

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday, 12th May 2009 commencing at 8.10 p.m.**

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Norman Porter from the Benefice Newsletter
Mrs Margaret Wilson from the Village Hall Management Committee

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Mr Ken Willcox.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

Mr Eric Barnett advised that there were no formal declarations of interest. This was noted in the Declarations of Interest book.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:-

Mr Eric Barnett was proposed as Chairman for the forthcoming year by Mrs Sally Johnson; and Mr Julian Haywood-Smith seconded this.

Signed
Chairman

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith was put forward for the position of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year; Mr John Carter-Jonas proposed and Mr Paul Norris seconded this proposal.

Mrs Emily Lynch was put forward for the position of Footpath Officer; Mrs Sally Johnson proposed and Mr Julian Haywood-Smith seconded this.

Mr Robin Sadler was put forward for the position of Village Hall Representative; this was proposed by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and seconded by Mrs Emily Lynch.

Mrs Sally Johnson said she was prepared to carry on as Tree Warden; this was proposed by Mr Eric Barnett and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th March 2009.

Mr Paul Norris asked that Line 18 of Minute 5 should read”Our views have not changed – Assuming our views had not changed – “ Subject to the above amendment the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mr Paul Norris and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith. The Minutes were then signed by Mr Eric Barnett.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BT Phone Box – Information Board

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith has taken the lead on this and will circulate a draft copy of this to Councillors for their comments. The Information board is to be erected inside the phone box in due course. A “landscape” A4 notice will be put in the window saying “Not in Use”. The emergency services have been contacted and informed the phone box does not contain a working telephone. Mr Ken Willcox has done a brilliant job painting and cleaning the box. The Clerk was asked to review the value of the phone box and to advise whether the insurance policy needs to be amended.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

It was agreed that an email should be sent confirming that our views have not changed and attaching a copy of our previous letter. The deadline for this is the 14th May 2009.

Signed
Chairman

7. PARISH PLAN

The exhibition has gone well. Two people have come forward to volunteer for the Action Monitoring Group which is set to action the points made in the Parish Plan; these people are Mr Phil Holmes who was secretary for the steering group and Mrs Tabitha Jones. Mr Pat Keep has also volunteered and the clerk was asked to contact him about being a “Reserve”. The AMG will meet once every three months and work closely with the Parish Council. All councillors have received a copy of the Parish Plan and were asked to formally adopt the plan. This was proposed by Mr Paul Norris and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. The initial meeting of the AMG will be held on 3rd June at 7.30 pm in the Admiral’s Head. The Chairman said that it was important the Parish Council deals with the Parish Plan a section at a time eg. Five action points at each meeting during the next 9 months. It was important that the document is revisited at our meetings.

8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

Mr Ivan Jowers said SCDC are in the middle of processing all information. They have been inundated by responses and reactions and are very busy sifting through those. The next process is further consultation possibly September for the Core Strategy, later for the site specific allocations. A planning inspector will then be involved who will arrange hearings. Mr Ivan Jowers commented that he thought it will be adopted sometime in 2010/11.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

C09/0070 Brookfield Cottage, Boot Street. Erection of single-storey side extension. Permission has been granted by SCDC

C09/0121 Great Bealings Hall, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings. Creation of new shower room (associated internal and external alterations). Permission has been granted by SCDC

10. HIGHWAYS

Mr Paul Norris and Mr John Carter-Jonas have gradually been inspecting the roads in the village and they reported that the County Council has been filling in the pot holes. Mr John Carter-Jonas also reported that they have dug out part of a ditch which had been blocked. They will carry on with their inspection. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith said he noticed that there was a danger of the roads becoming wider due to the undercutting of banks. A number of road names and signs were reported to have been damaged. For instance the sign “Boot Street” under the village notice board has fallen off. “Grundisburgh Road” sign was also reported as damaged/missing as well as “Lower Street” which came down with grass cutting – these need to be reported to SCDC.

Signed

Chairman

11. FINANCE

The following cheques were authorised:-

Cheque No 136	£85.00	SCDC Planning Application
Cheque No 137	£25.00	Suffolk ACRE membership
Cheque No 138	£105.00	SALC membership
Cheque No 139	£50.00	Bealings Village Hall Trust
Cheque No 140	£34.70	S Cartwright expenses
Cheque No 141	CANCELLED	
Cheque No 142	£20.00	CATS
Cheque No 143	£20.00	SARS
Cheque No 144	£60.00	Disability Advice Service
Cheque No 145	£100.00	Benefice Newsletter
Cheque No 146	£500.00	Bealings Village Hall Trust
Cheque No 147	£250.00	Bealings Village Hall Trust

It was proposed that Mr Phil Holmes should be given a gift in recognition of his major contribution to the production of the Parish Plan. A cheque of £50 was suggested. This was proposed by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and seconded by Mr Paul Norris.

- ii) The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2008/09 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith proposed we adopt these and this was seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. These had been internally audited by Mr John Stroud and were now ready for the external auditors BDO Stoy Haywood. Anyone wanting to inspect the accounts will be able to by appointment at the Clerk's house.
- iii) The first instalment of the Precept has been received (£1,750).

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

None

Signed

Chairman

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SCC have been asked to remove the two signs that say “village shop”.

Mrs Emily Lynch said a “footpath” sign was missing and that we should notify the County Council even though it was out of our Parish.

Mr Eric Barnett said some of the lettering on the war memorial had become rather faded and that it needed painting. Mr Paul Norris said he would have to go and have a look at the War Memorial in order to identify what type of paint should be used. Mr Paul Norris has tidied up around the notice board which now needs to be sanded and redecorated. He will do this in due course. Mr Paul Norris gave his apologies for the next meeting in July.

Date of next meeting – 7th July 2009.

The meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Signed
Chairman