

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at The Bealings Village Hall on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8 p.m.

Present were: Six Members of the Parish Council, Mr Elmer (East Suffolk County Council representative) Mr Macray (Deben R.D.C. representative) and twelve other Members of the Parish.

1. Brigadier Lindsay as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 24th March, 1971 were read and confirmed.
3. The Chairman reported on the work done by the Parish Council over the past twelve months and amongst other items mentioned the following:-
  - a) The Parish Council had met 9 times.
  - b) As Members would know the proposed Kesgrave Martlesham By-Pass had been dropped pending a Survey and proposals for by-passing Ipswich.
  - c) That the Bus Service had not been curtailed, but in fact of one the Buses now went on to Woodbridge.
  - d) It did not seem likely that Automatic Level Crossing gates would be installed as these apparently were going to be very costly.
  - e) The Parish Council had met on a number of occasions to give their views to the County Council on Planning Applications which had been referred to them and had dealt with a number of complaints regarding the Asphalt Plant, and the fact that a new Plant had recently been installed, but that they had been assured that this new plant was a replacement for the old one and not an additional one.
  - f) Mr Pawsey had kindly agreed to accept the post of Village Historian.
  - g) There had been a number of other matters which the Parish Council had dealt with such as the clearing of footpaths, repairs to stiles and Tree Preservation Orders.
4. The following matters were discussed as follows:
  - a) Several Members complained that the Asphalt Plant and Gravel workings sometimes started at 5.30.am. and were causing a considerable nuisance to the houses in the vicinity of the gravel pit.
  - b) The question of re-opening Bealings Railway Station was considered and a Member thought that this would be a great advantage to the Village, but other Members felt that if the Station were re-opened then probably the Bus Service would be severely curtailed if not completely, which would be a considerable inconvenience to those who lived some distance from the Railway Station. It was reported that the Deben RDC were looking into the question as to what the cost would be to reinstate the Platform, since the cost of this could not be paid by British Railways but would have to be paid by the Local Authority.
  - c) One member asked whether the speed limit of 40mph. could be extended further towards Ipswich, but it was pointed out that this matter had been taken up with the County Council, but they had said that they were not prepared to extend the speed limit where there were not houses on both sides of the road.
  - d) Considerable discussion took place with regard to the Press Reports and the Statutory Notice which had appeared indicating that the Ipswich County Borough Council were going to make a Planning Application to extend the area for tipping in the Gravel Pit. The Clerk reported that he had previously been in touch with the County Planning Department who had informed him that no Planning Application

had been received, but when the same was received the matter would be referred to the Parish Council. Mr Elmer confirmed that as far as he knew no Planning Application had been made, but that if it were made he would strongly oppose it. Mr Macray also stated that as far as he was aware the Planning Application had not yet been referred to the Deben RDC. The Chairman stated that as soon as the County Planning Department referred the matter to the Parish Council the Council would be meeting to consider the matter and make appropriate representations to the Planning Authority.

5. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman and the Members of the Parish Council and the Clerk for the work that they done during the past twelve months.

P.L. Lindsay  
30 March 1973  
Chairman