

**GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

**PRESENT**

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk
Mr Peter Bellfield	County Councillor

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr Ivan Jowers, WPC Gilmore, Mr Paul Norris and Mrs Emily Lynch.

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.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 July 2007 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr Ken Willcox. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Item 4. Mr Eric Barnett read out a letter that had been received from SCC re: the unsightly work done on the corner of Grundisburgh Road and Boot Street. In the letter they promised to remove the daubs of yellow paint on the paving slabs. Mrs Yule (the land is outside her fence) is still not satisfied with the paving slabs and the general appearance of the area in question. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of some bedding plants on the corner though the issue was raised as to who is responsible for cutting back the vegetation. The replacement of the two signs – “Lower Street” and “Great Bealings” on Hall Farm Road was in hand and they should be put back shortly.

Signed .....

Chairman

Mr John Carter-Jonas produced a newspaper clipping on the value of SID's - Speed Indicator Displays. The County Council have two of these and the Police – one. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Police and ask them to do a speed check on Boot Street.

**5. COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD'S REPORT**

Ipswich has gained Unitary Status much to the disappointment of the County Council. This means that the County Council will have less money to spend – approximately 20% less since this will be siphoned off to Ipswich. The Pathfinder bid has been accepted by the government. This means increased co-operation between all Councils in Suffolk. As for nuclear power at Sizewell, the County Council has made no commitment on the siting of another power station.

**6. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD - PROGRESS**

The Chairman updated the Councillors on the Village Playing Field progress. Unfortunately their bid to the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund has been unsuccessful. They are now looking at alternative areas of funding and a bid was going in for a major grant through SALC. The Playing Field was being re-phased and only essential works were being done. Mr Roger Roseboom was hoping to do a "round robin" collection to raise funds. Mrs Sally Johnson had successfully raised £800 from the "Bealings Dog Show" and Mr Ken Willcox had raised £488 from one of his metal detecting days. A Curry & Quiz evening was also scheduled. The Parish Council had received a letter from Mrs Jenny Shaw (on behalf of Friends of Bealings Playing Field) asking for financial assistance. After consulting a very healthy bank balance it was suggested that the Parish Council donate £500 to the Playing Field Project with a view to donating a further £500 later on. This was proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler. In addition it was agreed to apply to Mr Peter Bellfield's locality budget before the end of March. He informed us that most of it has been spent; £2,500 left approx. Alternatively we could apply in the next financial year.

**7. PARISH PLAN**

Mr Robin Sadler reported back from the Parish Plan Steering Committee with a timetable of tasks. This timetable is to be submitted to Suffolk ACRE as part of their application for funding. A copy of the timetable is to be circulated and attached to minutes for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**8. HIGHWAYS**

Traffic management on the A1214 was discussed. Mr John Carter-Jonas brought up the point that the bicycle lane along this stretch of road is rarely used (thus slowing traffic down even more) because of the inherent dangers of cars turning left at junctions and not “giving way” to any bicycles. This point would be raised at the A1214 meeting that was due to take place with the County Council sometime in October. The date had not been set but it was hoped to have a representative from the Council plus Clerk.

**9. WEBSITE**

In Mr Julian Haywood-Smith’s absence it was decided to carry this Agenda item over to our next meeting.

**10. FINANCE**

The following cheques were written and authorised:-

£500 Donation to John Belstead Playing Field Project.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

An e-mail had been sent to Nigel Rolph thanking him for providing the footpath route across his field.

An invitation to Home-Start’s AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> November had been received. Although no-one was going to attend the raffle tickets were being circulated in the brown envelopes should anyone wish to buy one.

An e-mail re: Post Office Closures had been received. The consultation period for Great Bealings is in October 2007. The letter was put in the circulation envelope for all to read.

An e-mail had been received re: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. This will be circulated.

A letter had been received from SCDC inviting Councillors to a “Conservation Volunteers & Parish Tree Wardens Training Day” on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

No-one could attend.

**12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

Permission has been granted by SCDC.

Signed .....  
Chairman

**C07/1237/FUL 2 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road. Erection of two-storey rear extension and detached cartlodge.**

A letter supporting this application has been sent to SCDC.

**C07/1727/FUL Herondyke, Lower Street, Great Bealings. Erection of first floor extension, single storey front extension, and detached two bay cartlodge.**

The Clerk was asked to write to SCDC raising no objections to this planning application.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr John Carter-Jonas was to draft a letter re the expansion of Stansted and the noise pollution it will cause to residents in Great Bealings.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The next Meeting will be held on 19 November 2007 in Bealings Village Hall.

Signed .....  
Chairman