

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday, 10th November 2009 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mr Paul Norris	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	
Mr Peter Bellfield	County Councillor

In Attendance

Mr Martin Cripps

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith, Dr Emily Lynch, District Councillor Ivan Jowers and PCSO Justin Moss.

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
8th September 2009.**

Under minute number 11, page 2009/10-13, line 16 Mr Robin Sadler suggested changing "the red signs are too big for farm machinery....." to read "the red signs are positioned too close for farm machinery....." Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. The minutes of the meeting were then put to one side to be signed by the Chairman once the amendments have been made.

Signed
Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Parish Plan

A presentation has been given by Mr John Ager (Clerk of Grundisburgh) on the benefits of Googlemail. As a result of this meeting it was decided to mail shot parishioners (using the mailing list from the Parish Plan) and inform them of the News Group – Googlemail. A substantial amount of interest has been received as a result of this mail shot and Googlemail is now up and running. In addition an advertisement has been placed in the Benefice Newsletter asking parishioners if they wish to register. Sarah Cartwright and Mr Phil Holmes are moderators for the account.

Mr Robin Sadler reported receiving a report from Grundisburgh News Group (to which he subscribes) on a burglary in Little Bealings.. He then, in turn contacted Bealings and Playford News Group for the information to be distributed to the 150 or so subscribers to which it was. Mr Sadler said in his email he also had referred to thefts from cars at Daisy’s Walk, Sutton Heath and Tanham Forest. He commented that this news had been left out of the googlemail email distributed and he wondered why? It was agreed that the matter would be taken up with Mr Phil Holmes. Mr Peter Bellfield requested that his email details be added to receive the “alerts” from the Bealings/Playford News Group Googlemail.

5. MR PETER BELLFIELD’S REPORT

Mr Peter Bellfield reported on the financial problems the local government organizations are having. SCC have estimated that if they do nothing about saving money between now and the end of the next 3½ years there will be a £48 million (per annum) deficit. Saving is imperative and they are looking to see if partnership type work might spread the money more efficiently. Politicians in central government are certainly interested in this.

Mr Peter Bellfield reported that he had not heard about the Supreme Court deliberations on the Local Government Review therefore he was not sure what was happening.

Good news for the county is that Suffolk has been voted 7th best recycler in all counties throughout the country.

He reminded us that he has a small amount of money available for minor road improvements and suggested we get any requests in to him asap.. Examples of this are for “speed signs” or “traffic calming” etc. The Chairman said he would be writing to the County Council regarding the speed limit along Hall Farm Road.

6. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

i) SCDC

The Chairman reported that SCDC has accepted the argument of down grading the village from “Local Service Centre” to “Other Village”. The Chairman advised that no further action need happen at this time.

Signed

Chairman

ii) Ipswich Borough Council

Information has been received on the Ipswich LDF which is only of passing interest to Great Bealings as there are no direct implications here. A CD Rom disk is available for those interested in the future development of Ipswich.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C09/1361 Barn, Cherry Tree Farm, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings

Change of use of agricultural Dutch barn to storage of building equipment. This is going to Committee on 12/11/09. The Parish Council has not objected to this application though the Chairman did voice some concern over traffic and the views of the neighbours.

Rosery Farm – SCDC have been notified of the building activities. The case officer dealing with this case is Mr Derek Jarman.

C08/1854 Land South of, Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham St Martin. No news.

8. HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported that the War Memorial hedge would be left to grow back and the “Hasketon Road” sign would be raised and sited above it (steel brackets have been made). Mr Eric Barnett has re-painted the lettering. Mr Paul Norris and Mr Eric Barnett agreed to meet on site regarding the concrete base which needs some attention.

Two “Boot Street” signs at either end of village (by hump backed bridge & by “Shilstons”- have been requested. Mandy Mann of SCDC will do a site visit to check the locations and will write to SCC Highways to get the relevant permissions to site the signs. She will contact us again once permission is granted.

Nothing has been done about the missing bridleway sign reported to Highways:- 0845 6066067 Ref No:- 1627061. The Clerk will contact the Highway department and it was suggested that the Highways officer does a site visit with Mr Robin Sadler. Mr Robin Sadler has given his permission for the Clerk to give Highways his telephone number to arrange this.

An email is to be sent to SCC regarding concern that the ditch alongside the road leading from Birds Hill Cottage, Great Bealings towards Woodbridge is blocked leading to flooding on the road. Mr John Carter-Jonas’ telephone number to be given in case they have problem locating the whereabouts.

Signed
Chairman

9. FINANCE**i) Draft budget for 2010/11**

Councillors have been sent a copy of the draft budget prior to the meeting. Very little change has been made since the last year and the Chairman proposed that we accept it. This was proposed by Mr Robin Sadler and seconded by Mr Paul Norris. The precept will remain the same at £3,500 for the year 2010/2011. The budget was formally adopted.

ii) Reporting/Authorisation of cheques:

Cheque No: 156 £15.00 Angela Cobbold Hall Fund
 Cheque No: 157 £22.68 clerks salary shortfall for 09/10
 Cheque No: 158 £7.85 Village sign insurance

iii) To approve Clerk's hours & rates of pay

The Clerk's hours and rates of pay were approved and accepted. Presently 4 hours @ £8.436p per hour. To be increased to £8.747 per hour for 2010/11. The revised figure for next year will be £454.84 per quarter commencing April 2010. This was proposed by Mr John Carter-Jonas and seconded by Mr Paul Norris.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) In his absence PCSO Justin Moss has emailed his police report which will be circulated. It shows a total of 2 crimes have been recorded since the last meeting.
- (ii) An email has been received from Mick Richardson informing the Parish Council that he will be departing and will be succeeded by Kay Hammond. The minutes of the 12PT meeting held on 23rd October will be circulated. An email has been received giving councillors an update on the Parish Plan. Comments were asked for regarding Actions 27 (cycle paths) and 31 (notice boards). Councillors agreed that the notice boards were satisfactory however the Clerk was asked to put a notice in the locked notice board (on Boot Street) indicating that the key holders are Mr Paul Norris and herself. It was thought there may be a case for leaving the notice board "unlocked". It was agreed to review the use of the telephone box which too, could be a good place for notices.
- (iii) Mr Paul Norris reported back on the seminar he had attended on "Affordable Housing in Rural Suffolk". He said it had been well attended and informative for Parish Councils working with the Housing Associations. Whether we would want development on "exemption" sites was to be considered. He said it was a good meeting which informed members about "the process". Great Bealings had previously decided not to go down that route.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The date of the next meeting has to be changed. It was agreed that the new date be Wednesday, 13th January 2010.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

Wednesday, 13th January 2010

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm.

Signed

Chairman

2009/10-19

Mr Martin Cripps wanted to draw two points to the attention of the Parish Council. The first point is the damage to the signage of the bridleway (reported under item 8 - Highways). He asked that we write to landowners/agents about size of machinery that tear up and down these roads. Some vehicles are bigger than the roads and the banks are being badly eroded by these farm vehicles. The Chairman suggested that it is the same area of concern as HGVs. Is there any agreement between the County Council and contractors/landowners? Mr Eric Barnett asked Mr Martin Cripps if he could let the clerk have note of specific examples and then the Parish Council will draft a letter with specific references.

The second point that Mr Martin Cripps wanted to draw to the attention of the Parish Council is one of "Bed & Breakfasts". Mr Cripps pointed out that when he moved to the village five years ago they were vetted by SCDC and the Parish Council and they were asked to apply for the relevant planning permission. He wanted to know if the same process is being applied to 1. Bealings House which has a website up and running of the B & B service they offer but no signage and 2. The Granary which he thinks is planning to offer B & B. Does the Parish Council know of any planning applications concerning these two properties? The Chairman reported that the Parish council did not, however he will speak to SCDC to establish if and when planning permission is required for operating a bed and breakfast establishment.

Signed
Chairman