

Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on Monday 13th October 2025 at Bealings Village Hall

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Trevor Harris

2. Declarations of Interest

CH declared an interest in the planning applications for Hakewill House

3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying

None

4. Public Participation Session – none present

5. Planning Applications:

- (a) **DC/25/3410/FUL – Hakewill House, Playford Mount, Playford** – Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe

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

- (b) **DC/25/3338/LBC – Hakewill House, Playford Mount, Playford** – Listed Building Consent - Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe

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

- (c) **DC/25/3380/FUL – Croft House, Lower Street** – Conversion of building to one self-build dwelling

SP drew Cllrs' attention to some relevant paragraphs from the ESC Local Plan. After discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to support this application. Cllrs believe it complies with Policy SCLP 5.5. It is the view of the PC that that the conversion of this small stable block will enhance the immediate setting.

- (d) **Any other application** – None

6. Community Self-Help Advisory Committee

- (a) **To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September** - The minutes had been circulated to all Parish Cllrs and detailed the grants received from SCC and ESC, the payments made on behalf of the PC by Rob Munn (RM) and the reimbursements made to him.

- (b) **To discuss VAT issues** – The Clerk explained that two invoices included VAT which had been paid by RM. However, SCC had only provided grants for the net amount, leaving a shortfall of £701.56. This amount will eventually be claimed back from HMRC by the PC. Cllrs **RESOLVED** that, in the interim period, the cost of the VAT should be borne by the PC and this amount should be reimbursed to RM.

7. Public Meeting with Patrick Spencer MP

A Public Meeting for residents of Great Bealings to raise issues with their MP has been arranged for Monday 10th November from 6.00-7.00pm in the Village Hall, immediately prior to the meeting of the PC. SP explained that, for security reasons, all attendees must register their name and address with the Clerk at least 48 hours before the meeting. Anyone who has not done this will not be permitted entry. Posters will be displayed on the notice boards and on Facebook, and details published in the FLN and via the electronic newsletter.

8. Parish Council Email Addresses

SP advised Cllrs that NALC have informed Councils that only official PC email addresses may be used by Cllrs for Council business. For GtB this means that only the .gov.uk emails are to be used in future and not any personal ones. If an enquiry relating to a PC matter is received on a personal email address, this should be forwarded to the .gov.uk address and only replied to from there. DPK explained that there will be a new Assertion 10 in the Annual Governance Statement at year end which will have to be signed to confirm that we comply.

9. Emergency Notifications via WhatsApp

SP announced that she had succeeded in setting up a broadcast channel on WhatsApp to supplement the Parish Emergency Plan, which cannot be replied to and does not reveal any other recipients. The aim is to provide a means of communicating urgent information quickly. Details will be circulated for residents to register their phone number.

10. Date of next meeting – Monday 10th November at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed.....
Chairman