

**GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	Vice Chairman
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mrs Emily Lynch	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mr Ivan Jowers	District Councillor
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr Peter Bellfield and WPC Victoria Gilmore.

At the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**2. REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

Signed .....

Chairman

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Footpaths** Re: Footpath 1. Mr Robin Sadler had been in touch with Mr Martin Williams at SCC. Mr Williams had met with the farmer who reassured him that he would improve the condition of the footpath. SCC's feeling is that footpaths need to be made apparent by stakes however they can't insist the grass is cut etc. Mrs Emily Lynch said she felt stakes across a field is a very bad idea. She, personally expected country footpaths to be a little muddy. The conclusion of the debate over this footpath was that signage by way of finger posts need to be improved.

Footpath 3 was deemed to be particularly bad – going straight across a field. It was agreed it would be more sensible to have it going around the circumference of the field. It would need to be checked to see if the land owner had had a “diversion order” as the footpath in the past used to go around the field. The footpath was described as neglected, unmarked and very, very muddy. It was agreed that Mrs Emily Lynch would write to Mr Martin Williams at SCC in her capacity as Rights of Way Officer.

**5. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD**

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith updated us on the Village Playing Field. There was a site meeting tomorrow (Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January) when the contractor would survey the area where the zip wire is going to be installed. This was an expensive piece of kit costing somewhere in the region of £7,000 and it was scheduled to be erected in February. After that any money coming in for the playing field is dependent on fund raising. Applications to the Biffaward seeking £40,000 and the Lottery seeking another £50,000 will be determined nearer July. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith said he was reasonably optimistic that the playing field would be finished mid to late summer. Up and coming events for fund raising include 29<sup>th</sup> April – Car Treasure Hunt and 7<sup>th</sup> July – Talent Show; and Mr Ken Willcox is hoping for another metal detecting day on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**6. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

It was made apparent that Playford, Little Bealings and Great Bealings had set up a working party to tackle and co-ordinate thinking on traffic/highway matters. Mr John Carter-Jonas is our representative and he will report back from the sub committee after meetings. Mr John Carter-Jonas asked the Councillors for their views on where “Pinch Points” could be placed. The other topic that Mr John Carter-Jonas touched on was “Quiet Lanes”. This involves introducing a designated 20 mph speed limit and maybe “humps” set into the road. To qualify as a “quiet lane” a road should carry less than 1000 vehicles per day. Mr John Carter-Jonas asked the councillors to come to him with their ideas. He also stated that individual letters written to the highway authority and a commitment to continued pressure on SCC would help. In addition the clerk will chase Dick Lord of SCC and press for a reaction to extending the speed limit (30mph) in Hall Farm Road.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**C06/1936/FUL Seckford Golf Club, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6NT. Erection of covered way and cold store.**

Permission has been granted by SCDC.

**C06/1675/LBC The Old Rectory, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6NY. Alterations to include opening up 2 blank windows, new entrance door, removal of internal walls, erection of new internal partitions and provision of 2 new en-suite bathrooms.**

Permission has been granted by SCDC.

**C06/2203/FUL Paddock Hill, Grundisburgh Road, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PE. Erection of domestic wind turbine.**

This was unanimously supported.

**C07/0036/FUL 2 Boot Street, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PB. Construction of vehicular access & parking area.**

The Council reached a verdict of No Objection.

**8. THE PARISH PLAN**

There had been a meeting with Little Bealings Parish Council on 15 January where Mr Steve Brown of SCC had come to talk about Parish Plans. It was decided at that meeting that Playford and Great and Little Bealings would make the first steps to producing a Parish Plan. This would involve a letter drop and an Open Meeting where members of the public could come forward with their ideas of what a Parish Plan could include. An e-mail had been received from Mrs Annette Grey, Suffolk ACRE giving possible dates for this Open Meeting of 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of April. This fits in with the free workshops that Suffolk ACRE are holding in conjunction with Parish Plans. It was agreed that the Open Meeting should be made as welcoming and unthreatening as possible; eg. wine and nibbles could be offered. Decisions were needed on who would be Chairman.

**9. FINANCE**

Clerks Expenses - £17.54

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith proposed and Mr Robin Sadler seconded this payment.

Budget

Councillors were keen to keep the budget at the same level as last year. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith proposed that it stays at £3,000 and Mr John Carter-Jonas seconded this. The clerk will notify SCDC.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman is unable to attend the SALC Area meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. Mr Robin Sadler volunteered to attend subject to viewing the Agenda for the meeting before hand to see if there is anything of relevance on it for Great Bealings. The Chairman volunteered to attend the South West Parish Liaison Meeting being held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Between Christmas and New Year Mr Julian Haywood-Smith had persuaded some contractors not to cut down a cherry tree thought to be on highway land just outside The Old Rectory. The contractors had been instructed by the new house owners to cut it down. Mr Haywood-Smith asked; do we get involved? Do we have a view? Are we interested in preserving trees? Mrs Sally Johnson, in her capacity as Tree Officer was asked to investigate whether any trees were suitable for cover by a TPO.

Mr John Carter-Jonas advised the Council of his concern that the paddock adjacent to Rosery Farm was not gated and could attract travellers. It was agreed that we should contact the owners and see if the site's security could be improved.

Mr Robin Sadler reported back that the carbon foot printing had gone no further in part due to a change of personnel and it was not clear if Suzanne Lacey was still running the initiative or whether Stevie Spencer, the official team officer had taken over. It was agreed to review the "carbon foot printing" at the same time as the Parish Plan discussions.

Mrs Emily Lynch had been speaking to Mrs Fiona Powell re the Great Bealings website and reported that Mrs Powell was keen to get more on the website especially to do with traffic and speeding.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm

The next Meeting will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in Bealings Village Hall.

Signed .....  
Chairman