

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WAS HELD IN THE HUT ON MARCH 18TH 1948

There were approx. 40 parishioners present with J.R. Moyle in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read agreed to and signed.

The Chairman gave a brief report on some of the activities of the Council during the past year. These included the provision of a barrier at the end of the footpath opening out on to Martlesham Road and the replacement of the refuse basket in the village. The obstruction or diversion of footpaths was a matter which had the close attention of the Council, while quite a number of persons had cooperated by cutting back overgrown hedges when their attention was drawn to the state of the hedge by the Council. Complaints to the Bus Company had been made concerning irregularities in the service provided, at the moment the Council were trying to obtain shelters at the two principal stopping places in the village. The Council had joined the Parish Councils Association, while the members undertook to distribute the Deben Bulletin to each house in the parish.

In reply to a question Mr Jenkinson gave a brief description of the housing situation, and held out very little hope that Bealings would get any new houses in the near future.

Mr Williams raised the question of a piped water supply in the parish. The Chairman agreed that the Council should approach the appropriate authority.

Capt Hervey raised the question of occupied condemned houses. Mr Jenkinson mentioned that the R.D.C. were considering the letting of houses to persons other than agricultural workers or miners.

Capt Lemprieve complained about the unlevel level crossing – agreed that little could be done to improve it.

Mr Glover announced an improved police service - as from April 1st Bealings and Kesgrave were to be united in one beat.

Mr Williams raised the question of the letting of the Council houses in Tuddenham. Mr Jenkinson reported that local farmers had been asked to nominate tenants.

Mr Williams asked if the meeting would consider making a grant of £6 - £10 to the Bealings Football Club from the Recreation Ground Fund (1936). This money was to be used to purchase equipment which could later be transferred to the permanent recreation ground. This request was followed by a long and full discussion. Proposed Mr Jenkinson seconded Cmdr White that no grant should be made to the Football Club from this Fund. This proposition was carried with 31 for 6 against. Another discussion took place during which Mr Williams gave details of the constitution of the Football Club, and its rules. Mrs Hervey mentioned that the Club had offered to assist with a fete from which sufficient money should be forthcoming for their immediate needs. As this stage a member of the Football Club gave notice that an extraordinary General Meeting was to be held on March 23rd. It was agreed that no further action should be taken until this meeting had taken place.

Capt Lemprieve proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted the meeting.

As there was no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J.R. Moyle
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