

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
(www.greatbealings.co.uk)

**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday 16 July 2007 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith Vice Chairman
Mrs Sally Johnson
Mrs Emily Lynch
Mr Ken Willcox
Mr Paul Norris
Mrs Sarah Cartwright Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Robin Sadler, Mr Ivan Jowers, Mr John Carter-Jonas, Mr Peter Bellfield and WPC Gilmore.
The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

The Chairman advised that there was no formal declaration of interest. This was written in the "Declarations of Interest" book and signed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2007

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and seconded by Mr Paul Norris. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

First issue of concern was the appearance of the piece of land at the corner of Grundisburgh Road and Boot Street.. Apparently the County Council has done some clearance work at this location recently and the final result is rather unsightly, particularly the paving slabs which have been put in place, two of which have daubs of yellow paint on them. The adjoining house holder – Mrs Yule – has taken up this matter with SCC, (Ref no:- 711109) just to see if some improvement can be made to the appearance of the site.

Signed
Chairman

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith had two issues. The first is that during grass cutting operations the grass cutter has knocked over the sign "Lower Street" at the junction of Hall Farm Road and Lower Street. Secondly the sign which advertises "Great Bealings" near Rosery Lane has been damaged by a lorry which we believe was doing contract work for Woodland Cottage on Hall Farm Road.

The Chairman brought it to notice that at the time the 30 mph limits were introduced to Great Bealings it was promised that a "gate" would be erected near to the hump backed Bridge at Boot Street. This work has never been implemented.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways department on these matters, cc. Peter Bellfield.

5. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD - PROGRESS

The village playing field has now been remodelled with two separate tiers making it ready for the installation of the play equipment. However the land is being left to settle for a while. The first delivery of play equipment is scheduled for 23 July; the commissioning of multi sports all-weather court work starts in August with completion in September. We will hear the results of the Big Lottery application at the end of July. The Bealings bid has a 20% chance of success and there is a back up plan should we fail. The Chairman proposed that we write to Mr Malcolm Watson and congratulate him on the Talent Show which had raised funds for the playing field and was a huge success.

6. PARISH PLAN

Mr Paul Norris reported back from the Parish Plan Steering Committee. He gave all Councillors a copy of a progress report. This seemed very positive. Mr Paul Norris asked that a resolution be passed to donate £50, approximately 5% of the total cost towards the set up costs of the Parish Plan. He informed us that both Little Bealings and Playford were doing the same. The money would be held in an account administered by Playford Parish Council. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith proposed that we give £50 and this was seconded by Mr Ken Willcox. Mr Eric Barnett then asked about the general timetable? Mr Paul Norris reported that the meetings were becoming more structured but the process was taking a lot longer than documentation suggests due to the fact **three** parish's are working together.

Signed

Chairman

7. WEBSITE

It was agreed that a website “Chat Forum” would be a good idea and would make the website even more interesting. It could be a place where people could post questions and get answers. Obviously it would have to be vetted and people would have to be “registered” with a user name etc. however it was felt this would improve the Great Bealings site. The question over whether the website could be used as a means to book play equipment was raised but it was agreed that booking arrangements will have to be determined by the Village Hall Management Committee.

8. FINANCE

The Chairman read out a letter sent to him re the future of the benefice magazine following a meeting to discuss the production of this publication. One major change proposed that the magazine should be distributed free of charge. It was hoped that the extra money needed would be raised by annual donations from the Parish Councils and by advertising revenue. The suggested Parish Contribution of £100 was proposed for approval by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and seconded by Mrs Emily Lynch.

Mr Paul Norris was asked to have a look at the small notice board in Lower Street and assess its condition. For the time being it was agreed the Agenda and Minutes would be put up in the big notice board.

Annual Return

This had been completed and was now ready to be sent to Lubbock Fine. No one had called to inspect the books in the 5 week notice period given.

Authorisation of cheques

The following cheques were written and authorised:-
£5 to Angela Cobbold Hall Fund (1/3rd of cost of hire of hall)
£50 to Playford Parish Council for donation to Parish Plan process.

Abbey National Account.

A letter had been written and signed by all signatories authorising the closure of the above account and transferring the figure of £264.47 into the Alliance & Leicester Account.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that Mr John Midwinter has agreed to come and give a series of talks during the winter months – on Climate Change. To fund this event (the hire of Bealings village hall etc) it was agreed to serve biscuits and coffee at 50p per head. All agreed that they were happy for this event to take place.

Signed
Chairman

The Clerk read out WPC Gilmore's report which would be posted on the website in due course.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

**C07/1222/FUL Spring Meadow, Lower Street, Great Bealings, IP13 6NL.
Erection of single-storey rear extension.**

It was agreed to support this application.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Emily Lynch said that the footpaths have been looked after brilliantly and suggested that we write to SCC to thank them for doing such a good job.

Mr Ken Willcox was hoping to have another two days metal detecting to raise funds for the playing field.

Up to date literature on the Model Code of Conduct was given to each of the Councillors.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The next Meeting will be held on 24th September 2007 in Bealings Village Hall.

Signed
Chairman