

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL
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**A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday, 7th July 2009 commencing at 8.05 p.m.**

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mrs Emily Lynch	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Parish Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Mr Ken Willcox, Mr Robin Sadler, Mr Paul Norris, District Councillor Ivan Jowers, County Councillor Peter Bellfield, Mr Phil Holmes, PCSO Justin Moss

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS.

Mr Eric Barnett advised that there were no formal declarations of interest. This was noted in the Declarations of Interest book and signed by the Chairman.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
12th May 2009.**

The minutes 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 Mrs Sally Johnson. The minutes were then signed by Mr Eric Barnett.

Signed

Chairman

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

BT Phone Box – It was agreed that the value of the phone box should be put at £1,000. The Clerk was asked to add it to the insurance policy as street furniture at an additional cost of £11.59 per year. This was proposed by Mrs Sally Johnson and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. The kiosk photo shoot by BT PR has been cancelled. It was agreed to review what to do with the BT Phone Box at our September meeting.

Local Government Review – Boundary Committee. An email has been received from Suffolk Coastal informing Councils that an announcement is still expected from the Boundary Committee for England on 15 July relating to any proposals for the future structure of Local Government in Suffolk. We will have from 17 July – 18 September to comment on any decision. The email will be circulated to Councillors.

Local Development Framework. A letter has been received from Ipswich Borough Council informing the Parish Council that the next stage of consultation on the Core Strategy and Policies document is likely to run from 7th September to 30th October 2009. Two meetings are scheduled – 21st July and 29th July and Councillors are welcome to attend.

5. PARISH PLAN

The Chairman asked that we go through the first 10 action points:-

1. Investigate scope for co-operative oil purchase aiming to reduce oil price and the number of vehicle journeys.
Decision:- To see if anyone will organise this?
2. Parish Councils to inform SCDC of residents' desire for development of mains services.
Decision:- Write to appropriate authorities.
3. Liase with SCDC to improve household insulation and encourage householders to take advantage of grants, etc.
Decision:- Check how far the Green Group has got with this one.
4. Work with Benefice Newsletter to improve communication e.g. of Village Hall events, Parish Council communication, bus timetables, fly tipping/road repair/footpath maintenance reporting, car sharing, crop spraying, young people's events. Work with PCs to improve and promote websites. Consider using the Suffolk Association of Local Councils' "e-communities" initiative as a communications mechanism.
Decision:- Publicise Bus Timetables in the Benefice Newsletter. Set up a "News Group" ?– first step to advertise in Benefice Newsletter details of how it runs.

Signed

Chairman

- 5 Parish Councils to consider data from Parish Plan in development planning policy and keep under review the need for further housing surveys.
Decision:- Ask Mr Phil Holmes to September PC meeting to pick up on this point.
- 6 Work with SCDC and PCs to progress retention of green fields between Kesgrave and Playford/Bealings.
N/A
- 7 Investigate recycling sites and liaise with SCDC concerning wider provision.
Decision:- Raise with Village Hall Committee.
- 8 Pursue placing cables underground with service providers.
Decision:- Write to service providers – Electricity and BT.
- 9 Explore community village shop with interested residents.
Decision:- Ask Little Bealings and Playford whether they are pursuing. Another point for the Green Group.
- 10 Work with police, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and local residents to reinvigorate Neighbourhood Watch and improve understanding of police presence.
Decision:- Speak to neighbouring parishes as to what they are doing and publicise in the Benefice Newsletter the need to review existing arrangements.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

C08/2239. The Driftway, Lodge Road. Alterations and extensions to existing bungalow to form two-storey dwelling.
Permission has been granted by SCDC.

C09/1000. Shilston, Boot Street, Great Bealings. Erection of outbuilding (garage and studio). Parish Councillors agreed that they have no objection to this planning application and the Clerk was asked to inform SCDC of our decision.

C08/1854. Land South of, Grundisburgh Road, Tuddenham St Martin
Change of use of agricultural land to parkland burial site with associated new vehicular access and car park. The applicants of the above planning application have appealed to the Secretary of State. The Chairman asked if we should review our decision. Councillors agreed that we should write to the Planning Inspectorate maintaining our continued objection stating that we are not satisfied there has been any substantive evidence to justify this development in this location and maintaining our concern about traffic implications in the area.

7. HIGHWAYS

Pot holes continue to be filled in by SCDC. Three signs reported damaged have now been fixed. These are the “Boot Street” sign, the “Lower Street” sign and one of the “Grundisburgh Road” signs.

Signed
Chairman

8. FINANCE

The following cheques were authorised:-

Cheque No: 148 £50 Phil Holmes
Cheque No: 149 £438.67 Sarah Cartwright
Cheque No: 150 £13.50 NALC

These were proposed by Mrs Emily Lynch and seconded by Mr John Carter-Jonas. We have received a thank you email from Phil Holmes for his cheque of £50 for the work he has done on the Parish Plan. We have received a thank you letter from SARS for our £20 donation. The Benefice Magazine conveyed their thanks for the £100 donation towards the magazine. A letter has been received from the Village Hall Committee thanking the Parish Council for the £500 towards the playing field & £250 towards upkeep of village hall.

The external auditors, BDO Stoy Haywood have requested additional information on the Annual Return. This has been supplied and will be sent off. The annual return with amendments was formally adopted by the Council. This was proposed by Mr John Carter-Jonas and seconded by Mrs Emily Lynch.

9. CORRESPONDENCE.

Consultation on Suffolk Coastal's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Deadline:- **14 August 2009**. Put in circulation envelope

Consultation from The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust about becoming a Foundation Trust. Deadline:- **8 September 2009**. To be circulated around councillors

Letter re: **Boundary Committee**. Announcement expected on 15th July relating to any proposals for the future structure of Local Government in Suffolk. One significant change is that the period for making representations to the Secretary of State has been extended to run from 15 July – 18 Sept 2009.

Police Report – since last Parish Council meeting in May no crimes reported. A copy of the report is to be circulated around councillors.

E-mail from Mick Richardson. The next SNT meeting is being held on 16th July at 10 am.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

Date of next meeting – 8th September 2009.

The meeting ended at 9.05 pm.

Signed
Chairman