

# *Fynn - Lark News*

OCTOBER 2021



Bucolic Playford: The water-meadow on the Fynn Valley walk—*Marian Hedgley*

The Village Green in Playford was given a mini makeover recently when a working party was organised to scrub the wooden bench and notice board and give them a much-needed coat of preservative. The post box was given a good wash with soapy water (outside, not inside!) and the path leading up to the notice board was rediscovered beneath piles of dead leaves and the build-up of goodness-knows-what. Also, the lower branches of the horse chestnut tree were trimmed back. Many thanks to the helpers; Councillors Keith and Ben (with his family) and District Councillor Colin, as without all of these people, it would not have happened. It all looks very much smarter now. Playford is a beautiful village and deserves to be looked after and cherished.

We are also very lucky to have so many interesting footpaths in Playford. These were appreciated and very well-used during the pandemic and the various lockdown periods, for allowable exercise. Since restrictions have eased up however, they are quieter and left more to the dedicated walkers and locals who go out to enjoy them on a regular basis.

**Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little  
Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

It's a shame that SCC Highways does not always have the necessary resources to keep them better trimmed but these footpaths are a rural asset and as such, we have to accept that they will not always be as pristine and as mud-free underfoot as we might like. That's the nature of the countryside and when out walking our rural paths, it's usually a good idea to be prepared for the odd muddy patch, occasional brambles, nettles or fallen trees in your pathway. Fallen trees, excessive undergrowth, or a broken signpost can be reported quite easily via the reporting tool on SCC Highways' website (see end of this article for details) and this greatly helps them to be dealt with quickly by making it known to the people responsible. Sadly, requests for more frequent trims of the undergrowth often seem to fall on deaf ears, but you will always be given a reason and they do get checked on a regular basis and trimmed every so often on a priority basis. Footpath no. 8 is our main priority as this is the schoolchildren's route to Lt Bealings School. Despite being checked and reported to SCC Highways regularly by the parish council and by residents, the cutting deadlines sometimes miss the crucial beginning of a new term – this is not ideal by any means. If anyone notices this path being in need of a trim, do please go online and report it. We recently had to rely on the intervention of our County Councillor to get this path cut at the beginning of September – it shouldn't be necessary to do this every time as she has plenty of other things to deal with but sometimes, these issues need highlighting.

We also have a couple of footpaths which cross the railway line on the Ipswich to Lowestoft route. The more easterly of these is on Footpath 9 which runs quite close to Playford Mere but the crossing is unfortunately closed at the moment due to the wooden staircase leading up to it having been declared unsafe. We've been assured that works have been ordered and it is in hand, although we don't have a completion date as yet. This

crossing is known locally as "Gamekeepers" or Crossing 13 in Network Rail speak – slightly confusing as it is adjacent to the next railway crossing 250m further west, on our Footpath 13 (known as Stennetts2 by Network Rail) and this one crosses quite close to Lux Wood. Happily, this crossing remains open at the moment.

It's good to have alternative means of travelling to adjacent parishes without having to use highways and tarmacked roads. The paths are of course unlit and don't always have comprehensive signage but at least you should be safe from speeding vehicles – it should be noted that cyclists do not have the right to use these paths unless they are classed as a Byway.

SCC Highways link for reporting a problem on a PROW:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue/#https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue/>

Marian Hedgley - Sept 2021



Cleaning up the Green

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## **NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST**

### **SAFE RETURN**



We are delighted to hear that Olle Nash, from Playford, has successfully completed his around-Britain coastal journey and congratulate him, both on his safe return and also on his achievement of raising over £12,000 for MacMillan Cancer Support. He arrived back at Fox's Marina on September 6<sup>th</sup>. His journey took him all the way to Scotland, across the Irish Sea, Bangor, and included visits to Wales and the Isle of Man. Readers may remember that Olle lost his daughter to cancer in 2017, and he himself is receiving on-going treatment for bowel cancer.

You can still donate to this cause by visiting [www.sailingwithcancer.co.uk](http://www.sailingwithcancer.co.uk)

### **FYNN VALLEY WALKS GROUP**

#### ***We are changing our walk day!***

Since we formed our friendly little weekly walking group two years ago, we have enjoyed meeting many new friends and sharing our love of the beautiful countryside in and around Bealings. We now have a small core of 'regulars' who join us most weeks, with many others who come along occasionally.

We would like to inform all our walking friends that due to family commitments, from the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October we are changing the day of our weekly walks from Thursday to Wednesday. Our last Thursday walk will therefore be on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, while our Wednesday walks will begin the following week, on the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The Wednesday walks will start at our usual time of 10-30am, from All Saints church, Little Bealings. The midweek church service at All Saints will also move to Wednesday morning from the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October, and will take place before the walks, at 10-00am.

Thank you to all those of you who have joined us over the past two years, and we look forward to your continuing company on Wednesday mornings, while perhaps meeting new friends who weren't always free to join us on Thursdays.

*Francis Mutimer  
John Wittgreffe*

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## HISTORY CORNER -

### WALKING THROUGH HISTORY

#### ***Walking through History – A History of Bealings*** - in five walking trails - will have

been sent to print at the end of September. After a few checks on the process, the books will be available towards the end of October. The book consists of some 320 pages, fully illustrated, with the five possible walking trails loosely designated. Many people could well have discovered some of these trails during lock-down. They offer a whole new way of viewing history. Your imagination can do the work equally well, if you prefer to stay at home, sitting comfortably on the sofa.

A significant number of books have been pre-ordered and paid for. We have a limited print edition of 500 copies. As readers will see from the accompanying leaflet, books will be available for collection from the Village Hall on the **evenings of 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 5.00 – 7.00 p.m.** A free glass of fizz will hopefully entice people along, either to pick up a pre-ordered copy, or to come along and buy one on the night.

The book costs £20, which is significantly less than the production price, but this has been made possible by a number of supporting donations. There will be other opportunities to inspect the book at local gatherings, but the thrust of the sales effort is on these two evenings. The author will say a few words about the book in the course of the two hours set aside on each occasion.

It seems unlikely that there will be any alternative History available in the foreseeable future, so this is probably your one and only chance to get hold of a comprehensive history of this lovely village of ours – for the purposes of this History, Bealings is in many ways treated as one village! The trails may be separate, but the villages have shared so much, and had so much in common over the years, so a shared history is appropriate.

It is hoped that the book will be publicised

more widely on local Suffolk media. It may be a book unique to Bealings, but the history of Bealings follows patterns which are typical of so many other Suffolk villages.

Please email [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) or phone 01473 735565 if you would like to come along. We would hate to run out of fizz! We look forward to seeing you there.

*Norman Porter*

## SUFFOLK LOCAL HISTORY COUNCIL

The Suffolk Local History Council is an umbrella group for all things history in the county. Our members consist of individuals, local history societies, family history societies and museums.

One of our projects is the SLHC Recorders' Scheme, which has been running since 1953, and is unique to Suffolk. Its purpose is to record what is happening *today*, for *tomorrow*.

Indeed, the Record Offices throughout the country consist of documents, maps, photographs etc. which enable many of us to use for research purposes, be it family history, local history, house history, footpaths & bridleways, dissertations etc., and it is important that what happens 'now' is also adequately recorded.

We aim to have a Recorder (or it can be a team) in each Suffolk parish to be the ears and eyes of what is happening at the grass roots level.

I would appreciate your help to find Recorders in the following parishes: Lt. Bealings, Gt. Bealings, Culpho.

Jim Pawsey has been the Recorder for Little Bealings since 1972 but has just retired. Great Bealings has been without a Recorder for a few years, as has Culpho.

### FREE TOOLS

I have various sets of taps and dies, Whitworth, BSF etc, and a number of woodworking tools, free if useful to anyone. Come and have a look. George Ball 01473 624143.

## Would you like to be the Local Recorder for your Parish



The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Local Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Local Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting [www.slhc.org.uk](http://www.slhc.org.uk), click on Recorders, then click on Recorders Pack in the text on the left hand side to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact [recorders@slhc.org.uk](mailto:recorders@slhc.org.uk)

### NATURE NOTES -LOCAL REPTILES

Our ever-roaming photographer, Gary Farmer, keeps coming up with some real crackers. He seems to specialize in reptiles, and this particular picture merits an article in its own right. Gary has also been following the progress of slow worms, as they have been taking up residence under sheets of carpet in the vicinity of the recently buried electricity cable. All he now needs to add to the collection is an adder!



Grass snakes are not poisonous. Their favourite prey consists of amphibians – frogs and toads, consumed live. Let your imagine squirm! In turn they are eaten by covies, owls, foxes and rats, cats even. They tend to be found in woodland or by pond edges. They are strong swimmers. They spend the winter underground, as they cannot withstand freezing temperatures.



At some point they cast off their outer skin (slough). Indeed, Gary chanced upon one such discarded skin just a day or so before taking the picture. (Right)



Little Bealings Churchyard, Wednesdays 3:10-4:15pm, arrive any time

Bring a drink & snack. Parents please stay to support your children.

A new after school group for primary aged children and their families led by Little Bealings Church, Lightwave and the East Suffolk Community Partnership. A 'Living Churchyards' project.

Wednesday 22nd Sept Seed Collecting (bring a magnifying glass and plastic pots if you have them)

Wednesday 29th Sept Bioblitz (download the Seek App by iNaturalist, bring bug collecting pots/nets and insect ID books)

Wednesday 6th Oct Making a Hibernaculum for stag beetles, insects & reptiles

Wednesday 13th Oct Bulb planting along the path

Wednesday 20th Oct Fire pit and marshmallows!



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# GREAT BEALINGS

## PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

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## ST MARY'S

Things seem to be returning to normal, despite daily reports of high numbers of new Covid cases. The high percentage of vaccinations, rightly, seems to have given most people a great confidence about engaging with normal life, albeit still cautiously. Church life too, seems to be settling down again.

Normality has returned in the shape of a special patronal service, as you will see below, as well as a successful Ride and Stride Event. We hope that the pattern of normality will continue with our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October.

Your PCC is engaged in on-going discussions as to how we can best maximise the benefits, for both churches, of our new partnership. Each can offer much to the other. The key will come in our being able to identify those areas where major benefit can be achieved. An important strategy meeting of the two PCCs took place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, with a view to charting that way ahead to our mutual benefit.

## LOOKING BACK

### SPECIAL PATRONAL SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

This was one of the biggest occasions in recent times. We were joined by many members of our sister church in Woodbridge, and by the Woodbridge church choir. A musical treat after so many months of musical starvation. The service, with a full church – over 70 people attending - was followed by a barbecue which enjoyed all the benefits of a warm sunny day. The whole event was

generally acclaimed as having been a huge success, and we are so grateful to all who contributed to the running of the occasion, particularly Julian Haywood Smith, Eric Barnett, and Will Self, and of course, Father Nigel Prior, officiating.



## RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

This event has been going for over 30 years, initially just for cycling, now expanded to include various other modes of locomotion. Eric Barnett kindly organised a rota at the church, welcomg and signing in visitors, while, in parallel, helping to organise a local walk, linking churches.

He reports that the Ride & Stride event attracted 32 visitors to St. Mary's - 16 Riders and 16 Striders. Of the latter group the largest contingent included many friends from Great and Little Bealings ably shepherded by Francis Mutimer. St. Mary's was manned all day and he is particularly grateful to the following for their help in welcoming our visitors: John & Maureen Midwinter, Roger Roseboom, Paul Martin, Anthony Sheppard, Margaret Martin, Wendy Chard, Jim & Margaret Newbold, and Christine Barnett. The pictures below show the striding group assembled at our local churches.



## THE ST MARY'S CHURCH ORGAN

A report was commissioned from the Diocesan Organs advisor, and the conclusions deserve to be shared with all who hold the church dear. The St Mary's organ is not without expense, but the following comments seem to justify that expenditure:

*"To have an organ of such quality, and to have given it the regular, steady, proper maintenance that the Great Bealings organ has clearly received, is a credit to the parish, and they are to be congratulated."*

The organ seems to fit in with the high quality of other treasures within the church. With the disappearance of organs of this quality from so many churches nowadays, we may have an organ which could increasingly become a rarity, and one sought after by those wishing to exploit the wonderful qualities of organ music.



## CHURCHES TOGETHER CLIMATE SUNDAY

All the Woodbridge churches came together to organize this event on Kingston Field on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. A number of excellent speakers, including a professor and a local Green Party candidate articulated the nature of the climate problem

confronting humanity. The words were interspersed with music and the afternoon concluded with a special act of worship. In all it was heartening to see how the churches were engaging with perhaps the greatest challenge of our age. Father Nigel Prior, our own rector, led the proceedings and helped to coordinate the event.



## LOOKING AHEAD

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will take place on **Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Rural villages have traditionally made much of this occasion, particularly in the days when so much of the harvest was produced closer to home, and by the sweat of the collective brows and muscles of local people. Our reasons for being grateful for the fruits of harvest, however more remote the sources of the harvest may now be, are as strong as ever, so we very much hope that we can have a good village turn-out at this service, even if you are not a regular, and that you will **bring along a picnic that you can enjoy with others after the service**. We will have wine and soft drinks available to lubricate the occasion.

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#### **OTHER FUTURE EVENTS:**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00: Family Pets' Service.** To be followed by tea. Those attending may well have been tempted to take pets for a walk beforehand. All species welcome but notice of potentially aberrant behaviour advised.

**Christmas market:** It is planned to hold a Benefice Christmas Market in St. Mary's, Woodbridge, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 4.00 p.m. -7.00 p.m. in aid of our two churches. Participation of potential stall holders will be invited.

#### **Churchyard**

The annual clear-up is taking place on the **morning of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**, with refreshments provided during and at the end of the session. Do join us, with such appropriate implements as you can lay hands on – strimmers, secateurs, rakes etc. Our thanks to those who could not manage this Saturday, but who have already done “their bit” in advance. This can be very much a sociable village occasion. We do our best to ensure that our village church is both welcoming to visitors, and well cared for.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

### **SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JULY**

Sue Prentice (SP) welcomed Elaine Bryce (EB) to her first meeting of the PC in her new role as Suffolk County Councillor. SP advised Cllrs that Steve Condon was attending the meeting as a resident as he had recently had to resign as Parish Councillor due to work commitments.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Brookend, Lower Street, - proposed 3 car cart lodge in front of house** - The applicant ( Cllr Rob Munn) briefly outlined the details of the application, then left the room while this was discussed. The PC resolved unanimously to support this application.

#### **REPORTS:**

**County Councillor, Elaine Bryce** – EB had submitted a report which had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. She verbally commented on the review to be carried out on Suffolk's SEND services, the free Park and Cycle scheme which will operate from the Martlesham Park and Ride, school transport, and she advised Cllrs that Suffolk is in the top cohort of the country for number of vaccinations.

**District Councillor, Colin Hedgley** – a report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on a new campaign for correct recycling, and the restoration of routine dental services. He advised that he is now on the Health Security Committee at ESC. He reported that all but 4 rough sleepers have been removed from the streets, most of these were in Lowestoft. Free parking for vaccination staff has been extended, and ESC have launched a new funding scheme for projects to promote biodiversity.

#### **PLANNING DECISION UPDATES:**

The following applications were all permitted by ESC: DC/21/1273 – Rosery Farmhouse, DC/21/1798 – Kiln Farm, DC/21/1591 – Barn C, Woodbarn Cottages

#### **HIGHWAYS**

**Boot Street Bridge - Extension to Speed limit** – The 30mph is now operational and all signs are up

**SAVID/SID** – CH spoke about the imminent ANPR camera scheme and where this might be viable in GtB. It could possibly be installed on the SID pole but it would only be in situ for a week. Cllrs agreed that in principle it would be a good idea and the best location would be near the church entrance. SP will fill in the form that CH had supplied and circulate it for comments. An email has been received on behalf of some residents requesting consideration of an extension to the 30mph limit on Lodge Rd from the GtB village sign to Seckford Hall Road, and

SP asked EB if she could assist in this matter. EB said that the main problem would be budget, but she will have a preliminary conversation with the relevant team in Highways and report back to the PC. An ANPR camera is not suitable along this stretch as it is de-restricted.

**Quiet Lanes** – The signs have been put up and the formal notice has been published in the local press. SP will report to the next meeting

**Other Highways matters** – Thanks were expressed to Peter Prentice for cutting back an overgrown footpath.

#### **BEFRIENDING SCHEME**

SC reported that he and Anthony Sheppard had a meeting with the Steering Committee and the scheme has formally been renamed 'Community Support'. There will be a survey in each village. A notice will go in Fynn Lark News and a questionnaire will be circulated. Funding will be required.

### **VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR**

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor due to the recent resignation of Steve Condon. Parish Councils are the first tier of Local Government in England and are closest to the people. Parish Councillors have two main responsibilities: representing the whole electorate within the parish and striving to improve quality of life in the parish. They have direct responsibility for a few services e.g. determining the local response to planning applications. They can influence many things by working in partnership with East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Councillor. The County Councillor and District Councillors attend most of our meetings.

The Parish Council is an effective way to get involved in community life. Parish Councillors are elected by the public or are co-opted by the other Councillors. No previous experience is necessary, and expenses in carrying out duties are covered. Being a Parish Councillor requires some time and commitment and a willingness to undertake training courses. Full meetings are held bi-monthly in the evening, and occasional ad-hoc Planning meetings are held in the interim period.

If any resident is interested in being considered for co-option to the Council now, please contact me as soon as possible.

If you would like more information about the work of the Council and/or the duties of its Councillors, please contact the Chairman Sue Prentice on 01473 738312 or email: [chairman.gbpc@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.gbpc@gmail.com)

*Dee Knights, Parish Clerk* – Tel: 01473 624240 or email: [greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk)

## **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

Five payments were authorised for office expenses and the Clerk's salary and PAYE. The opening of the new bank account with Unity Trust Bank has been completed and online payments are working well.

## **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS**

It was agreed in principal that it would be a good idea to celebrate this event. SP will contact the Chairman of LtB PC regarding a joint event

## **FINGERPOST PLAQUES**

SCC are initiating a project called Discovering Suffolk which will involve installing plaques on to existing fingerposts. SP volunteered to be the contact for this.

## **FESTIVAL OF SUFFOLK 2022**

Following a letter received from the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk, it was decided not to participate in this event, but to concentrate on the Jubilee

## **QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY**

John Carter-Jonas has contacted Lord Cranworth's representative about planting an avenue of oak trees down Rosery Lane and is awaiting a reply. We can get trees from the Suffolk Treewarden Network and there is also some money remaining in the Parish Planters fund. JCJ is awaiting further details.

## **SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29th JULY**

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

Following the retirement of Charles Barrington, a Casual Vacancy Notice had been posted and circulated, but there had not been sufficient requests for an election to be held. Therefore the PC is able to co-opt a person to the Council. SP welcomed Caroline Saunders to the meeting and thanked her for her application to become a Cllr. CS outlined some personal details and her reasons

for wishing to join the PC. It was resolved that Caroline Saunders be co-opted to serve as a Parish Councillor for Great Bealings Parish Council. CS signed the Declaration of Acceptance which was witnessed and signed by the Clerk. Cllrs agreed that funding could be taken from Reserves for CS to attend SALC's training modules.

## **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**DC/21/3045/FUL – Land next to Lavender Cottage, Kiln Lane – Outbuilding, stable block for one horse**

In the public session at the commencement of this item, three residents outlined some of the objections they had to this application. The Council resolved unanimously to strongly object to this application.

## **DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

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## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

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### **FORTHCOMING CONCERTS**

**Autumn Concert - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 4.00 pm. The Hellier Duo**

You are not too late to come along to this. The Hellier Duo is the performance name for local girl, Rosemary Hinton (violin), recently married to co-performer, Jonathan Ayling ('cello). Entry is by donation -suggested level around £10, to make it worthwhile for the musicians and the church. A glass of wine will be on offer.

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# *LITTLE BEALINGS*

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### **SINKS PIT-1**

As many of you are well aware the problems surrounding noise and dust emanating from Sinks Pit have been endured and discussed for a long time, 5 years in my experience. It is true that the majority of people affected have been the residents of Laundry Lane, Playford Road and homes within approximately three quarters of a mile from Sinks Pit. Not everyone who lives further afield is aware of the problems. Trying to get the difficulties addressed has been an uphill struggle. Meanwhile those affected have encountered noise and dust which has affected their health and wellbeing.

One of the main problems in trying to get complaints addressed has been the administrative anomaly that three separate agencies have responsibilities for the running of Sinks pit, namely The Environment Agency, Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council.

Herculean efforts have been made in the past to get a meeting organised between all three in order to agree a way forward, but these efforts unfortunately failed.

Eventually, the people affected joined forces and asked their MP Dan Poulter for assistance.

Dan used his good offices to convene a round table conference of all agencies and interested parties, including the Parish Council, which he chaired on the 9th September.

The meeting I am glad to say was productive.

East Suffolk council it must be said had recently imposed a Noise Abatement

Notice on Sinks Pit.

At the conclusion of the meeting the following actions were agreed with Dan, and some have already commenced.

1. Suffolk County Council will seek Legal advice about varying the Planning Conditions of Point.Y. (point Y is where certain readings are taken)

2. East Suffolk Council issued an abatement notice relating to noise (decibel reading exceeded). If the site is still in breach on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, then ESC will begin legal action.

3. The Environment Agency have told the site manager they must produce a noise pollution plan by the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and this must be regularly updated.

4. The Environment Agency and ESC will liaise to ensure on processes to monitor and manage noise issues.

5. ESC and SCC will liaise to ensure more stringent planning permission parameters on the site in the future and relating to current applications and how this may also relate to point "Y".

6. It was agreed to constitute a Liaison Group with the EA, SCC and ESC to meet with the Parish Council representative and Site Owner every quarter. This will be chaired by Suffolk County Councillor Elaine Bryce.

So that is where we stand today. I will, along with the Chairman of Little Bealings Parish Council, Ian Ransome, keep you up to date on future discussions and developments.

*Colin Hedgley*  
*District Councillor.*



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## SINKS PIT-2

During September I was invited by our MP Dr. Dan Poulter to attend a meeting of the three agencies involved in managing the area of land which sits between Playford Road and the A1214 known as Sinks Pit – the TRU site located within Little Bealings. Having purchased the site from Cemex, TRU were granted an Environment Agency permit in 2014 to recycle demolition and waste material. The quantity of material that could be processed has increased from 75,000 tonnes to 350,000 tonnes, all without any consultation with the parish, East Suffolk or Suffolk County councils or local residents.

At the meeting held in the Angela Cobbold Hall, SCC were represented by Matthew Hicks, Leader; Cabinet member Richard Smith; James Cutting, Head of Planning and Jo Lloyd, Enforcement Officer. ESC was represented by Steve Gallant, Leader; Nick Khan, Strategic Director; Philip Ridley, Head of Planning and Helen Buckenham, Head of Environmental Services. The Environment Agency (EA) were represented by Sam Holder-Mark, Local Team Leader and Sophie Tumber, Environment Officer. District Councillor Colin Hedgley was also in attendance.

With over 7000 complaints about noise and dust, and with both councils failing to inform residents that this was an 'Environment Agency issue' until August 2020, local residents have had to endure excessive noise and dust clouds for many years.

Finally, ESC Environmental Protection have recognised that the noise does constitute a 'significant nuisance' and have issued a noise abatement notice that comes into effect on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021. What that actually means has yet to be fully understood but our MP left

ESC and EA in no doubt, that if the notice was not complied with, he expected to see escalation towards prosecution.

Both SCC and ESC have planning control over parts of this site. Planning applications continue to be submitted. The latest SCC application being considered on 23 September is for a 3-metre-high acoustic fence along the northern bund.

ESC has three outstanding applications from TRU to determine: to increase working hours to operate from 05.30 am to 19.30pm Monday to Saturday. These were deferred at the ESC April Planning Committee meeting to enable a site visit to be undertaken. As I write that site visit has not yet taken place.

Environment Agency have issued non-compliance notices to TRU but have not taken action to reduce dust or noise, for example by suspending or revoking the permit.

I sincerely thank our MP for bringing these agencies together. One very positive outcome from the meeting chaired by Dr Poulter was the establishment of a quarterly review with all the above agencies, which TRU will be invited to attend, to be chaired by our County Councillor, Elaine Bryce.

I know that 'noise' from Sinks Pit can, on occasions, be heard throughout Little Bealings. If this affects you, please telephone the EA Hotline 0800 80 70 60 and report it. If you are affected by dust from this site whilst walking along the nearby footpaths or at your home, please also call the EA Hotline.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Council meeting on 6 September:

### UPDATES

- Colin Hopkins had resigned from the Council and a Notice of Vacancy would be published.

- Anglian Water had surveyed The Street and contacted residents about the new sewer.

- There was no decision about the grant for works to the War Memorial.

- The Chairman had attended the SALC AGM and would attend the next East Area meeting. Due to Colin Hopkins' resignation, he would also attend the ESC Community Partnership October meeting. Mike Garnham would attend an ESC Community Partnership Road and Traffic Safety Workshop.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman was authorised to consider who may be appointed Chairman of a Steering Group.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**DC/21/1698/TPO Work/Felling of Trees – The Chestnuts Martlesham Road**

**DC/21/2402/FUL: Construction of a three-bay cart lodge - Pipits Hill Martlesham Road**

**DC/21/2505/FUL: Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five-bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access - Former High Rigg Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (renewal of DC/18/2610/FUL)**

**DC/21/2223/FUL: Construction of a one and a half storey rear extension - Four Winds The Street**

**DC/21/2524/FUL Construction of self-build 3 bedroom detached dwelling at No 1 Holly Lane**

ESC had approved these applications.

Various points arising from the application of Local Plan Policy SCLP5.4 to the parish had been raised with ESC and a response was awaited. The outcome of a survey of parishes by Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council concerning

ESC planning decisions would be discussed at a SALC meeting on 21 October and would be attended by the Chairman.

**SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund - Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave**

This application was due to be determined at an SCC Committee meeting, at which the Chairman would represent the Council.

**DC/21/3584/FUL: Erection of a 4 Bay Garage - Bealings Holt Martlesham Road**

**DC/21/3402/FUL: Erection of garage - The Chestnuts Martlesham Road**

The Council had determined responses to consultations on these applications under delegated authority and had not objected to the proposed developments.

### SIZEWELL C POTABLE WATER CONSULTATION

The Council had joined other parish councils in signing a joint response to the consultation, expressing deep concern about the potable water supply proposal.

### REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

These are available on the Council's website.

### HIGHWAYS

#### Speed Data for Playford Road

Data of speed enforcement checks carried out in 2017 and 2020 had been obtained under a FOI Act request and had shown an increase in the number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit.

#### Use of Speed Indicator Device (SID) in The Street

The SAVID SID had been used at two locations in The Street during August and the perception was that it had slowed traffic. SAVID would be asked if the rota could be amended so that the device was present during School termtime.

#### Automatic Number Plate Recognition Scheme

The Council would be discussing two

possible sites in the village with SCC for joining this scheme.

### **Deer Caution Signage for Martlesham Road**

SCC Cllr Elaine Bryce reported that she was waiting to hear the cost of installing signage and hoped to be able to fund it from her budget allocation.

### **FOOTPATHS AND DOG FOULING**

Work had been carried out on various footpaths by the Wardens and Volunteers. It was agreed that, in view of continued problems with dog fouling, discs would be purchased and attached to signposts and waymarks to remind owners to clear up after their dogs. It was agreed that a strimmer head for the brush cutter be purchased.

### **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION IN 2022**

It was agreed that Helen Saagi would represent the Council in discussions with Gt Bealings Parish Council for a joint event.

### **FINANCE**

The internal control report for the first

quarter had been completed by Douglas Hunter and no issues had arisen. Revised banking arrangements were in hand. There was no income and expenditure was authorised for the Clerk's salary and PAYE payments for August, September and October and expenses and the Council's insurance premium. It was agreed to renew the annual subscription to Zoom.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is at 7.15 p.m on Monday 1 November 2021 in Bealings Village Hall and will comply with any 'Covid secure' requirements for attendance in place at that time. If necessary, as a result of business to be transacted a meeting will also be held on Monday 4 October.

Please visit our website for further information, including draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings:

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## CHURCHWARDEN UPDATE

We hope that you are getting back into a good routine as the summer season comes to an end. We were delighted to join our sister church in Playford for their Harvest Supper and enjoyed seeing so many regular parishioners at our Traditional Harvest Celebration on the 26<sup>th</sup>. It was also particularly delightful to hold two baptisms at the Church this month and we thank all those who helped prepare the Church for the services!

We know that some of you are still being very careful and staying away from gatherings so please remember that you can always join the weekly online Fig Family services; the link can be accessed at <http://littlebealingschurch.org>. In addition to opening the Church on Wednesdays for private prayer from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Thursdays we continue to hold weekly services of morning prayer at 10.00 a.m. before the walking group leaves from the Church at 10:30 a.m.

**Please note that from October 20<sup>th</sup>, the service of morning prayer will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and the group walk will also move to Wednesdays beginning at 10:30 a.m. As a result, we will host private prayer on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### LET THERE BE LIGHT!

The lights were on at All Saints Little Bealings on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at the request of Peter Kidd in memory of Gladys Kidd (Gran)--and her good friend Joan Moon who still lives in the Village--to celebrate their birthdays. If you would like to sponsor the lights to honour a loved one, please get in touch with your Churchwardens on 07810 355511 or [lbpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lbpcsecretary@gmail.com).

### START THE SEASON OF GIVING EARLY!

Families in Need (FIND) urgently need your help. You can leave any donations in the Church which is open every Wednesday and Thursday morning or by appointment and we will provide it to the Food Bank. Currently, their most urgent need is for tinned food, such as rice

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If you are unable to bring food items but would still like to help, the bank details are as follows:

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Along with our regular services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, we are preparing for the Christmas season and have special events for your diary. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate Stir Up Sunday! We will have a short service at 10 a.m. followed by the making of Christmas puddings in perfect time for them to be ready on Christmas Day. All are welcome and we hope you will make a small donation towards supplies.

We will also be hosting our very popular Christmas Wreath Workshop, and we are delighted that our own local artist Maggie Davis has kindly agreed to lead us and inspire our creativity! The Workshop will take place on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. Tickets will cost £25 (£20 if you have your own wreath frame) and we are also offering an Early Bird Discount of £5 if you book and pay for your place by October 31<sup>st</sup>! Refreshments will be available, and a glass of mulled wine is included in the ticket price. Places are limited so please contact our Secretary on 078899 07615 or [LBPCSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:LBPCSecretary@gmail.com) as soon as possible. In addition, we will host a family Christmas celebration following the Wreath Workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> December with a bar and refreshments. Stay tuned to the Bealings and Playford eNews and next month's Fynn Lark News for more details!

The Christmas season at All Saints is always special and it will be wonderful to host our Carol service on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. followed by warm mince pies from the wood burner. We are delighted that the Helmingham Singers--one of the choirs who regularly practice in the

Church—will join us as we lift our voices together in celebration. Finally, the Crib Service at All Saints Church will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.

We are also in the process of organising an Art Reception to showcase our local talents—perhaps you have a project you

completed during lockdown and want to share it? Please let us know – we are sure Little Bealings has many talented parishioners!

See you at Church!

With every blessing,

*Corinne and Tony Fear, Churchwardens*

## **HAPPENINGS @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL**

Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to the first Community Lunch for 18 months. We raised £145 (after expenses) to help run and maintain the Hall. Thanks also to Tracy Herrington for all her help and the lovely table decorations.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 5th October. 12.30 p.m. We hope to have

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Thanks to Bealings WI for passing on cutlery, crockery and glasses for use in the Hall.

There are now items of crockery etc. which can be borrowed for private use.

Books for adults and children and jigsaw puzzles are also available on loan.

We welcome Fin Saunders who is taking on weekly cleaning duties at the Hall as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and thank Sarah Wilson for an essential supply of Anti Bac/Viral cleaning products.

### **Looking ahead....**

On the weekend November 27/28th we hope to have an exhibition in aid of EACH, entitled "Small Worlds". This will include Dolls Houses and Room Boxes antique toys, games etc. There will be seasonal refreshments etc.

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FIND...once again there will be a collection point for FIND in the Porch of the Hall every day from December 1st. There will also be other drop of points in Little Bealings...including Broom Bank, Sandy Lane and the Village Hall.

NB The Mobile Library now stops in Angela Cobbold car park every fourth

Thursday 2.15–2.45pm instead of 2.30-3. 00 p.m. Next visit September 30th.

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We also thought it would be great if the village could be decorated with scarecrows – Again be imaginative and creative. Pop them on your drive or somewhere people can see. So that during the holidays we can admire them walking around the village! This is just for fun.



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# PLAYFORD

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## PLAYFORD HARVEST SUPPER      PLAYFORD CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

We're back! I don't need to tell you why we were away but after a year in which we all lived something of a restricted life, Rev. Gary Jones was very keen that the community could get together again. So, on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Playford Church hosted a harvest supper at the Village Hall. It was a delight to see the hall in use again. Great food was served (with special thanks to Corinne Jarvis-Fear and her team of family members!), wine that had made its way through the Eurotunnel was drunk, there was a raffle (of course!) and a quiz. My chances of winning the quiz slipped away with the "Identify the cathedral" round. I suppose I should have swotted up on cathedrals for an event run by the church.

We were slightly restricted on the number or guests we could have in the venue this year but with some luck we'll be back at full capacity in 2022. Thank you for your support.

*Jonathan Fieldsend  
Treasurer  
Playford Church*

## PLAYFORD W.I.

We are very delighted to eventually hold our monthly meetings in the village hall from last month.

We also have two more Playford residents joining us and hope that they will add much of their knowledge to our small group.

Sue Bruce.

Monday, 6th September - to mark the return of Ollie Nash from his round Britain sailing trip in aid of Cancer Research.

Friday, 10th September - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for her Granddaughter, Evie, on her 27th birthday on Friday, 10th September. Happy Birthday Evie love from Grandma Barbara.

Saturday, 11th September - Harvest Festival Supper in the Village Hall.

Requests to sponsor the lights to be made to Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Playford  
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## Binky and Co

Binky was, in his spare time, the secretary of the Sebastapol Street Residents Association. It wasn't a very arduous position because not many people or organisations write to him. This was mainly due to the fact that experience had taught anyone and everyone that whatever the requirement or otherwise asked of Binky, it would inevitably involve his wonderful wife Indigo.

However, every year, the residents laid on a street party to celebrate the ending of the siege of Sebastapol in September 1855. That must have seemed a good idea during the early 1900's with enough



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veterans of that long-forgotten war to make it all worthwhile. But nowadays? Some of the teenagers in the street thought that Sebastapol was the name of an up and coming pop group, others the name of a rapper from Kent.

Even so, Binky went at it like a man possessed, ordering trestle tables and chairs from a local catering company along with hundreds of plates, knives, forks and spoons etc. The letters went out to everyone in the street: Volunteers required to make cakes, sandwiches, jellies and trifles. Volunteers to help serve the food. Volunteers to clear up afterwards and so on.

Indigo volunteered to make three hundred cheese sandwiches. Binky himself offered to bring a barrel of his homemade beer at 8% ABV and two demi johns of apple wine rated at 19% ABV. The big day came and the festivities started at 4pm which coincided with the pub down the road shutting. What had been happening behind the pub in the play area and garden no-one really knew but some of the 15 year olds looked decidedly worse for wear. Anyway, the whole street was there tucking into the jelly, cakes and sandwiches.

The Police were told about the party and they came and put up cones at the end of the road and along the pavement. Old Bert came along in his car, knocked over a few cones and parked. He leaned out of his window. "Oi, officer" he said in a particularly aggressive voice, "can I park here?" "No" said the constable. "Well, that's not fair, what about all these cars parked in the road?" "Well," said the constable, "they didn't ask". Old Bert had started the way he intended to finish, drinking pint after pint of Binky's homemade beer. Even Indigo (who was a wine enthusiast, the more she drank, the more enthusiastic she got) had a couple of glasses of apple wine ....or was

it four? It didn't really matter because Old Bert insisted she got up onto the tables and dance down the whole row of them with him. Old Bert putting his feet in someone's jelly and Indigo crashing down on top of a Victoria sponge was not what was needed on this day of Crimea festivities. There then started a football chant of "Sebastapol, Sebastapol, Sebastapol, you're the team to score a goal". (You try singing it – see what I mean?) At this point two of the trestle tables collapsed under the weight of Old Bert and Indigo. One little boy shouted in a high squeaky voice "I can see them knickers!" His mother clipped him round the ear very hard. "It's her knickers, Desmond, not them knickers!" "Either way" he said, "I saws them". There then came a second clip round the ear. "Grammar, Desmond, grammar", as she downed her third glass of apple wine and consequently passed out in the street. Strong apple wine and sixteen year olds do not mix.

The football singing louts were now in full hooligan mode and jelly and cakes were being thrown everywhere. After only two hours of mayhem, the adults were either drunk or asleep and the teenagers were off to a nightclub in order to sort out the gang from Inkerman Street.

It is not recorded how that fight went but it has been added to the battle honours board of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, the 21<sup>st</sup> Fleet of Foot. Binky sat down in his sitting room that evening very pleased with himself. Everyone had a good time, the Police were only called out three times, the ambulance once and that seedy little night club in town has been wrecked. Job done.

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## CULPHO CHURCH AND NEXT P.C.C. MEETING COMMUNITY NEWS

### CULPHO-MUSIC 2021

**SOUNDSCAPES** Sunday October 10th, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. St Botolph Church, Culpho IP6 9DH

This exciting concert combines film, light and music in a unique style:

The film '*Fugue, A Light's Travelogue*' is a film by the Belgium filmmaker Els van Riel. It is a reflection on the history of the science researching the essential matter of LIGHT as printed and projected on 16mm film. In the soundtrack we hear the sound of turning wheels, and Stevie Wishart's hurdy gurdy accompanying El's lyrics describing the scientific facts on which the film is based.

During the recording of the film, Culpho's St Botolph Church also came to be the inspiration for Stevie's additional improvisations for a solo CD. This was 4 years ago.

On 10th October Stevie and Els will be back in the church to show the film. During and after the film screening, the church will become the instrument for live performance as Els and Stevie explore the space in a journey of light and sound, drawing on its medieval and contemporary spirit.

Tickets £20 from Christine Pearce: 07925 251802/email: [cmp0601@hotmail.com](mailto:cmp0601@hotmail.com)

*Christine Pearce*

This will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Abbey Farm, Culpho.

### CHURCH SERVICES - UPDATES

Just a gentle reminder that services at Culpho Church now take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in each month at 3.00 p.m. for Evensong. A warm welcome awaits at both services if you are able to join us. It is nice to get back to normality.

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*Margaret Gornall  
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## CHURCH NEWS

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### WORD FROM THE STUDY

The song goes “Oh what a night, late September back in ‘63”, well not quite that far back, try September 2021. Not in a big hotel, or a fancy venue, but in a village hall in Playford. The Harvest Supper returned after an absence of several years. Both the communities of Playford and Little Bealings joined together for a great night. Thanks to Corinne and her team for the excellent food, after seeing that, I am tempted to preach on the feeding of the 5,000. A quiz, a raffle, people who had not seen each other before or it had been some time; all this contributed to a wonderful evening. My apologies if you were unable to get a ticket, but due to the difficult times we find ourselves in, numbers were restricted, and my heartfelt thanks to Colin for his organisation, and for all who helped in any way; and to Playford Church and Little Bealings Church for subsidising this great evening. Two communities come together to celebrate the occasion of harvest.

When people and communities work together, we can achieve great things. And one of my hopes is that this will be the first of many things we do together.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, at 5.30 p.m., we will be having our Songs of Praise service and a tea at Playford and all are welcome, as we gather to sing our favourite hymns.

As I write this, both Churches are busy planning for Remembrance Sunday as well as Christmas services for later on.

So, over the next few weeks, we will continue to hold twice-monthly services in both Churches, while Kesgrave has major work done on it. It would be wonderful if we could keep this pattern of twice a month going forward.

Churches need communities and communities need Churches. As we go forward, perhaps we can pledge ourselves to support one another. We may have come to Church in the past, or you may be new to the area, in any case, I extend a warm invitation to all to come to our services at either Churches. The more people that come to our Church, the more we can do to promote God’s love for each and every one of us.

In the song we sing with the children, it starts off with the words “Our God is a great big God” and finishes with the words “How wonderful to be a part of God’s amazing plan”. I could not agree more. And although the media and the press would tell us that numbers are diminishing; I will leave you with this thought, one plus God is a majority.

Blessings to you all.

*Reverend Gary Jones*





## NOVEMBER 2021 NEWS

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