

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at the Bealings Village Hall on Wednesday the 24th March at 8 p.m.

Present were:- 6 Members of the Parish Council and about 25 Members of the Parish and also Mr Macray and Mrs Whiting as the Village's representatives on the Deben R.D.C. Mr Elmer (C C representative) was also present.

1. Brigadier Lindsay as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair.
2. Apologies for absence were received by Mr Tombs and the Reverend Stevens.
3. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 9th March, 1970 and the subsequent meeting of the Parish held on the 14th September 1970 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
4. Arising out of the Minutes, the Chairman reported that in spite of the Parish Council's objection the County Council had granted the extension of the gravel pit on to the land adjoining Bealings Hoo. He also reported that details of the scheme of working of the refuse tip had been supplied to the Parish Council and who had been through it in detail and considered the conditions were reasonable. It was also reported that nothing definite had been decided with regard to the old people's bungalows and no land as yet had been acquired for the purpose.
5. The Chairman reported on the work done by the Parish Council over the past 12 months, and mentioned amongst other items the following matters:-
 - a) The Parish Council had in fact met 10 times during the year and dealt with a considerable amount of business and that this was in addition to a joint meeting of Little Bealings, Great Bealings and Playford for the purpose of appointing two local managers to the Little Bealings Primary School, Mrs. Sladen having been appointed to represent Little Bealings and Mr. Welland for Great Bealings.
 - b) A number of Planning Applications and planning matters had been referred to the Parish Council for their views during the year and which had included an application to build additional dwellings adjoining Holly Cottages and which had not been approved. Various uses had been applied for the former goods yard, one of which had been for light industry and which had not been approved, but that the Parish Council had stated that they did not oppose the use of the shed for the storage and re-distribution of agricultural products. There had also been an application for a staff bungalow to be built at Osierbed Cottages and the Parish Council had considered that such a building was not within the village itself. There had also been a proposal for a petrol filling station and a motel on land adjoining Seckford Hall and which would be off the new proposed Kesgrave/Martlesham By-Pass but the Parish Council had felt that there was no need for a petrol filling station and that if there were any proven need for a motel, access should not be off the main road but off the Seckford Road. The Deben Town map had been considered and the Parish Council's views were that the proposed new village at Martlesham was a reasonable suggestion provided that it was not allowed to connect with any existing development and the open space around it were strictly preserved. The road construction unit concerned with the Kesgrave/Martlesham By-Pass had given various explanations to the objections put in by the Parish Council and had asked whether Parish Council would withdraw their objections, but the Parish Council had informed the construction unit that it would not withdraw its objections. A number of

matters relating to footpaths had been dealt with and extra drains put in on the Martlesham Road to prevent flooding, and the blind bend in Holly Lane it was hoped would be improved when work started on this in the coming May.

6. The i of naming the unmade road leading off Holly Lane to the Council houses was discussed at length and the Chairman reported that one of the members of the Parish Council had in fact been round most of the householders who had initially indicated that they were happy with the suggested name of Kersey Lane but that they had now had second thoughts . After discussion from those members who were present and lived down that Lane it was thought that probably Holly Close would more appropriate. The Chairman reported that the Council had arranged to send a letter to each householder in the Lane to ask their views and when these were received the Council then be able to decide on the suggested name.

Mr Moore said that on some occasions the asphalt plant started work at 5.30.a.m. and asked if the Council could do anything to prevent this and the Chairman agreed that the Council would look into the matter.

Another member also raised the question of whether heavy vehicles could be prevented from coming along the Playford and other village roads, but it was pointed out that this had been taken up previously with the County Council who had stated that they could not prevent heavy vehicles using the roads as at times heavy agricultural equipment did require to use them.

7. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the work done over the past 12 months and Members of the Parish proposed a vote of thanks to the Council for the work which they had done for the Parish since the last Annual Meeting.

P.L. Lindsay