

**Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Bealings Village Hall**

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

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

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Trevor Harris (TH), John Carter-Jonas (JCJ), Dan Clery (DC) and Elaine Bryce (EB)

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Non-registerable Interest (NRI) - District Cllr – CH.

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

None

**4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The minutes were approved and signed

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

None

**6. Public Participation Session**

No members of the public present

**7. Reports by:**

**(i) County Councillor Elaine Bryce –** A report has been received and circulated to Cllrs, and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website

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

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on his recent Community Partnership Meeting at which the three main priorities were re-emphasised – these are Road Safety, Environment and Keep-Fit. CH explained his arrangement agreed with DC re sharing attendance at PC meetings – there are 19 to be covered.

**(iii) District Councillor Dan Clery –**

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**8. Planning Applications:**

**(i) DC/23/2788/FUL – Barn C, Former Woodbarn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road –**  
Installation of 2 air source heat pumps

It was **RESOLVED** that there are no objections to this application.

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

**(iii) Decision Updates :**

A decision by ESC is awaited for:

DC/23/0363/0309 – Seckford Hall

DC23/2127 – Land north of Lavender Cottage

DC/23/2787 – Barn C, Former Woodbarn Cottages

**9. Other Planning Matters:****(i) Review of Neighbourhood Plan**

SP reported that she is currently working on the consultation strategy, the proof reading is finished and a web site is being developed

**(ii) Other Planning Matters - None****10. Highways and Footpaths**

**(i) SAVID – CH** said that SAVID are still working on helping other PCs purchase a SID

**(ii) Replacement SID – DPK** advised that the grant has been received from CH's Enabling Communities Fund and an official order has been placed with Westcotec. JCJ has requested that a new dedicated laptop is purchased to process the data from the SID. CH confirmed that he had allowed for this in his grant so Cllrs agreed this request.

**(iii) Footpaths – RS** reported on some minor footpath issues

**(iv) Other matters –** The Parish boundary gates on Boot St have been cleared of vegetation – thanks were expressed to CH for doing this

**11. Environmental Issues**

**(i) Trees –**the two major landowners in the Parish have declined our offer of trees due to ongoing maintenance costs. It was agreed that an offer be made to residents of GtB to take some of the trees that JCJ has, and any left over can be offered to residents of LtB.

**(ii) Report from Deben Water Testing Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July –CS** reported that this had been a very positive meeting which reflected the problems with unacceptable levels of phosphates and effluent in the water, for which there are currently very few solutions, although the bathing area at Waldringfield will be resolved shortly. The Action Group has been renamed the Deben Climate Action Group. Thanks were expressed to Farran Douse for testing the water in Boot St.

**(iii) Other matters – none**

**12. Village Fete 2024 – SP** said that she would put an article in the January edition of Fynn Lark News and Grundisburgh News with a view to recruiting volunteers. Any profit made will go towards the village hall roof repairs.

**13. Finance and Admin:**

**(i) Authorisation of payments –** The following payments were authorised; proposed by SJ and seconded by CS

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
-	Fowler-Web	Computer support	57.00
-	Mrs D P Knights	Office expenses	25.31
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.09.23)	September salary	281.34
<b>034</b>	HMRC (dated 06.10.23)	September PAYE	70.20
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.10.23)	October salary	281.34
<b>035</b>	HMRC (dated 06.11.23)	October PAYE	70.20
<b>033</b>	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	40.00
-	Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance Premium	241.00
-	Little Bealings PC	Village Sign Insurance	10.03

**(ii) Other Finance and Admin matters**

(a) The Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed

(b) Other matters - none

**14. Correspondence**

- (i) **Plant Sale 2024** – CS has advised that the plant sale next year will be on 27<sup>th</sup> April
- (ii) **Village Sign** – Thanks were expressed to Charles Barrington for his offer to paint the capping on the village sign, and to do some re-staining.

**15. Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....  
Chairman