

**Minutes of Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held at Bealings Village Hall
at 8 pm on Tuesday, 13th September 2011.**

Present: Mr Eric Barnett, Mrs Sally Johnson and Mr Paul Norris

Also present for part of the meeting: Mr Peter Bellfield, SCC Councillor, Mr Tony Fryatt, SCDC Councillor and Mr Martin Cripps

In attendance: Mrs Sarah Cartwright, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Robin Sadler and PC Richard Wright. It was noted that Mr Julian Haywood Smith and Mr John Carter-Jonas were unable to attend

2. Declaration of Members' Interests.

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

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July, 3rd August and 17th August 2011

These were signed as a true record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Wind Turbines - The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held last month with Mr Robin Sadler and Little Bealings Parish Council on his feasibility study of wind turbines. An email has been received from Little Bealings Parish Council which Mr Eric Barnett read out. In general terms it said it did not wish Great Bealings Parish Council to pursue the Village Hall turbine proposal. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- The Chairman would write to Little Bealings Parish Council

Boot Street Project - Mrs Sally Johnson reported that this was coming along though they needed more volunteers to help with the work. They should be finished no later than end of November. Mrs Sally Johnson asked if the Chairman could talk to Mrs Yule regarding her fence.

Signed
Chairman

Telephone Box – The Chairman reported that the shelving had been fitted and the rules of the book exchange are still being negotiated. Mrs Zoe Firebrace needs to replace the windows. Mr Robin Sadler was not available to talk about any progress made regarding the light.

Notice Board – Boot Street –Mr Paul Norris reported that the doors have been removed and will be re-installed once they have been repaired.

5. Report by Peter Bellfield

The County Council is on budget with making £42 ½ million savings. It has been agreed that the new Chief Executive will not get an annual salary above £160,000 and there will be no bonuses. The Government has come up with £11 + million for faster broadband and a substantial part of Suffolk will have this by October 2012. The consultation on the future of mobile libraries is in progress. Mobile libraries are costing SCC £590,000 per year. This equates to £7.70 per visit. Mr Peter Bellfield reported that they may reduce the vehicle fleet from six to three and that they visit every 4 weeks instead of every two. Finally Mr Bellfield reported that one extra bus has been put on from the Bealings to Woodbridge in the morning at 9.30 am (approx.) There is no return bus on this day.

6. Report by Tony Fryatt

The Chairman asked if item 10 on the Agenda – SCDC’s “Consultation on updated sustainability appraisal and appropriate assessment documents” – could be linked to Tony’s report. He said he was happy for this. The LDF has met with resistance regarding the proposed development at Adastral Park/Martlesham though there is nothing in the document that is going to cause a problem in Great Bealings. There is a great deal of urgency to get the LDF cleared and Mr Fryatt indicated that ideally it should be up and running by April next year. He confessed that this is unlikely. Mr Tony Fryatt reported that the government is condensing 1,000 pages of National Planning Policy Guidelines down to 52 pages which could be a developers charter! The only thing is to go back to the Localism Bill where Town and Parish Councils are urged to produce Neighbourhood Plans which will carry “clout”. They could cost in the region of £20,000 to do. Mr Fryatt said that it was vitally important that as many people as possible go to the briefing meeting being held on the 28th September 2011 to consider the Draft National Planning Policy Framework.

Signed
Chairman

Reporting on Broadband Mr Fryatt said that although there is £11.6 million in kitty and £10 million from Suffolk County Council 66% of Suffolk has speeds below 2 mgb. By 2015 everyone will have broadband.

Mr Martin Cripps asked about the likely traffic increase caused by the proposed development at Adastral Park. Mr Fryatt reported that inevitably there will be an increase although Highways have said it won't really have too great an impact in this locality since quite a lot of traffic may use Foxhall Road. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Support the proposal but raise the comment about the increase in traffic running through the village.

7. Report by Police

It was noted that no police representative was available to attend but a short report had been received. This was read out. There have been five recorded crimes in the parish of Great Bealings in July and August of this year. The report highlighted that residents should be vigilant and lock sheds, garages, outbuildings and cars as opportunistic crime across the parishes continues. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Advertise this in the Benefice Newsletter emphasising that residents should be vigilant.

8. Traffic Calming in Boot Street

Mr Paul Norris reported that a detailed plan has been received from the Highways Department. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Adopt these plans to allow the Scheme to move forward.

Mr Norris reported that he had been in contact with Mr Luke Barber and had spent some time seeking to reduce the price. He repeated that the Solargen sign is far superior to the Westotec sign but only marginally more expensive. Although we do not have the funds for the excess there had been some indication that Mr Peter Bellfield might be able to help with a "top up".

Signed
Chairman

Mr Paul Norris will chivvy Mr Luke Barber to get a new quote. The Chairman asked if we were happy with the white lining? Councillors proposed that they were. Mr Norris informed the Council that the residents preferred location for the flashing sign is not the preferred location of the highways authority on the corner of Boot Street and Grundisburgh Road. Mr Paul Norris has asked if the sign can be multi-faceted so that it can be changed around. It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Councillors were in agreement of the preferred location as per Highways Authority.

9. Standing Orders – Code of Conduct

A discussion took place on why Councillors - who held a conflict of interest in a particular Agenda item – did not have the same rights as a member of the public to make representations on the matter. This was partly because when the Code of Conduct was adopted paragraph 12.2 was excluded. Representations can still be made known through another Councillor or by letter to the Chairman/Clerk and as with all members of the public the views of the individual can be made known to SCDC directly. Mr Paul Norris felt that as a Parish Councillor you should not be penalised. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Find out how much it would cost to advertise a change to standing orders to deal with this issue.

10. Consultation on updated sustainability appraisal and appropriate assessment documents.

It was noted that Great Bealings remains in the category “Other Village” and that the traffic generated by development at Adastral Park is a concern.

Signed
Chairman

11. Planning Applications

C/11/1691 Regency House.

Erection of new dwelling (existing to be demolished).

The Chairman said that we will recall that the above had been granted planning consent for an extension however this has floundered because the building is deemed “structurally unsafe”. The Chairman asked Councillors what they thought of the new plans? A discussion followed as to whether it really needed to be demolished or not. It was **RESOLVED** :

- That the Chairman would draft a letter to SCDC – circulating first to Councillors – opposing the development and to ask on what grounds was it structurally unsafe.

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

Permission has been granted.

C/11/1615 Annesley, Boot Street, Great Bealings

Erection of two storey side extension

Permission has been granted by SCDC

C/11/1557 Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings

Erection of single and two-storey extensions to dwelling

Permission has been granted by SCDC

12. Highways

The Clerk reported that the central white lines on the junction of Hall Farm Road and Rosery Lane were not going to be reinstated because if a road is narrower than 5.5 metres these white lines are no longer acceptable. They can however put a solid white line down the edge of the carriageway. This is under consideration.

A map has been received from SCDC to review the road names within Great Bealings. It was agreed to circulate this for comment around the Councillors.

Signed

Chairman

13. Finance

The following cheques were reported and authorised. Proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr Paul Norris:-

Cheque No 238	£100.00	SCDC Election Charges
Cheque No 239	£ 60.00	BDO Stoy Hayward Audit
Cheque No 240	£ 27.85	Electricity for telephone box
Cheque No 241	£179.08	Suffolk Acre (Zurich Insurance)
Cheque No 242	£463.80	Salary for Sarah Cartwright

The balance of our account for September is c. £350 in the Santander Current Account and £1,109.37 in the Santander Deposit Account. £250 is still being held which is the grant for Suffolk Open Weekend.

An email has been received asking if we could contribute £87.32 towards the cost of a security light for the Village Hall? It was **RESOLVED** that:

- Councillors felt the outstanding monies should be better found through a Village Hall fund raising event.

The annual return has been returned by BDO Stoy Hayward which we needed to formally approve. Its adoption was proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr Paul Norris. The notice of conclusion of audit is to be displayed for 14 days on the notice board.

14. Correspondence

An email has been received informing the Council that we really need to register for Data Protection. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Register for Data Protection at a cost of £35 for the year.

An email has been received from Ron Bailey of Leiston cum Sizewell TC asking if we support the proposal that applicants for large developments should attend Town/Parish Council meetings to answer questions from Councillors, and/or attend a public meeting to answer residents' questions. It was **RESOLVED** to:

- Support the basic proposal but not the section that seeks applicants to fund the cost of an independent assessment of the sustainability of a development if so requested by Council.

Signed
Chairman

15. Any Other Business

Mrs Sally Johnson said she had spoken to Mrs Diane Lawler who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Chairman said he would have a chat with her. A Copy of the Good Councillor Guide will need to be ordered.

16. Date of next meeting:- 15th November 2011

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

Signed
Chairman