

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Little Bealings held on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1974 at 8.00p.m. at the Bealings Village Hall.

Present were: Six Members of the Parish Council, Mr Macray as the Member of the Suffolk Coastal District Council and thirteen other Members of the Parish.

1. Mr Hamilton as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 30th March 1973 were read and confirmed.
3. The Chairman reported on the work done by the Parish Council over the past twelve months and amongst a number of items commented on the following:-
  - a) The Parish Council had met on seven occasions.
  - b) They had dealt with a number of planning matters on which their views had been sought by the Planning Authority. He explained that the Parish Council had no authority in planning matters, but in the past matters concerning more than a single dwelling were usually referred to the Parish Council for their observations, but that in fact since the Local Government Re-organisation the Parish Council would be getting some information at least on all Planning Applications affecting the Parish and that the Parish Council would be required to send in their observations within fourteen days of being notified of a Planning Application by the Suffolk Coastal District Council.
  - c) The Parish Council had taken what steps they could to see what could be done with regard to the noise from aircraft which was particularly bad when the wind was in the East and the Chairman explained that the flight path for landing with the wind in the East had been altered so as not to go over Ipswich and consequently most the aircraft coming in now passed over the village. He had himself attended a meeting with Representatives for Bentwaters and the Deben R.D.C. and while the U.S.A.F. had done all they could to minimise any noise on the ground there was really nothing further that could be done to minimise the noise of aircraft in flight.
  - d) The Parish Council had been in constant touch with the Police over the excessive speed of some of the traffic using the Martlesham Road and they were co-operating to do what they could to minimise the problem.
  - e) Consideration had been given to one or two requests that Bealings Station might be opened again for passengers, but that the Parish Council had felt that as British Railways would not spend any money re-instating the platform and that this would have to be met by the District Council and which would now be an expensive matter it was not really practical. The Parish Council had also very much in mind that if the Station were re-opened it would be likely that the bus service which although by no means fully adequate was reasonable for a country area, might cease altogether.
4. The letter from the Development Officer for the Suffolk Association of Youth was laid before the Members and it was felt that if the Parish Council were to make a donation to the Association this would add even further to the rates which had just been increased by a very large amount and it was felt that it was up to individuals to make any donations to the Association personally if they wished.
5. The Members present raised the question of the very large rate increase in the pound and it was pointed out that this was in part due to the new Local Government Re-organisation and also to a considerable extent to the political decision that had been taken by Central

Government whereby the country areas were paying a much bigger increase in rates as against the Urban districts. Members also expressed great concern that the Suffolk Coastal District were proposing to charge £1 for each visit to empty cesspools and on both these items the Members asked that the Parish Council should take these matters up with the Suffolk Coastal District Council. It was pointed out that the question of the increase of rates had already been taken up by a Member of Parliament and that there was not much else that could be done by the Parish Council, but it was felt that the Parish Council should make a very strong protest against the charge now being imposed for emptying cesspools since these houses which had to use this facility were paying the same rate as those houses which were connected to main drainage.

A Hamilton  
Chairman  
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