

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday 17th March 2008 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mr P Norris	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk
Mr Ivan Jowers	District Councillor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from PC Dan Wheddon and County Councillor Peter Bellfield. .

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. This was written in the Declarations of Interest book and signed by the Chairman.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
21st January 2008.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st January 2008 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 (Not covered under Agenda items)

Item 10 – Website. Mr Phil Holmes has taken over as website master and any issues over the website should be directed at him. He had given the Clerk a more professional email address. Her new email address is:- clerk@greatbealings.co.uk.

Item 12 – Mrs Sally Johnson was asked to talk to Suffolk Wildlife Trust and pin point exactly what a “Breathing Space” is.

Item 12 – Mr Paul Norris attended the Ipswich Development Framework (Preferred Options Site Allocations and Policies) meeting on 29th February. He reported back that he did not think it would have any impact on us at all. He said that they were pursuing brown field sites including people’s back gardens which was of some concern. He has documents and maps if anyone is interested in pursuing the matter.

5. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD – Progress Report

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith reported that due to heavy rain they had had some problems. The steep slope in the Village Playing Field had unfortunately “slumped” thus causing a mess in the tennis courts. A retaining wall was needed here and some form of drainage. On the brighter side Mr Julian Haywood-Smith reported that the land is all levelled now and looks fantastic. The paths have been completed and they are finishing off the seating area and maze. A formal opening ceremony will be held on 5th May with fun run, netball match and barbeque amongst other events. There will also be the opening of the public footpath leading to the Village Playing Field which has been agreed by Mr Nigel Rolph as landowner. £2,000 is needed to finish off the Village Playing Field which will hopefully come from Mr Peter Bellfield’s locality fund.

6. PARISH PLAN – Progress Report

Mr Paul Norris gave handouts of a report that had been prepared by the secretary and Mr Phil Holmes of the Steering Group. It outlines how the questionnaire will be ready to pilot mid-March. Whilst the draft questionnaire contains a few questions on local planning, it is also looking at transport, traffic, the environment, schools and local services, to name but a few. On another note – Mr Robin Sadler had resigned as a Great Bealings Representative and a replacement was required. Mr Eric Barnett volunteered his services and all agreed that he should attend the next steering group meeting on Wednesday, 19th March.

Signed
Chairman

7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Documents relating to the above had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the information (especially the map) was a bit vague. Mr John Carter-Jonas had given handouts of a more accurate map which highlighted the areas where new houses might be built. They are looking for land for approx 1,000 dwellings. Mr Ivan Jowers said that the spots on map were exactly that and were not meant to be specific. After some discussion of the various options it was concluded that the Parish Council should express a preference for Option 5; the Chairman would write to SCDC.

8. HIGHWAYS

An e-mail had been received from SCC re traffic management on the A1214. It outlined that in April SCC intend to switch the traffic lights off at St Michael’s roundabout in Kesgrave as a trial measure. In the interim they shall be gathering data with a traffic counter being placed in Boot Street. It was agreed that the clerk would write to them and ask them to put the traffic counter by the church/war memorial rather than by the hump backed bridge.

9. GREEN SQUIRREL PROJECT

Handouts were given on the “Green Squirrel Project” which had first been raised at Mr John Midwinter’s climate change talks. This project helps communities such as parish councils to live more sustainably and combat climate change. At the moment Green Squirrel Project is promoting cavity wall insulation in houses. For each household that takes action the community will be paid £10 which can get match funding also. The clerk was asked to register the Parish Council’s interest in the project. The Parish Plan might be the right place to promote the Green Squirrel Project; also perhaps the Benefice newsletter. Mr Eric Barnett has the CD should anyone want to take a look. On a different topic the Chairman suggested buying Mr John Midwinter a case of red wine as a gesture of thanks for the series of talks that he gave free of charge – this was agreed by the Parish Council.

Signed
Chairman

10. FINANCE

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith had put a bid in for funding from Mr Peter Bellfield's locality fund.

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith proposed that we pay Mr John Stroud £20 for his work auditing the accounts. This was seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas.

The following cheques were written and authorised:-

Suffolk Acre's annual membership.	£ 25.00
Clerk's salary	£437.91

Mr Ken Willcox gave the Clerk a cheque for £724.00 which he had raised on a metal detecting day in aid of the VFPF. This was held on Nigel Rolph's land.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from SCDC regarding Litter Action – Spring Clean Suffolk 2008. All the councillors agreed to take a bag out and clear litter from their allocated roads.

Two emails had been received regarding the Boundary Committee and whether there is an alternative unitary structure to that proposed in the original Ipswich bid. Two meetings were being held giving parishes the opportunity to collectively discuss the review of boundaries. The Clerk and Chairman agreed to attend the meeting on the 26th March.

The police report recorded that 2 crimes had been committed. This report was to be put on the website.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C08/0149 Brookfield Cottage, Boot Street, Great Bealings. Erection of two dwellings (existing bungalow to be demolished). This application has been withdrawn.

C08/0168 Waveney Cottage, Lodge Road, Great Bealings. Erection of single-storey extension. Permission has been granted from SCDC.

Signed
Chairman

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The “footpath” sign down Rosery Lane has been knocked down. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highway department.

Mr Paul Norris informed us that the new notice board for Boot Street is now under construction.

It was agreed to write to Sackers and thank them for the kind loan of a skip which was used to take away old fencing from the Playing Field.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

The next Parish Council meeting will follow the Annual Parish Meeting on 19th May 2008 at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

The meeting finished at 21.25 pm

Signed
Chairman