

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall
at 8 pm on Tuesday, 12th July 2011.**

Present: Mr Julian Haywood Smith, Mrs Sally Johnson, Mr Paul Norris and Mr Robin Sadler.

Also present for part of the meeting: Mr Peter Bellfield, SCC Councillor, Mr Tony Fryatt, SCDC Councillor, local residents and Mr Charles Loyd, Strutt & Parker.

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

During the period of public participation before the meeting the lack of bus services from the Bealings' to Woodbridge and Ipswich was discussed. Mrs Gill Dibben spoke on behalf of the four residents present to report that they felt they had all been let down; the village has no shop, no lighting and now no bus. In addition Mr Martin Cripps reported that he has lost two of his customers due to the lack of buses. The Vice Chairman asked Mr Bellfield if we could re-install the buses and if not what could we do about it? Mr Bellfield replied that he was well aware that the residents of Great Bealings have suffered dramatically. He reported that he had been in touch with the transport providers who assured him that passengers going to Woodbridge and Ipswich had been minimal and that is why the service had been withdrawn. Mr Peter Bellfield suggested gathering data which would enable us (and him) to get some idea of the number of people who use the bus, how often they use it and when. Once we have this data if we pass it on to him he then said he would do his best to get an additional weekly service to Woodbridge – at the very minimum. It was

RESOLVED that:

- The Clerk would liaise with Little Bealings Parish Council and collate the days and times of bus services most missed and relay this information to Mr Bellfield.

The Vice Chairman, Mr Julian Haywood Smith suggested in the meantime that if anyone is in a quandary there is a telephone number to call in the Benefice Newsletter for parishioners requiring emergency transport to doctors/hospitals. There is also the CATS Dial-A-Ride service.

The Vice Chairman extended the period of public participation for Mr Robin Sadler to report back on his research of Wind Turbines. He reported that he has been looking at the feasibility of two projects:-

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Chairman

- 1) As the Great Bealings Parish Council rep on the Board of the Village Hall Committee he has suggested that they might like to erect a small wind turbine in Little Bealings which would be dedicated to the Hall and would pay for $\frac{3}{4}$ s of the electricity used in a year. (The bill is approximately £2,000). Mr Sadler has found a supplier – Solar Ventis who will install it for free but get the feed-in tariff for 25 years. Mr Parkin, the landowner has agreed to having it erected on his land his favoured location being between Holly Close and Playford Mount. Planning permission would be required. The height would stand at 30-40 feet high. The cables running from the turbine to the village hall would be both overground and underground. As a project, Mr Sadler reported it is simple and straight forward.

- 2) The bigger scheme is looking at a community wind turbine that would provide electricity to villagers. Mr Sadler reported that the Parish Plan had shown that villagers had some interest in this. It would produce 225/250 kilowatt of electricity and be 37 metres high with turbine blades of 25 metres. It too would require planning permission. Mr Sadler and the land owner Mr Nigel Rolf had been looking at sites for a turbine and believed they had found a site with the highest point for wind. It also has good access. The only stumbling block is that the field does not have a farm building next to it which it would need to house the power mechanism. The land owner Mr Rolf would be paid rent from the turbine which Mr Sadler pointed out could be collected by charging £20/£50 (for example) a year to “subscribers”. This price would buy them “x” amount of electricity for the year.

Mr Julian Haywood Smith asked if there was any objection to the schemes and if not would we be ready to lead as a Parish Council? Councillors replied that we should get the views of the community. It was agreed that Mr Robin Sadler would continue to do his research on the matter. If there was no objection it was suggested that we hold an open meeting and public consultation in November. Mr Charles Lloyd asked how far the wind turbine is to the nearest house. Mr Robin Sadler reported it was approximately 300 yards away. The smaller wind turbine for the village hall would be 70 yards from the nearest house. The Vice Chairman thanked Mr Robin Sadler.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Eric Barnett and Mr John Carter-Jonas. No police representative was available.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests.

There was no formal declarations of interest. This was noted in the Declarations of Interest book and signed by the Vice Chairman.

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3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May 2011

These were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Boot Street Project Mrs Sally Johnson agreed to recruit a working party to help clear and plant the untidy corner of Grundisburgh Road/Boot Street. This would be scheduled to take place on Saturday, 20th August 2011.

Suffolk Open Weekend Mr Adrian Melrose has been very concerned about failure to publicize the event. Flyers were handed out to Councillors to distribute throughout Great Bealings village.

AMG/Parish Plan The Chairman has written to Mr Phil Holmes thanking him for his work.

5. Report by Peter Bellfield

Mr Bellfield was pleased to report that they have a new political leader, Mark Bee who got elected in on the first ballot. No libraries are closing and they are encouraging crossing roads to be taken over by town councils. It will take three months to replace the chief executive.

6. Report by Tony Fryatt

Mr Fryatt reported that funds of £250,000 to extend broadband have been earmarked for “wireless” areas in the East.

The LDF Review of the Core Strategy are meeting on the 27th July. Their decision to push ahead doesn't really impinge on Great Bealings.

7. Report by Police

It was noted that no police representative was available to attend but a short report had been received. There has been no recorded crimes in the parish of Great Bealings in June of this year. There have also been no other significant incidents in the parish requiring a police response during this time.

A new Police Website is in the process of being established. We have been asked if we would like to have a link to our Parish Council. Mr Julian Haywood Smith suggested that we wait until it is up and running before making up our mind.

Reports of the 12PT meeting for 23rd May and the PCEM meeting held on 6th June 2011 had been circulated to Councillors. The next 12PT meeting is to be held on the 18th July 2011.

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8. Traffic Calming in Boot Street

Mr Paul Norris reported that he had walked Boot Street with Mr Luke Barber and had conveyed our preferred location for the 30mph sign. At the moment we have enough funds for a sign by Westotec which is of a suitable quality and standard however for marginally more money (£300-£400 approx) Mr Norris reported that you can get a far superior SolarGen sign. He asked if we would possibly be able to fund this through the Parish Council or would Peter Bellfield be able to help with his locality budget? Mr Norris reported that we need to move quickly now with a view to introducing white lining down Boot Street. "Pinch" points were suggested - the base of large trees and at the "gates" as you enter the village. 30 mph roundels were also explored. He reported that you need to be careful with "white lining" and not over do it. All this should be achieved by our next meeting in September.

9. Telephone Box

Shelves have been fitted and the lighting is being investigated by Mr Robin Sadler. Once the light is working it was suggested that a timer should be installed to regulate the light coming on and off.

10. Transport/Bus Services

Covered earlier in the meeting.

11. North Sea Wind Farm and Power Lines

Mr Eric Barnett has taken advice from SCDC that there are to be no additional power lines they will merely be up grading the existing set of lines. Mr Tony Fryatt pointed out that what an "upgrade" may mean is additional pylons to carry the extra voltage. This is merely conjecture and it was agreed that it would not affect Great Bealings anyway.

12. Data Protection Registration

It was noted that the Council was required to register as a data controller as it held personal data in electronic form however it was **RESOLVED** to:

- Delay paying the annual registration fee of £35 to be paid to the Information Commissioners Office

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13. Planning Applications and Procedures

i) **C/11/0553 Regency House.**

Erection of extension.

Decision made on 15th April 2011. Permission was granted.

C/11/0675 Hill House, Orchard Lane, Great Bealings

Change of use of former gardeners cottage to separate residential unit including extending into former stables, & change of use of adjoining storage/garage area into an office ancillary to Hill House

No news to report.

C/11/0839 The Lodge, Lodge Road, Great Bealings

Installation of a PV panel on the roof of a workshop

Listed building consent has been granted.

ii) **Procedures:-** Circulated to Councillors before the meeting. It was

RESOLVED that:

- We adopt the procedure of holding an ad hoc meeting when a planning application comes in that does not fall within the normal meeting timescale.
- We inform neighbours of the planning application and date and time of meeting when the Parish Council will be discussing it

14. Highways

Mr Robin Sadler has noticed that they have failed to replace the white lines on the junction of Hall Farm Road and Rosery Lane. These need to be reinstated and the Clerk will need to inform David Fawcett.

15. Finance

i) The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler.

Cheque No 232	£15.50	NALC – Subscription to LCR
Cheque No 233	£463.80	Clerks Salary
Cheque No 234	£150.00	Clerk Expenses (use of tel line,computer, Electricity & storage of filing cabinets)
Cheque No 235	£159.84	Jim Vaillant (Telephone Box Shelves)
Cheque No 236	£50.37	Printer Cartridge
Cheque No 237		CANCELLED

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- ii) Mrs Dee Williams had given the Clerk a tutorial in PAYE. This is now in operation.
- iii) Bealings Village Hall have new hire charges £5 an hour with effect from 1 September 2011
- iiii) The balance of our account is: Santander Instant Reserve - £1,974.03 and Santander Current Account - £1,127.47
£250 is now being held in our current account which is the grant for Suffolk Open Weekend.
- v) Councillors were asked how they felt about donating funds to meet the excess of £543.46 for the Village Hall Security Lighting. (split half half with Little Bealings this would mean Great Bealings excess would be £271.73) Councillors felt a certain reluctance to release funds that it would have to re-coup in the next financial year. Mr Julian Haywood Smith suggested that we see if excess funds are raised by the Suffolk Open Weekend. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Inform the Village Hall Management Committee that at this time we could not donate funds of £271.73.

16. Correspondence

A letter from our MP, Dr Dan Poulter, was received asking anyone who wants to be kept in touch to log on to his website and follow the secure signing up process. Mr Paul Norris took the letter with him to scan and send to clerk for advertising on Googlemail.

An email informing Councillors of the LDF – Review of the Core Strategy – Wednesday, 27 July at 9.30 am Trinity Park Conference Centre was received.

17. Any Other Business

The notice board on Boot Street needs fixing. Mr Paul Norris has a carpenter that will be able to make the required new doors and put them back on. He will also be able to maintain the notice board. In the meantime Paul Norris will take them off. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Put a ceiling price of £100 on fixing and replacing the notice board doors.

The Clerk will attend Suffolk ACRE's AGM tomorrow and report back at the September meeting.

Mr Paul Norris will attend a meeting to hear David Orr, Chief Executive of the National Housing Federation and will report back at the September meeting.

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With regards to the wind turbine discussion it was noted that Mr Robin Sadler will be acting on behalf of the Village Hall (for the small wind turbine scenario) and the Parish Council for the big wind turbine scenario. The joint consultation will be hosted by Great Bealings Parish Council.

Mr Robin Sadler asked if the letter received from Leiston-cum-Sizewell which is seeking support to the proposal that major developers as a matter of planning procedure attend their meetings - be put on the Agenda at our September meeting.

18. Date of next meeting:- 13th September 2011

The meeting closed at 10 pm

Signed
Chairman