

2010/11-14

GT. BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

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A Meeting of Gt. Bealings Parish Council was held in the Angela Cobbold Hall on Tuesday, 9th November 2010 commencing at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr Eric Barnett	Chairman
Mr Julian Haywood-Smith	Vice Chairman
Mr Ken Willcox	
Mr Paul Norris	
Dr Emily Lynch	
Mr John Carter-Jonas	
Mrs Sally Johnson	
Mr Robin Sadler	
Mrs Sarah Cartwright	Clerk
Mr Ivan Jowers	District Councillor
Mr Peter Bellfield	County Councillor

In Attendance

Mr Martin Cripps

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
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
7th September 2010**

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the discussion at that meeting, and were then signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Mr Paul Norris and seconded by Mr Robin Sadler.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Coffee Caravan – It was agreed to ask Garry Simmonds to come back again.

Signed
Chairman

5. REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR IVAN JOWERS

Mr Ivan Jowers reported that the Scrutiny Committee had been looking at Planning in general and a report had been done which was presented to the Cabinet. The Chairman confirmed that this had been circulated around Councillors. Mr Ivan Jowers reported that where SCDC reaches a decision (on a planning application) that contrary to the view expressed by the Parish Council, a letter will be sent to the Parish Council outlining why they had reached that decision. Mr Paul Norris and Mr Eric Barnett reported that the Planning Forum they had attended had been informative. It has been made clear that communications between the two tiers (PC & SCDC) was considered a major area with room for improvement. Mr Jowers went on to explain that there are approximately 2,000 planning applications per year. Most of these are straight forward; only 15% approx go to Committee. Mr Julian Haywood-Smith asked where the BT application had got to since SCDC had it for about a year. Mr Ivan Jowers reported that it was probably going to be 18 months before SCDC have an updated policy plan. Mr Ivan Jowers reported that SCDC needed to cut back the budget by about 7 ½ %. One of the ways they were doing this was by working with Waveney which meant they could share costs (eg. Chief Executive, Head of planning) yet retain their own entity. Mr Eric Barnett asked if they too were divesting services. Mr Ivan Jowers reported that they were to a certain extent but they had limited scope to do so.

7. REPORT BY PCSO JUSTIN MOSS

Kay Hammond has requested we give her the dates of all our meetings next year to allow her to put these dates in her diary. We have received a police report for August, Sept and October detailing no crimes at all in the three months.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Rosery Farm. No new news; the clerk to action. The Chairman has spoken with Mr Ivan Jowers on this matter prior to the commencement of the meeting. The matter needs to be chased up.

Signed
Chairman

9. TRAFFIC CALMING IN BOOT STREET

Mr Paul Norris reported on his communication with Mr Luke Barber. He expressed his concern that a Safety Audit is done before the open meeting on Friday, 19th November. He had also briefed Mr Luke Barber that there may be some residents that would want to explore alternative traffic calming measures but that he would be on hand to talk about the current scheme. Mr Paul Norris reported that funding was in place. Depending on whether members of the public were unanimous or 50/50 in their decision of traffic calming in Great Bealings the Parish Council would schedule a meeting after the open meeting to ensure progress. The open meeting is to be advertised on the Google News Group.

On a separate matter Mr Martin Cripps commented that since Boot Street had been resurfaced the speeding/traffic flow is worse than ever. There are traffic counters gathering data however they have been positioned just before the hump back bridge (where cars slow down anyway). Mr Paul Norris said he would find out the results from the Highways department.

10. HIGHWAYS INCL SAND BOX

Mr David Fawcett of SCC Highways has arranged to deposit grit at three locations in Great Bealings:- 1) on Hasketon Road to be located at the top of the hill by the telegraph pole opposite Winton. 2) at the junction of Hall Farm Road and Lower Street and 3) at the junction of Boot Street and Grundisburgh Road. It was agreed to purchase one more grit bin at a cost of £154.71. Proposed by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and seconded by Mrs Sally Johnson. Mr Paul Norris has spoken to Mr Steve Aldous about the surface of Boot Street. He was informed that they accept they have had some problems and the situation is that they are not going to be able to resurface or put a surface dressing on the road before the winter. They are looking at March/April next year. The Parish Council is concerned that this is potentially hazardous particularly in icy conditions. Mr Martin Cripps suggested making people aware at the traffic calming meeting on the 19th November that this is the case. Mrs Farran Douse had written to Lord Cranworth to explore the possibility of a permissive path across his field thus negating the dangerous route school parents on Grundisburgh Road and Boot Street find themselves walking. She has received a reply declining to help, both letters will be circulated. It was agreed that discussions should take place with Little Bealings Parish Council on this issue.

The pot holes in Lower Street have been temporarily repaired. Permanent work is due to be carried out at a later date. The Clerk was asked to ask the Highways Department if/when they intend to resurface Lower Street.

Signed
Chairman

11. FINANCE

- i) The following cheques were authorised; proposed by Mr Julian Haywood-Smith and seconded by Mr Ken Willcox.

Cheque No 178	£100.00	Bealings VHMC (paying back of grant received)
Cheque No 179	£154.71	Glasdon (grit bin)
Cheque No 180	£ 7.85	Insurance Village sign
Cheque No 181	£438.67	S Cartwright (salary)
Cheque No 182	£ 15.00	Angela Cobbold Hall (Traffic Calming mtg)
Cheque No 183	£ 75.00	S Cartwright (use of computer, tel line, electricity, office space and storage of filing cabinets from April 10 to April 11)

- ii) Draft budget for 2011/12

Councillors have been sent a copy of the draft budget prior to the meeting. Very little change has been made since the last year and the Chairman proposed that we accept it. This was proposed by Dr Emily Lynch and seconded by Mr Paul Norris. With the exception of one alteration to purchase an additional grit bin at £150 approx the budget was formally adopted and the precept set at £3,700.

- iii) To approve Clerk's hours and rates of pay.

The Clerk's hours and rates of pay were approved and accepted. Presently 4 hours @ £8.747p per hour. To be increased to £8.919 per hour for 2011/12. The revised figure for next year will be £463.80 per quarter commencing April 2011. This was proposed by Dr Emily Lynch and seconded by Mr Paul Norris. The final salary award for Clerk's as applicable from 01 April 2010 has not yet been released.

12. FIX MEETINGS FOR 2011

The following dates were adopted:-

11 January 2011, 15 March 2011, 10 May 2011, 12 July 2011, 13 September 2011 and 15 November 2011

Signed
Chairman

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Woodbridge & District Lions Club asking if we knew anyone who might appreciate a Christmas food parcel? After some debate it was decided we put forward names of residents.

A letter from Victim Support asking for a contribution has been received; it was decided not to give a donation in this instance.

An invitation from Kesgrave Town Council to their Annual Reception on Friday, 3rd December has been received. Mrs Sally Johnson said she would like to attend.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman asked what Councillors thought about joining forces with Little Bealings and becoming one single Parish Council? This was met with a resounding negative response.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed
Chairman