

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday 19th November 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	
Mr P Norris	
Mrs Emily Lynch	
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk
Mr Peter Bellfield	County Councillor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Ivan Jowers and WPC Gilmore.

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
24th September 2007**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th September 2007 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 John Carter-Jonas. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

4. COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD'S REPORT

The Parish Council had made a request for funding for the Village Playing Field. Mr Peter Bellfield had received this request and proposed giving £2,000 approx from his locality fund for the financial year 2007/08. The Parish Council is welcome to apply again in the next financial year.

Signed

Chairman

Mr Peter Bellfield reported that Unitary Status was likely to go through. He also reported that the County Council had started "scrutiny meetings" re: the budget. It has been reported that the County Council has to save £25 million (£16 million net) in the coming year. Certain financial points had been put to the government. "Means testing" was coming in for care of the ill and elderly. 95% of Councils round the country already do this.

The Council has decided to go for an incinerator plant which would also be an energy generator; this is likely to cost about £500 million. They need to look into locations for incinerators. As for schools; SCC was changing the 3 tier system to a 2 tier system. This was taking place first in Lowestoft then Halesworth. Speeding was another item reported and Mr Peter Bellfield gave mention to the new "Roadsafe" scheme where civilian parishioners can operate a speed gun themselves (they are given training). This piece of equipment costs approx £2,200 and was definitely something worth considering when the cost could be shared with other parishes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising.

6. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD.

Mr Eric Barnett updated us on the Playing Field Project. The All weather facility is now up and running and in use. This facility is free of charge until January when it can be booked out "on line". The John Belstead Playing Field Fund has received a grant of £10,000 from Suffolk Environmental Trust and £2,000 had been received from the County Council's Locality Fund. Fundraising events coming up included a Blues Band on Saturday 8th December and Mr Ken Willcox was hoping to do another metal detecting day.

7. PARISH PLAN

Mr Robin Sadler informed us that two working groups had been set up - a Residents group and a Stakeholders group. The Residents working group has held two exhibitions. The exhibitions had been a great success and a lot of information has been gathered and a lot of issues raised. Mr Robin Sadler was asked what a Stakeholder was. He informed us that Stakeholders can be anyone who has an interest in the village, ie a parent of a child at Little Bealings School, EDF Energy or The Environment Agency for example. Mr Robin Sadler informed us that they now have a database of 200 people. The Parish Plan Steering Group have now received funding from Suffolk Acre which has been put into a linked account with Playford Parish Council.

Signed
Chairman

8. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a meeting at Kesgrave Town Hall to discuss traffic management along the A1214 and the traffic issues this throws up for roads in Great Bealings. Notes from this meeting were being circulated. A follow up meeting with the police in attendance was scheduled for early January. It was hoped that Great Bealings would have a representative in attendance though since the meeting was happening in the afternoon Mr John Carter-Jonas (our highways rep) would be unable to attend.

9. WEBSITE

The Parish Plan exhibitions highlighted the fact that village websites need to be jazzed up in order to attract “hits”. It was noted that Little Bealings Parish Council have a very attractive website however they have the benefit of having a full time “web master” The Chairman proposed funding for someone to do all the three Parish websites. Mrs Jenny Shaw’s name was put forward and it was suggested that we make a formal approach and ask her if she would be interested. Mr Paul Norris pointed out that some people don’t use/know how to use/or have access to the internet therefore the notice board and newsletter that is distributed to householders should not be disregarded.

10. FINANCE

Everyone had received a copy of the draft budget which was approved. The precept would stay the same as the previous year set at £3,000. SCDC would be notified at the end of January. This was proposed by Mrs Emily Lynch and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. The following cheques were reported as having been issued:-

Little Bealings PC	£ 7.68
Playford Parish Council	£ 19.62
Lubbock Fine	£141.00
Little Bealings PCC (Benefice)	£100.00
Sarah Cartwright (Expenses)	£ 36.44
Sarah Cartwright (salary)	£437.91

These were proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mrs Emily Lynch.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Details of the “Roadsafe” scheme that Mr Peter Bellfield had talked about had been received. This was to be circulated around councillors. Again it was agreed that we should join forces with the neighbouring parishes. Funding may be available for the initial outlay of the cost of equipment e.g. speed gun. This was to be investigated.

Signed
Chairman

