

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday, 13th January 2010 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett Chairman
Mr Robin Sadler
Mr Paul Norris
Mr John Carter-Jonas
Mrs Sally Johnson
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith
Mr Ken Willcox
Mrs Sarah Cartwright
PC Wright

In Attendance

Mr Martin Cripps

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Councillor Ivan Jowers, County Councillor Peter Bellfield and Dr Emily Lynch.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

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 and signed by the Chairman.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
10th November 2009.**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman

Signed
Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. REPORT BY PC WRIGHT

PC Wright introduced himself and said that there was little crime to report. The written "Police Report" we have received indicated three crimes. PC Wright informed us that the SNT meeting was being held tomorrow night. No-one was able to attend. On a different note there is a mobile police station which tours the villages. This is to be used as the "public access point" for Tasking Priorities. (A member of the team will be on board and available to discuss anything with members of the public). The Clerk was asked to find out details of when and what time they visit the village and subsequently advertise this news. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith reported the theft of heating oil in Clopton and also a speeding motorcycle travelling very fast down Hall Farm Road between 07.00 and 08.00 am approx. PC Wright said he would investigate. The Chairman thanked PC Wright for attending.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW – BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

The Boundary Committee for England has issued its final recommendations to the Government for the future shape of local government in Suffolk – its preferred option of one single council for all of Suffolk (the so-called One Suffolk option) or an Ipswich/Felixstowe unitary (the so-called North Haven option) along with a Rural Suffolk unitary council covering the rest of the county. We have until Tuesday, 19th January to comment to the Secretary of State. Mr Eric Barnett proposed that we write stating that a single Suffolk Unitary would be the most appropriate and obvious solution.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C09/1905 Gulpher, Boot Street. Erection of new roof incorporating dormer windows. The Parish Council supported this application.

C09/1361 Barn, Cherry Tree Farm, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings. Change of use of agricultural Dutch barn to storage of building equipment. Permission has been granted.

Signed
Chairman

Rosery Farm. We have not had a reply from the case officer:- Mr Derek Jarman. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith asked what was going on there. Mr Eric Barnett reported that a fence has been erected which probably needed planning permission. Amongst other things were the stables being used commercially? Is the barn being used for other than agricultural purposes?

C08/1854 Proposed cemetery, Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham St Martin. Mr Eric Barnett reported that nothing has been heard about this.

At the last Parish Council meeting Mr Cripps had requested that we enquire about planning for the B & B business at Bealings House. (Mr Julian Haywood- Smith declared an interest as he is also in the process of converting his outdoor office into B & B). Mr Eric Barnett reported to Mr Cripps that he had spoken with the enforcement officer at SCDC who said that in principle the planning authority would only ask for a planning application to be submitted if 50% or more of the bedrooms in a dwelling were proposed to be used for B & B accommodation. Mr Cripps confirmed that SCDC had informed him that indeed no planning permission was needed at Bealings House. The other matter was one of "Fire Regulations". Mr Cripps asked if Bealings House met all the demands of fire regulations and safety? The Parish Council decided that fire regulations at Bealings House was not a matter for them. Mr Eric Barnett said he might quietly have a word with Mr Peto however it was not something for the Parish Council to get involved in. Mr Cripps reported that he was liasing directly with the fire authority.

8. HIGHWAYS

Mr John Carter-Jonas reported back that he had met on site with Mr David Fawcett and they had surveyed the C325 Road to Hasketon from Birds Hill; and the subsequent flooding. Mr John Carter-Jonas reported that the highways department has said that they were going to cut new "gulleys" at 45 degree angles (not 90 degrees) and that the ditch was nothing to do with them and should be cleared out by the landowner. A letter has been received from the Highways Dept also outlining their plan to install a soakaway. This is scheduled to be done Monday, 8th February when the road will be closed for a week approx.

Signed
Chairman

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Mr Julian Haywood-Smith said that pot holes were appearing everywhere in the village. It was agreed to do a "Pot hole check". Mrs Sally Johnson is to do Lower Street to Hall Farm Road. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith is to do Hasketon Road as far as the gas station and from the hump-back bridge to Grundisburgh Road. Mr John Carter-Jonas is to do Lodge Road. Mr Eric Barnett – Rosery Lane; and Mr Paul Norris and Mr Robin Sadler – Boot Street and Grundisburgh Road. The findings will be given to the Clerk who will then liase with SCDC. Deadline for pot hole check – end of January 2010.

At our previous meeting Mr Robin Sadler and Mr Martin Cripps had raised concern over the large size of machinery using the narrow roads of Great Bealings. The heavy machinery causes erosion to the banks, verges and hedgerows. Subsequently a letter has been written to the landowner, Lord Cranworth copying SCDC and SCC in. SCC and SCDC have replied to the Parish Council informing us that (in so many words) unfortunately there is very little they can do.

The bridleway sign (missing along the Grundisburgh Road) has still not been erected. Last heard was that Highways Dept were in talks with the landowner over "repositioning". The Clerk to call if not erected by the end of January.

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith was asked to report back on the site meeting he had with Luke Barber along Hall Farm Road. He reported that it was doubtful that they would get a speed restriction down to 40 miles per hour along this stretch of the road. However Mr Barber informed him that he might have a case so to write anyway. (Whilst on site the average speed the cars were travelling was 45 mph).

The need for a footpath/permissive route from Grundisburgh Road/Boot Street to the Playing Field and School has come out of the Parish Plan. Mr Phil Holmes has drawn a map with two possibilities:- a shorter route, just inside the hedge along Boot Street and a longer route, across one of Lord Cranworth's fields. Councillors were asked what their preference was? All agreed that the shorter route was the most obvious route however the Parish Council should write to the landowner and ask what would be his preference? The fact that it would be a Permissive Path gives the landowner the right to close it at any given time (unlike a footpath). In addition to writing to the landowner Mr Eric Barnett would speak to Mr Peter Bellfield on the merits of the path:- route to village hall, school, supports pub as well; and see if SCC would be prepared to do the legal work.

Signed

Chairman

A letter has been received from J Whight of “Penny Gate” regarding a dangerous tree on the road side verge. The Parish Council will investigate and talk to the Highways Department to see if it is their responsibility.

Mr Peter Bellfield has asked how we got on with the heavy snow and gritting of the roads. Councillors reported no particular problems other than at Hasketon Road where the road became very icy and since it was not marked as a priority route 1 or 2 it was not “gritted”. Upon request piles of grit was left near the war memorial for self gritting. This spot used to be a regular location where grit was left however it has been rather neglected over the years. Councillors discussed the possibility of buying a Grit Bin for this location and the Clerk was asked to investigate various models and cost. This would ensure that the highway authority replenish every year/when needed. Mrs Sally Johnson said more piles of grit were needed round the village

9. FINANCE

Homestart has made a request for a donation. The clerk was asked to enquire as to whether they helped people in Great Bealings. If so then perhaps a donation would be in order.

The following cheques were authorised:-

Cheque No: 159	£438.67	Clerks Salary
Cheque No: 160	£22.99	Phil Holmes – website domain

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has come in regarding “Suffolk Open Weekend” – celebrating the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Grants are available to hold events, up to £500. We have until 16 April 2010 in which to bid for a grant. It was agreed to discuss the idea of holding a joint event with Playford and Little Bealings Parish. Each village could bid for a grant then pool it together for an event on Bealings Village Playground? Mr Julian Haywood-Smith said he would speak to Mr Malcolm Watson for ideas.

A Consultation on Waste Core Strategy Submission Draft and accompanying Final Sustainability Appraisal Report has come in. We have until 22nd February to reply. Given to Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

The War Memorials Trust are hosting a half day conference entitled “looking after war memorials”. Unfortunately no councillor could attend.

Signed

Chairman

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Cripps asked who the Footpath Officer is as there is a wobbly style by the hump back bridge which is the beginning of the footpath that leads to the church. It is rotten and needs replacing. The Clerk will get in touch with Dr Emily Lynch who has the footpath map and then contact the Council.

12. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

- 9th March
- 11th May (Angela Cobbold Hall)
- 13th July
- 7th September
- 9th November

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm

Signed
Chairman