

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Thursday, 15 January 2009 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett Chairman
Mr Paul Norris
Mr Ken Willcox
Mr Robin Sadler
Mrs Sally Johnson
Mr Peter Bellfield

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Mr John Carter-Jonas, Mrs Emily Lynch, Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and Mrs Sarah Cartwright.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

It was determined that Mr Robin Sadler and Mr Ken Willcox both had an interest in the discussion of the Local Development Framework only in as much it related to the piece of land on Grundisburgh Road. It was agreed that they could speak in the discussions but would not be able to vote on that particular issue.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
17th November 2008.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th November 2008 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

Mr Robin Sadler said he had attended the conference on Climate Change on 4th December 2008 and commented that he found it to have been very useful, indeed quite inspirational. The conference had attracted 80-90 delegates and Mr Sadler agreed to produce a written report for the Council.

5. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD

Mr Bellfield reported that the Boundary Committee's report would not be published until 13 February 2009; it had been delayed because Norfolk County Council had sought a judicial review of procedures because they felt there had been insufficient time for consultation. Mr Bellfield added that the Committee will not accept any submissions for a three Unitary Authority Structure for Suffolk and future discussion will be restricted to the two options initially publicised by the Committee.

He advised the Parish Council that the County Records Office had been given a 4 star/excellent rating while the County's budget allocation of £3.5 million for children at risk had been increased by an additional £1.6 m from central government.

6. POLICE REPORT

Nothing to report.

7. PARISH PLAN

The Chairman reported that the draft plan and report was being subjected to a line by line vetting by the Steering Group. It was intended to publicise the document and hold an exhibition by the end of March 2009.

8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

Following a lengthy discussion of the Chairman's paper on the LDF it was agreed that SCDC should be informed that the PC do not agree with Gt Bealings being listed as a Local Service Centre since it did not qualify under the list of criteria which had been used for defining local service centres. It was considered that Gt Bealings should be reclassified as an "Other Village" which seemed far more appropriate and reflected the character and size of the two hamlets of Boot Street and Lower Street.

The Council also considered that the three individual proposals for housing development were unacceptable and unsuitable. Certainly there was no intention by the Parish Council to seek to define a development Units boundary for Boot Street or to extend the existing limits at Lower Street, particularly at Kiln Farm Lane.

Signed

Chairman

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It was agreed that the Chairman would draft for members' comments the Council's formal response to SCDC before 20th February. This was proposed by Mr Paul Norris and seconded by Mr Ken Willcox.

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The latest position on this review is contained in County Councillor Peter Bellfield's report – see item 5 of these minutes.

10. HIGHWAYS

It was agreed that a survey of the state of the highways in the Parish should be made so that the Parish Council can determine its future submission to Suffolk County Council. This survey is to be made by Councillors John Carter-Jonas and Mr Paul Norris.

11. FINANCE

The following cheques were authorised:-

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| (i) | East of England Regional Authority | £23 |
| (ii) | Clerk's salary | £438.82 |

While the detailed budget for 2009-10 was approved; this is attached to these minutes. Proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) Parkland Burial Site, Tuddenham St Martin.

The Chairman reported that this application had been refused (unanimously) by SCDC

- (ii) C/08/2239- Alterations and extensions at Driftway, Lodge Road, Great Bealings.

These proposals were presented by the Chairman and the Parish Council's reaction was that the proposed new dwelling was too large for the plot by reason of its bulk and height and would have an oppressive effect on neighbouring dwellings, particularly "Ashdown". It was decided to object and the Chairman was empowered to submit the Council's views to SCDC.

Signed

Chairman

13. CLIMATE CHANGE

The Chairman reported that an “Eco Event” will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10 February 2009 starting at 7.30 pm. A number of speakers including John Midwinter and representatives from Suffolk CRED, Greener Suffolk and the Wenhaston Energy Group would be making presentations, while other organisations would be present to offer advice and guidance. Flyers had been distributed and further publicity would be included in the Benefice Newsletter.

The Chairman’s initiative was endorsed.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

None

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Date of next meeting was confirmed for 10th March 2009. The Chairman presented his apologies for that meeting.