

**Minutes of the meeting of Great Bealings Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Bealings Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:** Dee Knights (DPK) - Clerk to the Council and one member of the public

- 1. **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were accepted from Rachel Lamb
- 2. **Declarations of Interest**  
NRI - CH
- 3. **Declarations of Lobbying and Responses to Lobbying**  
None
- 4. **Public Participation Session** – The applicant for the planning application for Cherry Tree Cottage explained some of the details relating to his application.

**5. Planning Applications:**

**(a) DC/26/0177/FUL – Retrospective application – Cherry Tree Cottage, Seckford Hall Road**

Cllrs agreed that the new structure is more visually appealing than the existing two buildings and appears to be well within the curtilage of the house. The provision of a turning area will be a great improvement and the planting of 8 new oak trees is welcomed.

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

**(b) Any other application** – None

**6. Other Planning Matters:**

**(a) Consultation on ESC Statement of Community Involvement**

RS summarised details of the presentation he had attended. It was decided the PC does not wish to submit any comments on this.

**(b) Other Matters**

SP reported on the Planning Forum she had attended at ESC last week. There will be changes to the current version of the National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF) to reflect the Govt’s new target for housebuilding. GtB, as part of the countryside, is unlikely to see any change of policy re new homes as the focus for housebuilding is on urban and suburban densification. This policy does not, however, apply to energy, minerals and infrastructure projects. The new Local Plan for East Suffolk is being prepared with a provisional timescale of 30 months. ESC must approve an additional 100% of new homes to help reach the Government’ target of 1.5 million.

**7. Date of next meeting** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Signed.....  
Chairman