

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
(www.greatbealings.co.uk)

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

PRESENT

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith Vice Chairman leading the meeting
Mr John Carter-Jonas
Mrs Emily Lynch
Mr Paul Norris
Mr Ken Willcox
Mrs Sarah Cartwright
Mr Peter Bellfield

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Mr Eric Barnett.

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith advised that there was no formal declaration of interest.
This was written in the Declarations of Interest book.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
15th January 2009.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th January 2009 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mr Paul Norris and seconded by Mr Ken Willcox. The Minutes were then signed by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

Signed
Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD

There has been a tax increase of 2.45% which compares with the Consumer Price Index of 3.1%. This is the lowest ever tax increase from the County Council. Savings of £60 million have been made in the last three years and a further £12 million this year. This latter has enabled additional £3.8 million into safeguarding children and £1.1 million has also been put into vulnerable adults. To help in current circumstances Suffolk County Council has been able to help the Citizens advice bureau and Credit Union. It is the top performing County Council in terms of efficiency savings and the most cost efficient council in England. Best performing council for quality of service in the East of England. Suffolk Coastal has a 4 star rating and reference libraries have been up graded from 2 stars to 4 stars and excellent rating. The Local Government Review has been delayed yet again. The new timetable is:- 19/3/09 Boundary Committee draft proposals - new terms of consultation – Clerk to check on SCC website and inform councillors. 14/5/09 End of consultation. (deadline for PC’s fresh response). 15/7/09 Boundary Commission final recommendation to the Minister. Minister has 6 weeks to decide. Instruments to introduce put before parliament in December. Mr Peter Bellfield suggested the Parish Council merely send in a copy of our previous letter to the consultation with a covering note stating “our views have not changed” – assuming our views have not changed. In addition SCDC will be holding a Town and Parish Liaison Meeting in the Kesgrave Conference Centre on 30/03/09 to report on the Boundary’s draft proposals. Mr Eric Barnett will be attending. Because of the delay of the Boundary Committee County Council Elections will be held on 4th June.

6. POLICE REPORT

There had been two crimes committed since the last meeting. Councillors did not feel the need to make a donation for the “locks for bicycles”.

7. PARISH PLAN

Mr Paul Norris reported that the Parish Plan had scheduled an exhibition to run on 25th April. The Steering Group were in the process of producing a draft Parish Plan and when it is in circulation an Action Monitoring Group will have to be set up as a separate body of people to get the “Points” actioned. The Group will work closely with the Parish Councils. At present the terms of reference are being debated. The exhibition is being publicised in the Benefice newsletter.

Signed
Chairman

8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

At its meeting on Thursday, 15 January 2009 Great Bealings Parish Council discussed (i) the Core Strategy and (ii) Site Specific Allocations etc of the proposed Local Development Framework (LDF) in so far as they related to Great Bealings.

After lengthy consideration of the Core Strategy the Parish Council concluded that Great Bealings should not be included in the list of Local Service Centres but more appropriately should be reclassified as an “Other Village” to which the policies listed in SP12 would apply.

It also follows that the Parish Council submit that there should be no physical limits boundaries for Boot Street and Lower Street and the individual bids for housing development, ref nos. 185/6, 331 and 427 should be rejected.

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. County Councillor Peter Bellfield informed the Parish Council that the County Council will be fixing as many roads as possible and that if the pot hole position is terrible the Parish Council needs to make sure the County Council is aware of this. He informed us that main roads are checked once a month, “B” roads once every three months and other roads – yearly. It was agreed that Mr John Carter-Jonas and Mr Paul Norris will check the roads and give a detailed map of the roads and pot holes to the clerk for submission to the County Council.

Mr Eric Barnett has written to the Environment Agency re: Flooding of the River Lark in Lower Street and erosion of the river bank

11. FINANCE

The following cheques were authorised:-

- (i) Clerk’s salary £438.82 Proposed by Mr John Carter-Jonas and seconded by Mr Ken Willcox.
- (ii) Angela Cobbold Hall Fund £ 15.00. Proposed by Mrs Emily Lynch and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas.

Signed
Chairman

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith was pleased to report that Mr John Stroud is happy to continue in his role as auditor.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C09/0070 Brookfield Cottage, Boot Street. Erection of single-storey side extension. The Parish Council supported this application

C09/0121 Great Bealings Hall, Hall Farm Road, Great Bealings. Creation of new shower room (associated internal and external alterations). The Parish Council supported this application

13. CLIMATE CHANGE and what can we do as a Parish to help

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith reported that there will be a meeting of Bealings Green Group on Wednesday, 25th March at 7.30 pm at Bridge House. Anyone interested in attending will be most welcome. Mrs Emily Lynch asked the clerk if she could email details of this meeting to her since her husband might well attend. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith gave mention of “Green Print” which offers a reward of £100 and grant of £2,000 if becoming a pilot community. Information of the Greenprint Steering Group was given to the clerk to give to Mrs Tabitha Jones.

An Eco Event had been held on 10 Feb at 7.30 pm which had gone well. Mr Robin Sadler was due to report on Community Action on Climate Change. This will be carried forward to next meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

BT Phone Box – the hand over is imminent. The Clerk will be informed by email once the telephone mechanism has been removed. A discussion ensued on what it could be used for and it was agreed that having an “Information Board” with a map of the village, the church, name of the river, village hall, road names, key contact numbers etc might be a good idea. This could be pinned to the back wall. In addition someone would need to check it on a regular basis. Mr Ken Willcox kindly agreed to check it every week for one year. In addition it will need to be painted and kept clean. Mr John Carter-Jonas agreed to look at having sensor lights installed. A sign stating that the Box belongs to the Parish Council and does not contain a working phone was taken away by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith to be laminated. This sign will be displayed on the Box.

A letter had been received asking if we wanted to enter Village of the Year Competition – 2009 – it was decided not to enter this year.

A letter from SCDC had been received re initiating a Litter Pick. The Clerk was asked to email details of people’s “patches” so everyone knew which area they were covering. This was to be carried out on 22nd March.

All other correspondence was put in circulation envelope.

Signed
Chairman

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillors were informed of the change of July meeting from 14th to 7th July. This was noted and will be changed on the website.

The notice board in Boot Street needs clearing. Mr Paul Norris agreed to do this. No particular topics were put forward for the May meeting.

Date of next meeting - 12th May 2009. The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7 o'clock followed by the Parish Council Meeting. Please note these meetings are to be held at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

Refreshments will be served and all parishioners are invited to attend and hear about the Parish Council's work and events in the parish over the last year.

The meeting ended at 9 o'clock.

Signed
Chairman