

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday 18th September 2006 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	Vice Chairman
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mrs Emily Lynch	
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mr Simon Williams	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk
Mr Ivan Jowers	District Councillor
Mr Peter Bellfield	County Councillor

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Simon Williams and WPC Victoria Gilmore

At the commencement of the Meeting the Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. POLICE NEWS

There was only one recorded crime to report for Great Bealings; a drink-driving offence.

3. REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

The Chairman advised that there was no formal declaration of interest. This was written in the "Declarations of Interest" book.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2006

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2006 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

Signed

Chairman

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The War Memorial The Chairman had been speaking to the Rev. Pauline Stentiford about the war memorial and he had been asked if we could make improvements to the access of it facilitating “wreath laying”. Option one was to have some “steps” made up – not favoured by the Rev Pauline Stentiford. The other option was to cut and trim the hedge back so that the war memorial could be accessed from the car park on the Hasketon side of the road. This would involve making a “hole” in the hedge for people to walk through. This was agreed on and Mr Ken Willcox kindly volunteered to help cut it back.

Carbon Footprinting It was agreed that Mr Robin Sadler should go ahead with this project and organise an evening with Little Bealings Parish Council to be held in the Village Hall one night in November/December.

Parish Plan Mr Robin Sadler brought it to our attention that every Parish should have a Parish Plan by 2010. The Chairman and Clerk reported back from SALC’s Area Committee meeting that Mrs Ferial Rogers, Chairman of Little Bealings had raised the question of Little Bealings and Great Bealings joining forces and doing a combined Parish Plan. Mrs Emily Lynch stated that this, in effect could make us a “sustainable community” although whether this was a good or bad thing was open to question. Whatever the answer it was agreed that a Parish Plan was a good idea especially since funding was available from Suffolk ACRE with the Parish expected to pay only 5% of costs. Ideas were to be accessed from other Parish Councils that had done Parish Plans. It was suggested that two people from the Council should form a sub committee with at least four people from the community. Mr Ivan Jowers pointed out that the Parish Plan will not be included in the “Core Strategy Preferred Options” which go out for public consultation later this year/early next year. As the Local Development Framework (new plan) will not be finalised for some considerable time, the Parish Plan will be taken into account in this document.

6. COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD’S REPORT

Mr Peter Bellfield reported that the County Council had had bad press recently because they voted themselves an increase in allowances. He pointed out that in reality SCC had had one of the lowest in the country. Equally they are trying to save money, e.g. they have stopped all refreshments at meetings saving £12,000 a month; they have also amended the way pay increases are awarded.

Mr Peter Bellfield also raised a question on care homes; relating to the level at which SCC would continue to run them. They would not be closing them down but a consultation was to be carried out in the near future.

Mr Peter Bellfield also stated that SCC had to do something about landfill sooner rather than later when the cost of rubbish disposal will become prohibitive. He felt that incineration was a distinct possibility although it had proved unpopular in other counties. Parish Councils will be asked for their views later on in the year with a decision being made early next year.

Signed
Chairman

7. VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

The planning consent was issued in July by SCDC and the Village Hall Management Committee now have a separate account for funding the project. The bids for the Lottery and Biffaward have been submitted and the Chairman informed us that they had been exceptionally well drawn up.. A letter of thanks was to be written to Mr Roger Roseboom and Mrs Jenny Shaw to congratulate them on all their hard work. It was just a matter of time before we hear back from the Lottery and Biffaward on whether the applications had been successful. The playing field certainly has the support of Suffolk Acre. Fund raising was still on-going with a “Curry & Quiz Night” coming up. Also local residents were going to be asked to donate money by a house to house letter drop. Both SCDC and SCC can also provide grant funding.

8. SAVE OUR RURAL ROADS

For a subscription of £15 a year this organisation acts on behalf of some 18 Parish Councils and holds meetings for Parish members to voice their concerns. SORR then approach Suffolk County Council directly themselves with the Parish’s concerns. Mr Peter Bellfield gave this organisation his vote of confidence and said it was well worth becoming a member of. Mr Eric Barnett and Mrs Sarah Cartwright were attending their next meeting on Monday, 25th September before committing to joining as a member. In addition the Clerk was asked to formally write to the Highways Department at Suffolk County Council and request that the speed limit be reduced to 30 mph along the stretch of road from Rosery Lane to the hump-backed bridge in Boot Street. In addition a “site visit” was to be arranged with a councillor present.

9. SALC TRAINING

Mr Robin Sadler, Mrs Sally Johnson and the Clerk said that they would attend the Planning Seminar being held at Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre on Thursday, 19th October. The Clerk was going to attend the “Coffee, Cakes and Communications” workshop to be held on Wednesday, 25th October as well.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C06/0829/OUT Seckford Hall. Use of land for the development of 24 two and three bed and one four bed chalets for holiday accommodations plus one office/shop/café together with alterations to vehicular access. Refusal of outline planning permission.

C06/1717/FUL Brookend, Lower Street, Great Bealings. Erection of extension to front of dwelling. The Parish Council unanimously support this application. This was proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

C06/1675/LBC The Old Rectory, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings. Alterations to include opening up 2 blank windows, new entrance door, removal of internal walls, erection of new internal partitions and provision of 2 new en-suite bathrooms. The Parish Council unanimously support this application. This was proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

Signed
Chairman

11. EXPENDITURE

The Village Playing Field Account transfer of £2,351.38 was authorised.

The following cheques were written:-

- The Clerk's salary £407.64
- Little Bealings Council sign £ 7.68
- Suffolk ACRE Services (Zurich Municipal) £125 + £6.25

Mrs Emily Lynch proposed payment and Mr Julian Haywood-Smith seconded this.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from the County Council asking us to prioritise the Rights of Way in Great Bealings to ensure that the most important paths were looked after first and foremost. Mrs Emily Lynch agreed to do this and she was given the definitive map with the paths numbered.

Mr Robin Sadler had a complaint about the Right of Way from Boot Street through to Hill Farm Cottage. He stated that footpath number 1 on the definitive map is unwalkable. Mr Sadler would draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Rights of Way Officer at Suffolk County Council.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Before the next meeting a circular was to be sent out with proposed dates for next year's meetings.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2006 in Bealings Village Hall.

Signed
Chairman