

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

**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday, 17th November 2008 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	Vice-Chairman
Mrs Emily Lynch	
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk
Mr Peter Bellfield	County Councillor
PC Mick Richardson	

IN ATTENDANCE

10 members of the general public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Paul Norris and Mr Ivan Jowers

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and proposed that Item 10 Planning Application for Burial Ground in Tuddenham be brought forward as there was a large amount of interest from the general public.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
22nd September 2008.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd September 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting;s proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

Signed

Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2008.

Mr Robin Sadler pointed out that he had been left off the “PRESENT” list.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES (Not covered under Agenda items)

Telephone Box. The clerk will be informed by BT when the telephone mechanism is to be removed but it will probably be in next 4 –6 months after which the Parish Council will be responsible for paying the electricity costs. The website needs to be updated with this information. A reference to the box has been added to the insurance policy though no value given as this would increase the premium.

5. POLICE REPORT

Pc Mick Richardson introduced himself as the new replacement Pc for the village. He hoped for a long and happy relationship with the Council. Great Bealings is now joined to the new Kesgrave SNT called 12PT – Tasking Group working as one team. Police reports will include information on other villages and kesgrave as well so we shall have to pick out information relevant to our village. PSgt. Mick Richardson said there was no crime to report and that he hoped to be able to concentrate on speeding in the village. The Kesgrave SNT pilot scheme in their first year they cut crime by 18%. The minutes of last SNT meeting will be circulated.

6. COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD’S REPORT

Mr Peter Bellfield gave a summarised report on what had been happening at the County Council; a more detailed copy of which will be put on the website and as well as being circulated to Councillors.

7. PLANNING APPLICATION:-

C08/1854 Change of use of agricultural land to parkland burial site with provision for informal public access and creation of new vehicular access. Land south of Grundisburgh Road, TUDDENHAM ST MARTIN. The Chairman opened this item up for discussion to include members of the public. It was concluded that the Parish Council should object to this proposal and the main grounds for objection are contained in the letter attached to these minutes. This letter was prepared by the Chairman for submission by 20 November. The Council were advised that the District Council members would be making a site visit on Monday, 24th November at 11.45 hrs.

Signed

Chairman

8. PARISH PLAN

The analysis of the surveys is progressing very well and the Steering Group hope to publish findings early in 2009.

9. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Council discussed details of the Freedom of Information Act which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the new Scheme should be adopted and information made available on the website before 1st January. This was proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler.

10. HIGHWAYS

The Clerk had made contact with Colin Cuthbert (Highways) re the painting of the white bridge on Lower Street. The reason for the delay in painting was due to permission now being required from the Environment Agency. The new requirement had held up the work by 6/9 months. Mr Cuthbert had advised the Clerk that as it was now too wet to paint and the task was scheduled for Spring (April) 2009.

11. FINANCE**To report:**

Suffolk ACRE Services	£26
Bealings Village Hall	£ 4
Little Bealings	£7.85
BT Payphones	£1

To authorise:

Sarah Cartwright £75 (storage of filing cabinets, use of computer, tel line, office space & electricity from April 08 to April 09). This was authorised by Mrs Emily Lynch and seconded by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith.

A letter had been received from Jenny Shaw, JBPF thanking us for past help and requesting another donation in 2009. Included with the letter was the Playing Field Operational Budget.

A letter had been received from Ipswich & East Suffolk Headway asking for a donation. It was decided not to assist on this occasion.

A letter from the Disability Advice Service had been received requesting financial help. “.....last year we dealt with 6 enquiries from people living in the Gt Bealings area and helped them claim £3231 in benefit income” “This year we need to raise £61 to cover the cost of providing our service in Great Bealings area.....” It was decided to donate £60 to this scheme which will be added into the precept for the next financial year.

The Draft Budget 09/10 had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The following amendments were authorised:- take off £100 for training fees and £20 Grundisburgh News. Add £60 for Disability Advice Service

Signed

Chairman

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It was agreed that the Clerk should continue working four hours per week and move up an increment to SCP16 (£8.436 per hour). This works out at £438.67 per quarter + 2.45% cost of living rise.

Mr Julian Haywood-Smith commented that we should increase the Precept to include a donation of £500 for the Village Playing Field; he pointed out that we cannot simply rely on local fundraising. A vote was taken and by unanimous decision it was decided to raise the precept to £3,500. SCDC will be notified after our next Parish Council meeting in January where the budget will need to be approved.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS – 2009

The following dates were agreed

- 13th January
- 10th March
- 12th May
- 14th July
- 8th September
- 10th November

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

C08/1532 Croft House, Lower Street. Retention of Manege. 20m wide x 40m long. Permission has been granted by SCDC.

14. CLIMATE CHANGE & WHAT WE CAN DO AS A PARISH TO HELP

The Chairman had met with Mrs Jenny Cavell-Shaw and Mrs Tabitha Jones to discuss an introductory Environmental Evening early in 2009. Councillors agreed to help in distributing questionnaires to help establish a Carbon footprint of the village. Councillors also agreed to fund the Environment Evening in the Village Hall. Flyers will have to be distributed 4/5 weeks before the event to give villagers enough notice and Councillors agreed to help out with this. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment Group meeting with the Chairman of Great Bealings Parish Council will be made available on the website. On another note it was agreed that Mr Robin Sadler should attend Climate change day in December (4th) at a cost of £60 + VAT; proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall Committee Room on 13th January 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting finished at 10.00 pm

Signed
Chairman

