Parish on a regular basis with a mobile shop. Cllrs were supportive of this proposal which will be forwarded to the Trustees of the Village Hall for their consideration.

Fynn-Lark News Lead Item – The editor has drawn up a rota for this and Gt.B are down for March and July. SP made some suggestions for March and will draft an article

Village Hall replacement roof – The PC has been asked to confirm their support for the Trustees to make an application for funding to the Jubilee Fund. Cllrs unanimously agreed to support an application.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th March at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed.....
Chairman