

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

**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Monday, 21st July 2008 commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett Chairman
Mr Ken Willcox
Mr Robin Sadler
Mr Paul Norris
Mr John Carter-Jonas
Mrs Sarah Cartwright Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and Councillor Peter Bellfield

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

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.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
19th MAY 2008.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2008 were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting. This was proposed by Mr John Carter-Jonas and seconded by Mr Paul Norris. The minutes were then put to one side to be signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

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

Website. The Clerk asked Councillors if they would agree to having their names and addresses put on the website as part of a "Contact Us" list. Mr Robin Sadler, Mr Paul Norris and Mr Ken Willcox agreed to this. Mr John Carter-Jonas did not wish his details to appear.

Signed
Chairman

Telephone Box. The Clerk raised the issue of the red phone box and its removal. Councillors were informed that the Parish Council had e-mailed Mr Paul Coffey of Suffolk Coastal District Council and lodged it's objection to the removal on the grounds that the phone box is part of our heritage, is a village landmark and adds local colour . Mr Julian Haywood-Smith had put an article on the Great Bealings website. Mr John Carter-Jonas felt that the phone box should be kept – if only for 999 calls. It's predicted dismantling had been strongly opposed and SCDC has since written to BT and also objected. The consultation period has now ended. An investigation is to be carried out as to the outcome of the consultation period.

5. PARISH PLAN

Mr Paul Norris reported that all residents' surveys had gone out and they had had a good response. Mr Eric Barnett and Mr Ken Willcox also reported a good return. The "Stakeholder Consultation Framework Draft for Review" questionnaire had been circulated to all Councillors before the meeting in order that some answers could be formulated. Councillors were given a two week period in which they could email their answers to the Clerk who would then formulate a response. Mr Paul Norris said it was very important that they do get a response of some kind back although he agreed that not all questions on the consultation were relevant.

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW: BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

Mr Eric Barnett pointed out that it is critical we respond to the Boundary Committee by the 26th September. The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on 22nd September so there is plenty of time to get our views together. Whether we hold a joint Parish Council meeting – with Little Bealings and Playford – was discussed. It was felt that this might be a good idea as it would give parishioners the chance to be better informed as to what the local government structural review would mean to them although an article on the Boundary Committee and it's findings had been published in the Coastline Magazine (distributed free of charge to all householders). SALC are also holding a meeting for the Parish's affected by the Boundary Committee's proposal. This meeting is to be held on the 1st September at Trinity Park, Ipswich where there will be a representative from the Boundary Committee. Mr Robin Sadler proposed that we have an open meeting for the three affected parishes – Great and Little Bealings and Playford. Mr Paul Norris seconded this proposal. Mr Eric Barnett suggested getting Mr Clifford Smith to come and speak amongst other representatives from Ipswich Borough Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Mid Suffolk District Council/Suffolk County Council and the Boundary Committee. A date has yet to be finalised for this meeting but it was felt beginning of September would be the best time on the assumption that the main room in the village hall is free.

Signed

Chairman

7. ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP. GREEN SQUIRREL PROJECT

Mr Eric Barnett informed the Parish Council that an “ad hoc” environmental group had been set up to provide advice on issues to combat global warming. Mr Robin Sadler and Mr Paul Norris queried the overall efficiency of solar panelling. Mr Paul Norris pointing out that technology changes very rapidly and what is fashionable one minute, is gone the next; Mr Robin Sadler pointed out that it was not the technology that changes but the fashion. Mr Robin Sadler said it was an opportunity for the Parish Council to act as an impartial and well informed advisor on what does and does not make sense. It was thought that we should be cautious about recommending schemes to our parishioners. Mr Paul Norris questioned if we had the competency to do this and it was agreed that we would talk with the energy officer at Suffolk Coastal for further guidance.

8. HIGHWAYS

The results from the traffic counter by the hump backed bridge had been received and were given to Mr John Carter-Jonas for closer inspection. The Chairman commented that the bridge outside his house was in dire need of painting – Clerk to contact Highways. Mr Paul Norris said that the visibility coming out of some roads for example Lower Street is very bad. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Highways re Grundisburgh Road junction which is in a very poor state. Mr Robin Sadler and Mr Paul Norris agreed to do this via the Clerk. Mr John Carter Jonas made us aware that the gulleys at Bird’s Hill junction are all blocked and the ditch needs digging out. Mr John Carter Jonas was asked to write a letter via Clerk.

9. FINANCE

The following cheques were reported:-

Allianz Insurance	£297.15
P A Moyse	£1,762.50
Copy Statement	£5
Grundisburgh News	£20
SARS	£20
CATS	£20
Village Hall Mgmt Committee	£250

The following cheques were written and authorised:-

Sarah Cartwright Salary	£417.73
Sarah Cartwright printer cartridge	£17.97

These were proposed by Mr Ken Willcox and seconded by Mr John Carter- Jonas.

Signed
Chairman

The Chairman asked Councillors what they felt about donating an additional £350 annually towards the maintenance cost of the playing field. All agreed this was right and fair however would be happier to review it year on year. Mr Robin Sadler proposed a one off payment of £350 to the Village Hall. Mr Ken Willcox seconded this.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letters from Bealings Village Hall Management Committee, CATS and SARS had been received in recognition of the donations the Parish Council had given them.

A police report from PC Dan Wheddon who had been unable to attend the meeting had been received. This outlined one crime: theft of dog biscuits and dog lead from unsecured motor vehicle. This report would be circulated.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A close eye was being kept on the land adjacent to Croft House where it was believed a ménage was being planned. Mr Major has been advised that he requires planning permission for this. Councillors do not have issue with this unless it becomes more widely used other than by the owners of Croft House.

C08/0683 Holywells, Grundisburgh Road, IP13 6PE

Erection of front, rear and side extensions.

Planning approval for this was granted subsequently to an approved revised scheme which was more “neighbourly”.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman queried who was responsible for maintaining the hedge around the War Memorial in July. On checking the rota it was found that it was Mr Robin Sadler’s turn to spruce it up.

Mr Robin Sadler reported back on the Suffolk Coastal District Community Emergency Planning Workshop he attended on the 2nd July. They covered all sorts of topics from the very basic plan ie who would have a four wheel drive in the village, who was a doctor in the village, who is a nurse in the village, who has a long ladder etc, etc down to the very complex plan ie: what to do in a terrorist threat. Aldeburgh has an emergency plan as to what to do in a flood. Should we wish to have a presentation Mr Robin Sadler would be happy to arrange one.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall Committee Room on 22nd September 2008 at 8.00 p.m.

The meeting finished at 9.40pm

Signed
Chairman