

Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on Monday 14th July 2025 at Bealings Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mrs Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council, Elaine Bryce (EB) – Suffolk County Councillor and two members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – none
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
NRI, District Cllr – CH. JCJ declared a personal interest in Planning Application DC/25/2259/P3Q and did not take part in the vote
- 3. Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying**
None
- 4. To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21st May 2025 and the meeting held on 2nd June 2025**
The minutes were both approved and signed.
- 5. Clerk/Councillor Updates not on agenda:**
 - (i) Acceptance of Officer Roles** – Following the nominations made at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, JCJ accepted roles of Vice Chairman and Tree Warden
 - (ii) Other** –None
- 6. Public Participation Session** – The applicants of the Planning Application for Croft House explained their proposals and answered questions from Cllrs
- 7. Reports by:**
 - (i) County Councillor Elaine Bryce** – EB reported verbally on the following topics:
 - Suffolk Libraries are now in house
 - Six plug in Suffolk cars have now been delivered
 - The small SCC Flood Investigation Team have been recognised in national awards
 - An application re Westerfield Quarry is due imminently
 - Solar Farm application for Easton
 - Northern By-pass and other options
 - (ii)s Dan Clery and Colin Hedgley**
Two reports have been circulated to Cllrs and full copies are attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported that part of Westerfield Road will be closed soon for 6 months which will impact local villages. He said that the Tour of Britain might be coming via Boot Street in September. He will advise the PC when the application for Westerfield Quarry is submitted – the PC will not be a statutory consultee but can still submit comments.
- 8. Planning Applications:**
 - (i) DC/25/2259/P3Q – Croft House, Lower Street – Prior Notification – Conversion of barn to one dwelling under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (2015)**

Following the explanation provided by the applicants, it was **RESOLVED** unanimously to support this application. JCJ abstained from the vote.

- (ii) Any Application coming forth** – none

(iii) Decision Updates :

The following are still awaiting decision: DC/25/0547 – Bealings House, DC/25/1733 – Land at Lodge Road and DC/25/1962 – Rosery Farmhouse. DC/25/1971 – The Boot has been permitted by ESC

9. Other Planning Matters:

- (i) **SALC Area Forum 17th June** – RS had been unable to attend this
- (ii) **Other Matters** – none

10. Emergency Planning – update on WhatsApp procedure – This is a work in progress. Further details will be circulated and it is hoped to go live in September.

11. Village Fete – CH volunteered to assist, TH agreed to be the Treasurer, the barbecue is organised, also the dog show and the face painting. An invitation has been sent to charities to have a stall. SP will do the Risk Assessment.

12. Highways and Footpaths

- (i) **SAVID/SID** – nothing to report
- (ii) **Scottish Power works opposite Waveney Cottage** – JCJ reported that the application to keep the entrance open was rejected. He is trying to get Scottish Power to provide two new village gates as they have damaged one.
- (iii) **Other Highways matters** – CS reported that the pile of manure left on the field on the corner of Lodge Road and the turn-off to Meadow Cottage was a health concern due to flies. This matter will be reported to Strutt and Parker. RL has reported the fly-tipping of tyres on the highway near Rosery Farmhouse.
- (iv) **Footpaths** – Footpath 12 is still closed at the footbridge.

13. Environmental Issues

- (i) **Water quality in River Lark** – RS has written to Anglian Water re sampling regime and to clarify the addition of “rural” sewage to Lt. Bealings
- (ii) **Other matters** – none

14. Finance and Admin:

- (i) **Authorisation of payments** – The following payments were authorised; proposed by TH and seconded by JCJ:

Chq No	Payee	Description	Amount £
-	Mrs D P Knights	Office Expenses	17.10
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.07.25)	July salary	322.80
-	HMRC (dated 06.08.25)	July PAYE	80.70
-	Mrs D P Knights (dated 28.08.25)	August salary	322.80
-	HMRC (dated 06.09.25)	August PAYE	80.70
-	Marc Fowler	PC work for Chairman	75.00

(ii) Other Finance and Admin matters:

- (a) **Review of Financial Regulations updated 2025** – These were adopted by the PC
- (b) **Bank Reconciliation**- due to the Clerk’s PC problems, this was not ready and will be circulated shortly
- (c) **Other matters** –None

15. Date of next meeting– Monday 1st September at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Signed.....

Chairman